

## Vision Session: Vibrant NEO 2040

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### Comments from sessions and submitted cards

Location	Comment
Akron	All of the information is fantastic. I commend all of the people that did the hard work to collect and study all of the info around the region. My concern is that this is only a study. I hope that the cities in this region understand the importance in change. Talking is great, acting is better.
Akron	I think the \$ spent on NEOSCC could be better spent by our government. I will call my congressman & see if we can quit wasting money.
Akron	What do we need your organization for? We have local government officials to make decisions for our communities. I think the money spent on NEOSCC could be better spent.
Akron	Introduction & presentation were a little repetitive.
Akron	This is a good idea, but doesn't really involve the actual residents and small business owners (African Americans) within the area. To find out what's important to them; it's important to talk to them. Find a better way to reach out.
Akron	Should have been feedback rather than pretense of participation. The first session was far too formulaic – The exercise led to only one solution... It seemed like a total waste of money. But I returned wanting to give the forum.
Akron	I was satisfied with my experience. No change is needed.
Akron	Nice job. Would have liked more financial info.
Akron	More dynamic/engaging.
Akron	Shorter.
Akron	One Hour
Akron	Draft vision?
Akron	More people
Akron	No audio feedback – turn the level down!
Akron	Well done.

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Akron	<p>Hi, I went to the Vision Session at the Akron Urban League last night. First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you for developing the information that you did. This information proves the community is ready for change. I really hope the cities, the state, and the nation understands that we need to change our communities to become more pedestrian friendly.</p> <p>A few comments to possibly move forward with. I think one of the major items is transportation. I have always thought that the United States as a whole needs a public high speed and local train lines. The lines that were proposed hit the target. I also think that the state of Ohio should have a line that extends from Cleveland, through Columbus, to Cincinnati. However, I understand that isn't what you are trying to accomplish.</p> <p>Second, SIDEWALKS! I don't know how many communities don't have sidewalks. If we want to have a pedestrian friendly neighborhood, there need to be adequate sidewalks for people to be able to walk on.</p> <p>Lastly, we need to stop the sprawl and focus on redeveloping the areas that need it within the city. I'm not sure how we can achieve this, but if we don't stop now, where will our farm lands go to? Farming is very important so we don't become a dependent city, state, country, depending on other people to produce our food for us. Undeveloped land should be out of the question for developers. I understand that sounds backwards, but with the amount of vacant lots and buildings that we have in the cities, why aren't we investing in what is there? Focus on making these areas better! As an architectural intern, this hits home with me. I cringe when I see an old building be knocked down because no one took care of it. I also cringe when a Walmart moves a minute down the street. Please make it stop!</p> <p>To sum up my thoughts, first we need to focus on a better public transit system; second, SIDEWALKS; third, stop the sprawl!</p> <p>Thanks so much for all that you do. Please let me know what I can do to help achieve these goals!!</p>
Akron	Stop spreading infrastructure thinner than we can maintain. Keep gauges going locally!
Akron	Please recognize that the Tea Party element has focused its opposition on participating disproportionately, on these forums. This does not reflect the general opinion.
Akron	Well, who wouldn't say they support the vision? I am happy with the vision, but it just seems so obvious. That part of the vision did it need all that? And/or –Let us be a part of the real application of real ideas for this. Innovative solutions needed.
Akron	We need better guidance to direct kids to job/careers, I'm over educated & underemployed
Ashtabula	I've had numerous calls pertaining to this group and not one in favor of it. Most people from the townships see this as a way of sharing the wealth since the townships run in the black and have very low debt and they basically see it as a way of sharing out money with other people and the townships are definitely against it. I don't quite understand why the townships that are in the rural areas and have no connection to anything would be interested in mass transit or anything like that.

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Ashtabula	<p>It seems like this whole discussion predisposes that the governments role is to control development why does the government even have to be involved in it why not let the free market do what it does naturally it seemed to be working the inner cities are not servicing the needs of their community so they're moving out to places that they do meet. You said before if developer sees an opportunity to make some money it is going to find a way to make it happen. I don't believe that central government control is a good thing. I moved out to Ashtabula County to get away from the city because I want my property I want my land I want to be able to do what I want to do. I don't want people breathing down my neck all the time. I think there are a lot of people out there that feel the way I do but this whole discussion seems to be centered on the idea that it's the government's role to control development. What happened to free market? Why not let people go where they want to go and if the rents are too high where you are don't rent the property the landlord is going to figure it out but I can't get a thousand dollars a month for this little house, okay, then we'll drop the rent to what's appropriate for the market place. I used to have rental properties, the market drives the price of the rent. If the houses, if everyone is building \$250,000 houses in a \$100,000 neighborhood they aren't going to sell and they're going to be stuck with them. But at the same time you don't want to build a \$100,000 house in a \$250,000 neighborhood either. This is a free market. I think the free market does a lot better job of handling this stuff and controlling this stuff. Yeah there are going to be peaks and valleys, but over the long run I think it does a lot better job of controlling things than any government that I've ever been involved in as done long term</p>
Ashtabula	<p>I was just wondering did you receive input from individuals from all walks of life because I have a hard time believing that the extremely impoverished or moderately impoverished would accept something of this nature. Because I know for a fact that Ashtabula County alone has hundreds upon hundreds of individuals who are below the poverty line extremely and Ashtabula does nothing but promote even more poverty with these cash advance places popping up on every corner and dollar stores and places like that so I just have a hard time that they would agree to something of this nature say they would have to increase tax dollars in some way to pay for it.</p>
Ashtabula	<p>Plastic water bottles- Really? How about local apples instead of junk food?</p>
Ashtabula	<p>I was surprised you didn't say anything on education and so is there any comment on that if you're planning in 2040 I'm really surprised education is not a component.</p>
Ashtabula	<p>The overall implementation of this is going to cost money. The benefits seem to be accruing to the inner city urban areas, revitalization, bringing people back, into the cities, infrastructure investment. Those of us who don't have that who are in rural areas we're not seeing the benefit. There's no mass transportation there's no investment coming out to improve our towns and stuff like that. So it seems like everybody is going to share equally in the cost but yet, that money is going to be going to the urban areas and basically going away from the rural areas. Am I misinterpreting this? Assuming you implemented the entire plan regional wise am I seeing that correctly?</p>
Ashtabula	<p>Let's keep Ashtabula Township free of urbanization!</p>
Ashtabula	<p>Why pass over Townships?</p>
	<p>Strengthening established communities comes at township expense!</p>
	<p>You need to look at landowner rights.</p>
Ashtabula	<p>Ashtabula Co. needs to fix public trans.</p>

