

We Are Back! Next Step – Sub-regional Workshops

Dear friends:

Thank you for continuing to support the importance of regional planning and coordination. It has been almost two years, but I am happy to say the BCDCOG's regional planning effort, Our Region Our Plan, is back on track. To move forward and complete a framework for our region's future, we are preparing for a number of activities including sub-regional workshops scheduled for the fall of 2010.



Where We've Been

In 2008, the BCDCOG Regional Planning Committee and the consulting team introduced the concept of regional planning, interviewed over 70 stakeholders of key leaders, and even hosted a planning and design workshop for area planners and architects. In the summer of 2008, a day-long "Regional Visioning" workshop was conducted to gather input from the general public, which roughly 300 people attended. The consulting team began analyzing group work and comments from the Visioning workshop along with interview responses to prepare for the next phase. At this point, however, future funding for the planning effort became uncertain and the program was put on hold.

Where We Are Going

Thanks to all of the support, comments, and leadership received to date, the regional planning process wasn't forgotten. The BCDCOG regional planning initiative Our Region, Our Plan is ready to move forward with two rounds of sub-regional workshops and a number of steering committee meetings. Round One workshops will be conducted in each of three counties, to gather insights on goals and places we can make to secure our regions success. Please watch for future communications for the dates and locations of the workshops.

Get On Board



Over the past three years, the economic picture in our region has experienced a significant decrease in real estate development pressure, but has also been supported by the addition of exciting new employers who value the region as a whole. Now more than ever, we have the chance to define a strong and realistic vision through Our Region Our Plan which can support new investment and provide a framework with opportunities when renewed economic forces return.

We are pleased to be back and look forward to working with you to make **Our Region Our Plan** a successful endeavor for all. Continue to check on this website, sign up for our mailing list on our “Contact Us” page, and plan to join us when we schedule a sub-regional workshop convenient to you.

Questions or Comments -

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Sincerely,

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