



Please Join Us for a Special Forum: A Briefing on MetroFuture

Tuesday, July 25, 2006, 2:00-5:00 PM

The Metropolitan Community Room

38 Oak Street, Boston, MA 02111

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council along with the Asian Community Development Corporation and other Greater Boston organizations from the Asian immigrant and Asian American community invite you to a special forum on MetroFuture, a regional initiative to develop a plan to guide the region's growth through 2030. **Asian Americans are the fastest-growing racial group in Boston and the state.** Hosting a briefing on the MetroFuture findings specifically for Asian Americans will help **our organizations and leaders gain perspective about the trends that will have the greatest impact on our communities.** By outreaching to our communities, the MetroFuture data will be more widely read and understood, and thus considered in all walks of life.

Did you know that in the year 2030...

- International immigration will be the critical part of the region's growth.
- Foreign Born residents will make up almost a quarter of Metro Boston's population in 2030
- We may have a shortage of skilled workers and a surplus of workers without college degrees.
- Our region is on track to add 465,000 people by 2030, and 240,000 jobs.
- High tech employment will grow more slowly than general employment.
- There will be fewer school-age children in 2030, but a dramatic spike in the over 55 population.
- We will have more diversity as minorities grow to almost one-third of the population, but increased segregation if existing conditions persist.

These findings are among many that the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) *MetroFuture* project recently uncovered about the region's likely future if current trends and conditions persist. Join our team as we plan for the region of tomorrow!

What Is MetroFuture?

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) *MetroFuture* project is the agency's initiative to develop a plan for **Metro Boston's growth and development through 2030.** MetroFuture is more than a project of MAPC - it is governed by a broad and diverse Steering Committee that represents constituencies from throughout the region, and it has involved more than 2,000 people to-date. There are multiple ways to get involved in MetroFuture as we explore the problems facing the region, examine the impacts of current growth patterns, generate public policy recommendations regarding future development, and set priorities in motion.

MetroFuture is an initiative of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

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Where We Are Now

Based on research we conducted across the region to learn people’s “visions” for what they want the future to look like, we developed five study areas - the project’s major topics of investigation:

- **People and Communities:** involves the programs and services that support communities;
- **Buildings and Landscapes:** includes future patterns of development in Metro Boston;
- **Air, Water, and Wildlife:** covers the natural resources and sustainability of the region;
- **Getting Around:** encompasses the ways we travel around the region; and
- **Prosperity:** includes the region’s businesses and institutions, and the regional economy.

The MetroFuture team has integrated findings from these five areas into **Scenario 1: Current Trends Extended to 2030**, which presents a likely picture of the region if current conditions persist. This will serve as a starting point for briefings across the region, where we will discuss our findings and challenges that lie ahead. We also hope you will join us at regional forums later this year to develop alternative ways for the region to grow and develop.

How YOU Can Get Involved

Visit www.MetroFuture.org to learn more about the project and ways you can get involved.

We need diverse participation from across the region and all Asian immigrant and Asian American communities. This special forum targeting the Asian immigrant and Asian American communities is extremely important as there has been limited participation thus far.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to: MetroFuture@asiancdc.org. And make sure to spread the word. This invitation may be printed out and posted and/or distributed via email.

Agenda

- 2:00-2:30 PM Introduction and Welcome
- 2:30-3:15 PM Briefing on Scenario 1: Current Trends Extended to 2030
- 3:15-4:30 PM Workshop on 2030: Other Scenarios
- 4:30-5:00 PM Wrap Up with discussion and agreement on next steps

Refreshments will be provided. Directions to the Metropolitan Community Room are available at: <http://www.asiancdc.org/contact.html>. Parking is available in the Metropolitan (entrance on Ash Street) or at on-street meters.



Please direct RSVPs and questions to: MetroFuture@asiancdc.org

This convening is being hosted by the Asian Community Development Corporation, along with other Greater Boston organizations from the Asian immigrant and Asian American communities. For additional inquiries, please contact Jeremy Liu at the phone number listed below.