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Ashtabula	Ashtabula Co. needs to save farmland.
Ashtabula	Ashtabula Co. needs to community driven business.
Ashtabula	NEO-Needs to work on helping the poor buy homes.
Ashtabula	Affordable housing please we need more save.
Ashtabula	Stop renting by slumlords.
Ashtabula	Education- it is a big mistake not to have included this.
Ashtabula	Consolidation of resources, including regional government will be required, despite the difficulties. New transportation choices will be a must.
Ashtabula	New approaches to energy management and energy creation in a responsible manner will be a must.
Ashtabula	Public transportation needs to be improved.
Ashtabula	Probably involves and then study + projects.
	Within farming there is a lot of education getting so my current cash grain/row crops –corn + soy beans – To switch some acres to higher value food crops would increase revenue for farmers and make additional jobs to farm kids who also want to farm. Would help ease food supply within the region.
Ashtabula	Everyone seems to be against sprawl in favor of open space-but new greenfield development strip malls go up every day
Ashtabula	Core cities “where most people & most jobs are” Downtown Cleveland? Downtown Ashtabula?Jobs might be there, but people don’t live there?
Ashtabula	Active conversion from row crop grains to food crops, orchards, grass grazing.
Ashtabula	Americas farmland trust cost of community services show cost to generate \$1.00 revenue (approximate) suburban development +- \$1.30 Agriculture \$.65-.70 (sprawl costs 30 cents more new dollar that it generates)
Cleveland	How many people are happy with the federal government? This forum is funded by the federal government. The federal government spent over \$4 million to create this task force to create these recommendations to submit to our leaders. Now imagine if the federal government took over trash collection. How would that work? The majority here say transportation costs are manageable and commutes are short, but for some reason 70% more people wanted more public transportation. I am curious why that would be. But what's going to happen is that you are just going to get higher taxes. So the way that we are going to improve Northeast Ohio which has a very slow migration to the suburbs. We are calling this school building reinvesting. That is not reinvesting its tax payer dollars. You built this building. The way that we would get more money in this area is lower taxes. The people in Cuyahoga County are being strangled by taxes the way we can get more here is to lower income and property taxes so that businesses would come back to these areas. That would bring in capital investment. We lower taxes and encourage people to move into these areas. By lowering income, sales and property taxes that would ensure a vibrant Northeast Ohio.

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Cleveland	Piggyback on comment on engaging population and adding education. We're not dealing with it. There is a significant age gap. This meeting has a more mature audience - we are not engaging those who will be in place in 2040. It is important to get younger people here and let them know, this is what your community is going to look like. We need to because people are leaving, the tax base is screaming. What are we going to lower? Children are leaving. We are declining in population. We have to take a significant look at how we fight this battle and where we are now. We have a lot of excess infrastructure that we really can't use. We need to team in our efforts. This region, unlike Dallas and Houston, which are now peaking, will be where we are now. This will be the way. We'll be the mark to show everybody else how to do it right.
Cleveland	I believe that the process has in fact used logical & appropriate data to determine the trends that have been shown through this process. Although it may be hard for some to hear, this initiative is a hard reality that this region needs to understand and react to.  I hope that as this process continues, the public will be aware of the public policy recommendations that will be presented to our cities so that we can be a part of supporting their adoption.
Cleveland	There are so many flaws in the data, process, and methodology. There is skewing going on. There is misleading. There is false projections. When can we have public scrutiny of the data and the process? When will we have an actual opportunity to vet what is being done. If we are going to change this region based on what is being done here, we need to have an open vetting of the data? Not the vetting of the data. When will this happen?
Cleveland	I want to apologize to you tonight that you have to constantly to defend your data and what you are trying to do here. I think it is great. I think it is great that we have collaboration. The focus on long range planning. We want to see Cleveland sustainable and successful. Status quo won't work. No putting our heads in the sand. I didn't see anything about aging population in the presentation.
Cleveland	Dr. Beverly Goldstein introduced herself as being from Beachwood, Ohio. I am part of a group of individuals who completely oppose this scenario planning activity. I will try and couch my statement in a different way than I have done before. All of the data to begin the activity. I don't have the skills to assess all the data, but I have a PhD and think this is a statistical farce. The data collected on opinions are from the people who want to be here. I don't think you [NEOSCC] are well known in the community to look for information, and I know what you are doing. Why scenario planning? We don't elect you we have no power to remove you. You make over \$100,000 a year [to Hunter Morrison] of our federal tax money. Those of us who are retired don't make that kind of money. Why bother spending \$4.2 million on scenario planning. Why not take the data, decide between all the universities here that the data is accurate and decide what you want to do. I feel the public has been kept out of big dollar expenditures at NOACA and the same thing is going to happen if the NEOSCC protocols go forward. Thank you for the opportunity to speak again. Beverly Goldstein. I stand not against not making improvements in our community but against the way the data has been collected in this process.
Cleveland	Why not post the data at least in some forum? Its good data, just post it on the website and put that comment to rest. Yu don't need to spend time defending it.
Cleveland	I understand that this is an open forum but contrary attendees ruin the experience. They get on a soapbox but don't have questions.
Cleveland	Would be nice to have localized graphic examples of how the vision would work.

