



Greater Washington 2050 FAQs

1. What is the Greater Washington 2050 Compact?

The compact is a series of commitments by jurisdictions, representatives from the business community, and civic sector of metropolitan Washington.

2. What does it mean for a Jurisdiction to sign the Greater Washington 2050 Compact?

A jurisdiction's pledge to use their best efforts to advance the regional goals in the Compact

"We will consider the Compact's goals and, where consistent with our authorities and capabilities, will utilize them to guide our public decisions. We pledge to use our best efforts within our own legal, political, and financial structure to advance with the Compact."

3. What is the relationship between the Goals, targets, and indicators?

A. What are the Goals?

Goals are the end state outcomes desired by Greater Washington 2050. The goals are the only element that is included in the of the Greater Washington 2050 Compact. They are designed to be comprehensive and broadly set forth a framework for future regional decisions and policy.

B. What are the targets?

In most cases the targets are specific measureable milestones based on available data that can be used to determine whether a goal has been achieved. Targets utilize various time periods, some are annual and others utilize a longer horizon, such as 2025 or 2050.

C. What are the indicators?

The Greater Washington 2050 indicators are secondary measures to track progress towards achieving the Greater Washington 2050 Goals.

4. How often will progress towards the targets and indicators be reported?

It is anticipated that the regional targets and indicators will be reported on in a comprehensive progress report every 3-4 years. These will be reported to the COG Board, recommendations for modifying the targets and indicators will also be included in this review to reflect evolving regional priorities.



5. What are the roles of the business and civic sector in the Greater Washington 2050 Compact?

Both have Greater Washington 2050 Commitments that they can sign, meaning they can endorse the GW 2050 Goals and use them to guide decisions. These two commitments provide broad strategies for advancing the Compact Goals.

Business Sector Commitment:

- 1) *Preface*
- 2) *Goals*
- 3) *Strategies*
 - a) *Education*
 - b) *Advocacy on behalf of Goals*
 - c) *Consider Compact Goals when making business decisions, such as locating or expanding facilities*
- 4) *Invitation to Other Businesses*
- 5) *Obligations*
- 6) *Signatures*

Civic Sector Commitment:

- 1) *Preface*
- 2) *Goals*
- 3) *Strategies*
 - a) *Education*
 - b) *Advocacy on behalf of Goals*
- 4) *Invitation to Other Civic Organizations*
- 5) *Obligations*
- 6) *Signatures*

6. What is the future for the regional attitudinal survey?

It is anticipated that the regional attitudinal survey will be commissioned every 3 to 4 years in conjunction with the Greater Washington progress report that will track progress towards the regional targets and indicators.