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Cleveland	A handout with important information. Sometimes it is hard to keep up w/ or remember information from the power point.
Cleveland	As mentioned during the presentation, it would be interesting to see the various polling results from the individual workshops individually as well as in the comprehensive result. With such a wide variety of lifestyles and opinions across the region. It would be interesting to see the data independently by area to see what mindset different communities prefer.
	At the conclusion of the report, it would be nice to know what organizations, groups, entities will be championing the recommendations.
Cleveland	Market community meeting.
	Concerned about the data that was collected to come to a conclusion.
Cleveland	Be a part of getting information out to the inner city.
Cleveland	Interesting to see more detailed plans of specific regions/cities.
Cleveland	Tracking and assessing the impact of out-migration of training is important.
Cleveland	The slides should be more readable from the audience
Cleveland	Speaker is really important need someone to execute, engage, & energize crowd.
Cleveland	More Q&A less presentation!
Cleveland	Split into discussion groups that bring ideas to the full group
Cleveland	Not so many factoids more lively presentation with terms and concepts that are easily understood by the common person.
	More time for Q&A.
	More explanation in terms the common person can wrap their mind around.
Cleveland	No option to retire, no option to work. There are two areas that business focus on initial costs and operating costs. If operating costs are too high, they won't come here. I would like to see disaggregated data, by where we are, urban, rural, and other. Take Greater Cleveland transit area which has great public transit but Ashtabula and Jefferson County might not be that interested in public transit. One thing we cannot take away is our fresh water, eventually it will be worth gold.
Cleveland	The vision is great but I would like to see actionable steps/ timeline for implementation. How do we make sure this isn't just another plan on the shelf?
Cleveland	To incentivize places at choice, a wider & more holistic approach should be taken. In other words, consider schools, security, and the status of existing infrastructure & capacity. For industrial & commercial, how easy is it to get going? Bureaucratic handles? Tax inequities?
Cleveland	Consolidation of the highly parochial and often contradictory governmental entities could lead to significant economies of scale and efficiencies. A truly regional plan should have the courage to push mergers & regionalism.
Cleveland	Responding proactively to changing climate is a crucial objective, but missing from the list. This is not the same as protecting/conserving natural resources.

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Cleveland	Much more renewable energy.
	Merge bikes & transit networks.
	More wetlands.
	More Forest.
	Increase tree cover.
	Encourage landscape for wildlife habitat.
Cleveland	I like what I've heard so far- I want density.
Cleveland	Good work at the regional level.
Cleveland	Most of the ideas are implementing by many local governments. So, 2040 proposed version should not just like this. If you consider some emerging countries 10 yrs. ago, we will see what we fall behind and what we are missing.
Cleveland	I feel as though the development and investment will continue to go to neighborhoods that don't need that investment; neighborhoods that already have amazing institutions like museums or universities. I think investment needs to go towards communities that need investment; like the central neighborhood or East Cleveland. Sustainability is more than just fiscal and environmental conservation sustainability; it is also social sustainability. Social sustainability can be social equity; or investments to improve public health. Because these goals/vision do not address social equity/community development or public health I think some adjustments could be made to address these important values. Additionally I would like to see some investment or incorporation of urban agriculture development as this has community and economic development benefits, human health benefits, environmental health benefits, etc.
Cleveland	The perception of "Identity" of individual cities seems to be a blockade in some efforts towards regionalism and cooperation what role can planning play in breaking down these perceptions. Similarly, what can be done to encourage/promote capitalizing on existing "town" established vs. a 2nd ring suburb adjacent to one of these towns trying to replicate it ( I.E. Downtown Kent established, while Streetsboro tries to replicate.)
Cleveland	I understand that this is a broad vision for the region but I think that it would be beneficial to see examples of actual methods/opportunities/means of implementation; a sort of next steps for how this process would actually look as we move forward to make the vision a reality.
	This evening, I didn't see anything that referenced bringing new jobs to the region, developing new businesses, or retaining our current young population & intellectual resources.

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Cleveland	<p>Plan to lower taxes to allow more building to get more jobs and people to move to our local communities.</p> <p>Higher taxes is the main reason Northeast Ohio has so much abandonment. Can we find a way to include people that are retired? Many homes have been lost by retired people who can no longer afford to keep up with their housing.</p>
Cleveland	<p>Providing transportation to people who have trouble getting around in Cleveland due to low wage, jobs, and no transportation.</p>
Cleveland	<p>I think emphasis needs to be placed on safe, affordable housing – Energy efficient &amp; following sustainability guidelines deal with what families need most.</p>
Cleveland	<p>How do we motivate low/moderate income people to develop themselves to qualify for the jobs that are going in industry and the private sector? We need a really strong private sector if we are going to afford all these public policy initiatives. What are we going to do to strengthen the private sector? And please do not incentivize developers to produce low/moderate income housing! That creates costs for communities. We are subsidizing people who could, but aren't, carrying the weight. They have no incentive to be contributing, productive, all rights – no responsibilities – those are our federal government policies.</p>
Cleveland	<p>Transportation should include or should it expansion of city – suburban transportation. Ex. On Saturday I cannot effectively and in a timely fashion take public transportation from my home in Shaker Hts. Downtown is a very untimely experience.</p>
Cleveland	<p>Check out who is getting home repair loans through CDC's and who's getting home equity loans at banks. There are your current investors in our established communities. Blighted homes, are selling us small investors!!! Accelerate demo of vacant blighted homes by where the demo will positively impact current small investors. Accelerate demo of slum landlord properties that are not brought up to codes and rentable or saleable within 12 months.</p>
Cleveland	<p>Planning for 2040 is like expecting Cleveland + Ohio to plummet in population back in 1980. It's impossible.</p> <p>Now are the proposals good for 2015? Probably not.</p> <p>Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown need to heal thyselves! Hiram, Orrville &amp; Grafton can't lift these cities up, but an improved city will lift up the smaller areas. Fix it locally! Not regionally!</p>
Cleveland	<p>I voted for more public transportation because the people who do not have jobs due to the lack of public transportation could not even get here tonight to vote</p>
Cleveland	<p>Policy/legislation to guarantee the protection of the great lakes. Water wars and weight of population shifting to west &amp; south. Pressure to share the water will be fierce.</p>
Elyria Transit	<p>The project does not seem to include social service. A major challenge to distressed legacy cities is poverty, providing health services to residents and physical security. Of course providing job training and job to residents will help deal with all of these plus the challenges mentioned.</p>

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Elyria Transit	Regional and intercity planning and knowledge sharing are absolute keys and I applaud the consortium for gathering all this data and feedback and creating an excellent synthesis of a vision for the future. My concern is that buy-in from the municipalities is obviously crucial and I'm not seeing much in best practices to aid cities in creating good plans that are contributory to the vision. Similarity I think you may be underestimating how hard it will be to get people to think differently in a manner again that leads to goo, complimentary plans. Ultimately it's the county or the city or the townships responsibility to make the plans. But I'm very wary of NEOSCC's current approach which could produce an excellent set of goals and recommendations less then could happen if the region works with and helps guide the components.
Elyria Transit	Venue has bad acoustics. Slide show colors difficult to read
Elyria Transit	For meetings advise attendees to bring our coffee, pop, snacks, and tanks for water. Also, put on first slide and turn off your cell phone.
Elyria Transit	Never hold them at the transportation center in Elyria Again. The acoustics are horrible.
Elyria Transit	Want to know more details. The devil is in the details
Elyria Transit	Change colors on presentation, yellow obscures printed word, black & white would do or black lettering.
Elyria Transit	I generally agree with the 3 themes presented. They are each important and fit together well.
Elyria Transit	I would like to see a rail connection between Elyria and Cleveland as well as between Cleveland and Lorain.
Elyria Transit	Idea – any business being built should pay a deposit (just like a renter) to pay for removing any sign, parking lot, building if the company fails. This would result in no abandoned buildings. Could be paid with property taxes over a period of ten years. Money to be invested so the pot grows over time.
Elyria Transit	New Housing vs. Abandoned homes – make it a law that when a building permit is issues, the builder must demolish an abandoned house. Builder has people (or could hire some). Builder has heavy equipment (trucks, backhoes). Material may be salvaged and used in new homes or given to Habitat for Humanity.
Elyria Transit	Issue of housing, depends on your perspective. Living in a rural area, we prefer non-compact housing but appreciate compact housing in a city setting.
Elyria Transit	Pittsburgh is beginning to see more support and awareness to support the development of a steel valley/steel rivers heritage trail – could Lorain and Youngstown pickup that them and make it their own? Our industrial heritage has significant local and national historic value – we should capitalize on it.
email	Slide 20 states that "the Vision" is based on "statistically valid surveys;" however Slides 37, 40, 41, 49, 58 and 63 are not based on valid statistical processes but are contained in the power point presentation interspersed with slides that may be based on valid statistics. This is misleading. These six slides listed above must include a disclaimer statement such as "This information was obtained through non- scientifically based data collection and analysis methods,and its conclusions are not statistically representative of the opinions of the residents of the 12-county NEOSCC region."
email	THE PRESENTATION IS PACKED FULL OF VAGUE,UNDEFINED TERMS AND EUPHEMISIMS

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email	<p>Slide 60, Open Networks,"expand existing open space;" I am entirely against using any government funding to begin new "eco" related projects that require federal,state and local tax dollars and/or remove real property from present commercial uses which expand the economy and provide jobs and tax revenue. Our regional focus should not extend beyond repairing and maintaining the parks and other "eco" areas that already exist in our region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to lower taxes at all levels of government.</li> <li>• We need to lower sewer and water rates.</li> <li>• We need to attract new commerce and retain what we already have.</li> <li>• We need to stop removing valuable land from commercial use and the tax rolls in perpetuity by converting it into land conservancies;our system of freedom in the US is based on land and private property rights,including water rights;land should never be put in the position to be furloughed in perpetuity -this activity is anti-American and should be stopped.</li> </ul>
email	<p>Slide 54, "make walking,biking and transit better and more accessible mobility choices;" I am not in agreement with this;this is where the citizens of the 12 NEOSCC counties need to have a direct vote to determine if this is how they want their combined tax dollars spent; we are currently living through the severe economic periods of the federal government's debt and deficit circumstances,where we are borrowing money from our adversaries and enemies to fund our folly. We cannot afford what NEOSCC proposes to accomplish.</p>
email	<p>Slides 48 (Current Trends in Transportation) and 57 (Trend and Grow the same impact on water quality and rural landscapes) ,I question these statements and will have an expert review the references which the slides cite to determine whether the sources support these same conclusions.</p>
email	<p>Slide 28,I disagree. Our "parks and open space networks" do not need expanding.</p>
Fairview	<p>I'm asking people here for a favor: Please do your research. Go to NEOSCC.com. [Note: this is a website that is not affiliated with NEOSCC or Vibrant NEO 2040.] There is a petition signed by 1,200 people to stop NEOSCC. This is Agenda 21. Please read it and keep an open mind. Please do your research.</p>
Fairview	<p>You font needs to be bigger on the slides. Northeast Ohio is made up of millions of people. The results are from thousands. I just found out about your organization in the last week, and I'm a relatively engaged person. I did see something on Cleveland.com, but no one under 30 reads that newspaper. You need to reach out to under-30-year-olds, like with CoolCleveland.com and direct mail.</p>
Fairview	<p>This is my third session. I applaud your efforts. I second that the other person said [question #4]; I found out about this through NPR. More young people definitely need to be here. You need to get them involved. The Downtown Cleveland Alliance put out a video about living in Cleveland. View it – it is a great piece.</p>
Fairview	<p>Address where population growth would come from and how to encourage it Less time really specific answers to polls.</p>
Fairview	<p>More oppportunity to discuss things amongst ourselves</p>
Fairview	<p>Allow more questions and answers</p>
Fairview	<p>Open questions in Surveys</p>

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Fairview	I would like the sessions in-depth on the strategic themes. Encourage how to make public transportation viable. I haven't seen the online game, so this might be redundant. A powerful image would be an interactive site (game, etc.) that combines the vision of how a community renewed, accompanied by realistic financial projections. Maybe you could use real data from the Euclid corridor.
Fairview	Saturday mornings are better than evenings
Fairview	Diverse governmental officials at meetings
	We need to develop the argument
Fairview	Your input is narrow, forgetting vast components of population. Your focus is structure based forgetting human behavior. Is your data entirely based on polling done at NEOSCC meetings, if yes then you have created a bias inefficiently reflecting the true condition
Fairview	The presenter could have had a more lively and clear voice. The information was helpful and interesting.
Fairview	Just as far as presentation, it was a bit heavy on places for this audience (material inputs), very lecture Loved the video, I think it was summarized progress vibrant neo really well, with even handles optimizing and reality check. Good stage. Objectives missing specifically, correcting with low income populations and linking with job access Community slide no combo option particularly since were emphasizing choice (and some do exist) Wish we could have had Q&A prior voting on support for regional vision.
Fairview	An agenda would be nice to have. Tell us what to do with surveys.
Fairview	Your sample was too self-selected and biased. Not a representative sample. Change SMSA definition to Cleveland, Akron, Canton not Elyria Cleveland, and Mentor.
Fairview	Recommend each goal/section be presented by separate individuals and hour plus of the same person is difficult.
Fairview	Better presentation tools.
Fairview	Spread the word with Cleveland leadership center thru network
Fairview	Colors on maps are hard to differentiate hard to follow
Fairview	Include more time for discussion only had time for presentation personally could give opposition in segments. Show links to where info can be found throughout presentation.
Fairview	I am in all in favor of having the slides available on the website but a lot of slides were difficult to read. Handouts would have been helpful.
Fairview	Is your data entirely based on polling done at NEOSCC meetings? If yes, then you have a polling bias that will inaccurately reflect the true condition.
Fairview	Need to include demographic gen x + millenials possibly severing? Outward sprawl trend along with aging population moving to more compact development.

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Fairview	I attended all three rounds [April/May workshops, July/August Open Houses, and October Vision Session]. They have all been useful and great. I have a couple areas of concern – the Browns winning the Super Bowl is missing. My point is that it is so broad-based – what about funding and resources? It is trying to get everything. I’m conflicted by the transportation piece. There is a disconnect since we are saying our commutes are short and low-cost and we travel alone, so why more transit?
Fairview	I am a builder. For years all we could do is build low density since that is all that was legal. It is refreshing to see efforts like this. These are the projects I want to build. I applaud this effort. Zoning laws are becoming less antiquated, and there is a market for this.
Fairview	You need to incorporate the theme [in addition to the 3 themes] of financial sustainability. Local governments are hurting. Financial sustainability brings it home for people as a theme. Historically, we’ve had mediocre planning here, but this links up many different efforts. The Chicago GO TO 2040 plan – things have happened there – implementation because it has teeth and there is progress.
Fairview	The region transportation infrastructure: roads, rails, airports have been built to minimize impact of cross-county freight movements that have changed substantially in recent years yet infrastructure particularly underpasses, overpasses and limited or control access highways remain and continue to be maintained by ODOT. Attention must be given to making public investments to remove significant modify key components that would allow communities to strengthen existing assets.
Fairview	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 themes- current financial trends are unsustainable. Consider adding “financial sustainability as a theme. It appeals to local decision makers and is a very real issue. Consider referring presentation of natural resources for the future generations.</li> <li>2. Allocation of resources criteria to include existing population and employment density</li> <li>3. Agriculture of reference: remember to remind decision makers that we need to feed ourselves</li> <li>4. Zoning: what will be the emphasis in the final documents; so important</li> </ol>
Fairview	You do not include crime, a major reason people move to 2nd ring suburbs
Fairview	<p>I would like to see the investment also focus on persevering cultural assets such as museums, orchestras, theaters, etc.</p> <p>I would like to see more green space permeating the urban cores, not just going around</p> <p>I would love not to own a car in Cleveland and be able to get around to everything.</p> <p>Would transforming brownfields to alternative energy be a solution we could propose with the plan?</p> <p>I feel that the themes presented in the plan echo the preferences in 20 something’s for a great place to live.</p>
Fairview	How to achieve both higher growth and better environmental/land use results at the same time needs to be understood & specified.

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Fairview	<p>This presentation was great to realize that the bones of our region are really there. I wish that this information could be spread to a more widespread audience. Clevelanders/Ohioans have plenty of pride, but to see that healthy growth and investment is possible would be very encouraging.</p> <p>I think a lot of strides that are needs to be made as far as multi-modal transportation goes is in the mindset. The ease of driving (lack of congestion availability of parking, etc.) in our region encourages a transportation network dominated by private cars and there is a certain stigma attached to many users of public transportation.</p> <p>Loved Hunter summary of the issues we are facing simple, straightforward, easily, understandable, can we publicize?</p> <p>Overarching theme/goal? What needs to be done in our region is to encourage people to stay and attract people to move here.</p>
Fairview	There are very important issues that we need to move on as soon as possible
Fairview	Public / private investments are predicted on jobs. Important to draw in network for your 2 year colleges as well as vocational high school to provide an education workforce. Jobs, education, growth, young people
Fairview	Need to address public safety and crime. Also people are living longer, how will you broad vision addresses their needs? Especially if they can no longer drive or get around easily. It should be a part of planning public transportation. Instead of tearing down can the thought are salvage, update and re-use? New construction can it be required to minimize impervious surface.
Fairview	Has public education (elementary, middle school) been worked into this plan? I feel like if urban sprawl would be reduced, the young people that won't to move downtown would then stay downtown if the schooling issues could be improved.
Fairview	Two terms seemed to be left unused: Regionalism and Public Education. I would suggest that any sustainability would be built upon a foundation of competitive and relevant work force that needs a level of proficiency not provided by our largest public school systems. How do we create an efficient and world class workforce without better public education?
Fairview	It seems to me that there is much duplicated effort in the NEO for the same planning purposes yet better regional cooperation. Everyone is predicting their job. I applaud this effort, but fear that it won't get beyond planning/recommendation stage. Then everyone will argue for months on end, and nothing will really happen.
Fairview	<p>Better presentation tools. Energy plan, stem education/training. Need more transportation geared around school communities so families save time &amp; money, reduce traffic.</p> <p>Concept of all taxpayers contributing to sprawling infrastructure was not clear enough. I like the vision</p>
Fairview	Less sprawl is a great goal. There's a need to use all forms of media to reach the masses instead of just local officials.
Fairview	I think the vision addresses three what themes, though I think it's important to acknowledge the role that education plays in relocation decisions. Until our legacy cities and key hubs have excellent schools, it'll be road to keep residents from moving outward.
Fairview	Regarding the objectives, there is no reference to the health of a community. A vibrant community should be a healthy community. There are currently initiatives going known as community health assessments, primarily driver by public health entities. This endeavor should collaborate/have data with the NEOSCC initiative.
Fairview	You are forgetting crime. The reason people move to 2nd ring and beyond.
Fairview	Some elements for focus not talked about much. Arts & culture development science & technology research art development
Kent	To feel the meetings are drawing with more representatives' cross sections of the population.

Location	Comment
Kent	Specifically why asking your questions they are not tailored to the audience. Define compact housing or the question asking about the current system of the land development. I would bet some numbers of your audience may know either of transitions.
Kent	Map colors are hard to differientate on some maps.
Kent	Nothing else needed
Kent	Opportunity for input on specific issues, presentation tended to be overly broad and abstract.
Kent	Overall I agree with much what has been presented here today. However there are some established small cities throughout the region that have been dying. One example might be Ashtabula which was built on industry supported by Lake Erie. That industry has moved away. The community, the infrastructure, the downtown are dead. Drugs have moved in and the schools are struggling. Why continue to support some of the cities like they are with Detroit? Continue to pump money into those areas if they are dying. Instead why not support new growth and emerging industries that maybe causing new areas to grow?
Kent	I choose to attend two meetings to see if there was a difference of opinion within the region. Thoughts: is the loss of 176,000 homes really an issue, most are older out of date and not acceptable to today's norms. It seems to me that the loss is natural and needed. Do we as a region want 800,000 more people in? If people create problem, transportation, air, water, why grow more? Poverty is the elephant in the room, would 800,000 increases the number of poverty people proportionally? Easy to say I support change but when it impact the individual in a negative response is likely. Ignores the historical connections of Wooster, Lodi, Wellington, and their spheres of influence, i.e., Orrville, Millersburg, Ashland, and Norwalk. Is connective mass transit a means to dilute concentrations of poverty by providing mobility?
Kent	Very informative and thought provoking
Kent	My first experience thank you for a well presented seminar. This has been a good eye opener for planning for the future.
Kent	Shared Services- Survival of the region depends on the willingness to work together!
LCCC	Using open land – one word used was “restricted”? What happens to industries and businesses that want to build on this open land? , What are industries supposed to do that want to build there? That they are not allowed to build on. Seems to me that no additional money will be put the roads and people for the rural areas. It seems to me that you are herding them into urban areas? What about the infrastructure for people who live in rural areas? You are going to use this open land in the International Market that is what the UN is doing under Agenda 21. The land is going to be used as collateral for carbon credits and things we will not be able to use this land for. It is going to belong to a larger concern. You say regional but this is happening all over the country. You are making it sound like Disneyland instead of driving into a parking lot to get to a restaurant, they are going to have to ride a bike. They are going to have to ride a bike 2.5 miles to get to their house that they are struggling to hold on to. You have a handful of people here representing the whole county and you have a set-up here that no matter how it turns out, you guys are going to win. You fulfilled your legal requirement to have a meeting. It scary to think that what is going to happen around here that people are not going to be happy about. Like Portland, Oregon that turns into one of these regional outfits. Then you talk about transportation. Right now we have transportation in cities everywhere. The usage of transportation is nil, it is 0 to 3% usage. People are not going to want to have all this transportation and not be able to utilize their private vehicle. I mean you are talking 20 to 30 years down the road and we are not going to have our freedoms anymore. Part of the UN Agenda and you know that.

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LCCC	Who attends these meetings? How many people in the audience are from NEOSCC, NOACA, or the NEOSCC Board ore related to the board? This affects the results of the meetings. I suspect that it is weighted against regular citizens. To an earlier point, there is a case of eminent domain in Montgomery County for a bike path. A woman’s land was taken up to seven feet from her house. On abandonment, why is it happening? I think it is education, safety, corruption, jobs, so is the strategy flawed in trying to move people back into the cities? What about private property? There is a lot of detail on many other items on the website, and respect for private property is noted as a goal, but there is not much on private property.
LCCC	A lack of local officials at these meetings concerns me. How many of these plans have gone anywhere? Are there success stories. What about telecommuting. Who is providing the feedback? What percentage of the region’s population is actually giving feedback? People need to be held accountable. I think we need to be doing things like this process and move past the status quo. I live in a rapidly growing area and have problems with flooding from developers cutting corners, but then a new administration in place afterwards and the response is ‘it was the other guy, this is not my fault.’
LCCC	Some questions were ambiguous and would/could have different answers based on different frames of reference.  The presenter needs to do a better job of giving people concrete & real examples of “investments” so the answers are accurate.
LCCC	Hear/see more elected officials in attendance.
LCCC	Start at 5 or 5:30
LCCC	Better map graphics, more clear labels and color distinctions
LCCC	<u>Develop cost question was unclear and assumes people know the current practice. Perhaps having the average cost and ask how much should be borne by developers % taxpayers %.</u>
LCCC	Plan for continual outreach and education to both citizens and regional leadership.
LCCC	You abused my time by starting late (10 minutes). Not acceptable.
LCCC	Workshop was probably most enjoyable. Show the connections and transformation of locations of job centers vs. population and transit. Explain the cost risk area better. I like comment on making sure these areas are address strongly but clearly what the long term costs are.
LCCC	In found this very enlightening and I appreciate it. Years ago, I attended an economic development forum on how to redevelopment the Northeast Ohio area at Baldwin Wallace - it is all about jobs. How many people here are public officials? There needs to be more of you. Until people, like a council person, mayor, etc., start to implement ideas to make changes, it won’t work. There was another thing missing. Why aren’t you thinking about how to get jobs here? Jobs need to be included. This needs to be pro-growth, pro-jobs. Without the jobs, the other things do not mean a hill of beans.
LCCC	Sounds defeatist
LCCC	Having EPA involved limits mfg. options
LCCC	Cuyahoga County has one of the best Transit Systems in the Country including especially highways.
LCCC	Until voters take responsibility for electing pro-growth/business it won’t matter

Location	Comment
LCCC	Compact Housing nor forming in Akron, why not here in Elyria/Lorain County? Revitalization of small sale farming? Transportation? Bike laws, move- a lot more bus lines – partnership w/ Amtrak? Promotion of energy conscious housing innovation
LCCC	Need to cover flooding issues. Address infrastructure to support growth.
LCCC	Reduce overlap of previous material. A lot of generalizations. I agree with most of the ideas but they need to be targeted to where it would be most cost effective. Many concepts not practical in Lorain County. Where is the money going to come from? Business is going to continue building on Greenfield until there are other more affordable options.
LCCC	Inner city connectivity is key. People need to be able to view the entire region as accessible.
LCCC	1. Logical/lineal in scope and measures, i.e. historic/accounting format 2. Micro in view, i.e. does not consider opportunity/crisis potential from millenials values/temperament, population movement/decline, climate, etc. in a national or global perspective (Read “Who’s Your City” by R. Florida) 3. 12 county region vs. NEO (Jobs Ohio, Foundation, and Team NEO) use 17 county model, this conflicting views of regional definition must be addressed! 4. There is a growing tension between aging (long living) baby boomers and maturing millenials (Futuring) who see a different world. 6. Need to connect to Efficient Gov. Team NEO, etc. to be on page. Instead of visioning individuals – the entity need to vision with entities of overlapping goals.
LCCC	Institute a ban on developing undeveloped lands – allow only redevelopment of abandoned areas, require companies to not be allowed to abandon buildings. Job creation from these plans == new jobs. Very little mention of area’s greatest asset – freshwater – in short supply in rest of the country.
LCCC	Graphics should be refined to size of the room for better legibility and easier to follow.
LCCC	This program should be defunded and scrapped period. This is Agenda 21 so quit lying to us.
LCCC	Great work but strikes me as naïve. Without some idea how to see this, it will be a study that goes on a shelf.

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LCCC	<p>Sewer</p> <p>Example LORCO is a disaster for Southern Lorain County</p> <p>Not enough tie ins</p> <p>Sewer cost more than water</p> <p>No vote by the people</p> <p>Waste Services</p> <p>Same story Consortium TWP Trustees – not vote by the people</p> <p>No Free market</p> <p>No local workforce requirement</p> <p>Attendance – lack of elected officials – City, Township, County and Villages</p>
Painesville	<p>So that everyone knows before NEOSCC took one dollar this is what they said this (from the grant application) "historic patterns of development have not led to equal distribution of community assets and access to jobs, education, services, open spaces, transit and municipal programs, this has create large disparities in health, income and access to education. Our regional planning effort will identify how to best deploy resources to address this historic inequities in targeted communities." That is what they said. Spreading the wealth. Make no mistake about it. There are huge flaws and challenges with the process and the data and methodology. I have asked and continue to ask, where and when we can get that chance to challenge the data with the amount of effort and time that is equivalent to the impact that this is going to have on Northeast Ohio. We should have the opportunity to challenge everything that is in study. The other comment to my question. One thousand people signed petitions opposing this. I see that nowhere in there. We have asked repeatedly to provide real input. We have even provided our own forum hoping that it would stimulate real visibility on this. I have seen the presentation you have made before regarding strategies and what you strategies are to achieve more funding through businesses. We have allowed this conversation to go from individual private communities making decisions to a regional conversation. The question is not whether we should be talking regionally, should we think regionally. Is it better to think regionally or constitutionally? We have constitutional representatives in forms of government in townships and counties so on and so forth that represent us. So the question I have for you is, Why do you do you want to do this regionally because it impacts us individually, my individual freedoms, my individual liberties. Geauga County can make choices. The regional plan will impact my individual freedoms. Why would I want that?</p>
Painesville	<p>Chris you mentioned collaboration. I don't want to speak for everyone else but collaboration if it is done by the Counties on their own. Like if Lake and Geauga County decided to collaborate on their own, I have no problem with that. I think it is a great idea. If they do it on their own, there is nothing wrong with that. What I do have a problem with is that an organization who brings in consultants from well outside the area. The consultants who are doing the same research around the country and somehow coming up with very similar results. If the local counties want to work together that is fine. We do not need an umbrella organization planning it ahead of time, plotting and planning, getting money from the Federal government. There is a difference between collaboration and regionalism.</p>

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Painesville	<p>This really sounds to me like another big brother project like you don't think that people in the communities are smart enough to take care of their own business. I move to Lake County 20 years ago because that is where I wanted to live. I don't want to help Cleveland. I think it is great that all of these other communities want to fix their roads. I want my tax dollars to stay where I live. You folks get into these think tanks and think what our organization can do to make some money. I heard Chris that you are from Mass. Why do you care what we are doing in Northeast Ohio? To me this just sounds like another of our current administration's philosophy of take from those who have to give to those who have not.</p>
Painesville	<p>Less interruptions by tea party pirates &amp; bullies.</p> <p>Thank you, for conducting a broad, in-depth region-wide investigation and grass roots process. You are involved in an activity that exemplifies humanity at its best, planning for our shared future: being good stewards of our ecology and natural habitat; taking good care of our children &amp; their future, taking care of our vulnerable, but valuable members of society.</p>
Painesville	<p>I would say that very few people in NEO know about regionalism – sustainable development. If they did it would be strongly opposed!</p>
Painesville	<p>I support private property and locally elected persons. I do not support unelected officials telling us to do anything.</p>
Painesville	<p>Not sure yet. Does not look like freedom of choice.</p>
Painesville	<p>Evident this entire exercise is to justify more government spending in dying communities, i.e. Cleveland City &amp; Akron City.</p>
Painesville	<p>I have mostly comments but I will save my questions to the end. I thought it was really interesting as we were going through the questions. There were polling questions but it seems to me you were expecting different answers. Don't shake your head, yes you did. It was very disjointed when there was a question and answer and very clearly for most of those questions, the majority of the people were against what you are trying to do. Here is a question, here is an answer, and we don't like it so the next slide is how we get there. I just wanted to say that I really do hope that you guys are taking into account that there are many people who are opposed to this. As a matter of fact if most people knew about this, your results and your research would probably be very different from the way they are now.</p>
Painesville	<p>I am really concerned about the process as something that could get in the way take the opportunity to solve real problems. I realize that coming into this process, the word final up there scares me. We are talking about 2040 planning. Hopefully the take home message and the way I am feeling, the presentation is going to talk about values about participation opportunities about collaboration. We have a long way to get the there. There is a lot of mistrust, a lot of assumptions built into the questions. I find it very hard to believe that people in this room are opposed to environmental conservation but I can understand in the context presented why the questions would come out that way. Similarly with the other questions. I have participated in other process including the Sustainable Cleveland model. While it is not perfect it is a lot more focusing on the problems, let's talk about the value we share and let's come up with creative ideas. Rather than looking at binaries or zero sum choices that inevitably come out. I applaud you for trying. I believe we need to have regional collaboration. There is a real mix here. I heard tools for collaboration. I would urge you to slow down the process and really look at the democracy as a value. You have people here that want to take control and participate in creating our future where we can make that happen. This type of process is polarizing if it is not handled right. I applaud you for doing this.</p>

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Painesville	<p>I would reiterate, I do appreciate you coming. It is still a difficult format. There is disconnect still. It is difficult when it is advertised to get your input and questions. This is hard when you go so quickly through the material and the questions. I know that you may be irritated with us but it is a difficult format to not ask questions but that is why you are asked to come. I am appalled always when demographics come up and why does my voice get voted by what I am. Why is that being collected? I know that you say that it can't be imposed and different groups are not participating but everyone that I speak with says that there will be regulations as a result of this. Some of the things that I hear really put fear in me. When you said, do I support an expansion of housing, small housing. That is really saying can we come to change your zoning so that it is smaller lots or multiple housing units. You did not say it that way but that is changing our zoning. Another one is that you said there would be barriers for geographic location for private sector. It kind of scares me that a company will not be allowed out there. The barriers sound scary. The riparian setbacks, these counties have a lot of private ownership of that land. Do you foresee that all waterfront will be publically owned?</p> <p>Need to have an opportunity to ask questions and fully understand the information being presented. Otherwise I have to just accept it by faith which I don't have any basis to do so.</p>
Painesville	<p>This requires the proposed vision to be fully vetted by more than just a small percentage of people, especially Lake, Geauga, Portage, Medina, and Wayne counties. Name of the 33 organizations reside in any of the five counties (I understand that the MPO's "represent" all the 12 counties.)</p>
Painesville	<p>More time for questions during presentation.</p>
Painesville	<p>Turn off the mic at time limit.</p>
	<p>I am impressed with the thought and balance that you put into the questions and the presentations.</p>
	<p>You did a very good job in a very difficult situation.</p>
	<p>I have never been so embarrassed to be from Geauga Co. before.</p>
Painesville	<p>Better Sound System</p>
Painesville	<p>Locations need to be wheelchair accessible &amp; on a running bus line. Lake Trans. Stops running at 8pm only people with cars &amp; who drive at night came.</p>
Painesville	<p>Better Sound System</p>
Painesville	<p>Some questions were ambiguous and would/could have different answers based on different frames of reference.</p>
Painesville	<p>The presenter needs to do a better job of giving people concrete &amp; real examples of "investments" so the answers are accurate.</p>
Painesville	<p>Have more audience questions.</p>
Painesville	<p>It is a little hard to claim you are interactive when the presenters try to plow through their slides forcing participants to remember or furiously jot down notes to maybe be addressed an hour and a half later.</p>
Painesville	<p>Cookies</p>

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Painesville	Have some speech that you could understand. Information presented was presented in such a manner that it was hard to understand.
Painesville	Include Q&A & public comment as you did as this Morley Music Hall meeting in Painesville. The New England town spirit is alive in NE Ohio.
Painesville	More time for questions
Painesville	Allow more time for participation.
Painesville	Should have had a portable microphone for questions.
	It would have been easier to hear if Dan Troy showed some respect and didn't talk so loud with his friends. All I could hear was the talking and laughing. He should have left the room if he couldn't show any respect or courtesy to those of us trying to hear what was going on.
	Seriously! The guy won't shut up. It's very rude. I really wanted to hear the presentation and Troy wants to have himself talk & laugh, Rude!
Painesville	Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to participate in this important project. You demonstrated a high degree of professionalism.
Painesville	More draft feedback, more public meetings in excess of 53% of the population.
	Challenge the data.
Painesville	I am very sorry that a group of small minded individuals showed up here specifically to skew the results
Painesville	Ask the audience to raise their hands if they are in favor of your plan? Raise your hand if you're not in Favor of the plan?
Painesville	Cleveland back in the 50's was the fifth largest city in the nation. I don't believe there is anyone in this room that does not want to preserve the environment and have a natural capability in our region that is not going to be available to future generations. With all of the planning that you are doing here. I think you would have more bang for the buck to figure out why Cleveland had a million residents and today has 400,000. What from a forensics standpoint were the policies that they did wrong that led to the city becoming uncompetitive to its outer lying districts. Solving that would be far more useful and result in perhaps what you want. To be market competitive find out what you did wrong and fix it. That is where the bang for the buck is not some governmental regulation that ultimately many of us our concerned about. Even though you say you are a 501c3 who knows what happens in the future. Figuring out what went wrong.
Painesville	Fifty years ago, the best place to get a job as a teacher was in the City of Cleveland. Now it is the worst place to get a job. People are moving out of the cities into the suburbs because they are looking for a better place for their kids to get an education.
Painesville	You fix the schools you fix the family and lower taxes.

Location	Comment
Painesville	<p>I wanted to say a couple of things. Welcome to urban sprawl. I call it urban flight. My background is in economics. It is not rocket science. It is the invisible hand that Adam Smith wrote about years ago. The marketplace works, if you let the marketplace do its thing. It will take care of all of these things that you are trying to re-engineer. One of the big problems is 2 and half to three decades of educating everyone into the same box and no skilled labor anymore. I don't see anything here about education. This is the number one reason why the region has gone down economically. As a business man in Cleveland for 30 some years, I watched that decimation of the business community. I worked with ad agencies exclusively now we don't work with ad agencies at all.</p> <p>Let's start with education. It not hear at all. Also, why aren't we also talking about the free market place? It will accomplish everything we want including freedom. We have townships, we have cities, and we have villages. Allow those folks to live in those types of communities. Some cost more some cost less but we all get to choose where we want to live.</p>
Painesville	We have enough parks – maintain them locally.
Painesville	It seems like you are against car traffic.
Painesville	In order to have mass transit, you need more people.
Painesville	It seems like you are wanting people to move to city & eliminate the rural areas.
Painesville	Riparian Rights are very important to each property owner & should be made public!
Painesville	<p>Why do you think this is the suburbs problem why the city is falling apart? The suburbs give enough in taxes to fund the cities like Cleveland. Who &amp; is there a third audit elected official?</p> <p>Basis compliance minimum regulations.</p> <p>You said this isn't a plan? &amp; it's voluntary.</p> <p>Increasing distance of people &amp; jobs.</p> <p>High rate of abandonment?</p> <p>Compact Housing what investment or taxes.</p> <p>Will busing increase my property value?</p>
Painesville	<p>I was recently in Germany, It sounds like you want to eventually make our transportation &amp; housing and apartments be like Europe. Lots of trains &amp; busses with very few cars. As fuel and vehicle costs go up, it will happen eventually. But it might take 50-100 years!</p>

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Painesville	<p>Interested in developing industrial property for manufacturing in Cleveland. Thor a 26 year start-up-transforms all hydrocarbon organic waste material into useful products, low sulfur gas, oil, and minimal environmental impact to the air, ground, and water. No CO2 emissions.</p> <p>Advancing clean power generation for the state.</p> <p>This is environmentally sound economic development.</p>
Painesville	<p>It seems that builders do not respond to market demand, they more pull residents to their development projects when they buy open green space or farmland to build on speculation. This kind of mindless building is sprawl</p>
Painesville	<p>The presentation mention compact housing....Reminds me of public housing where people are forced to live in unhealthy circumstances –high crime, drug abuse etc. –does not sound safe</p>
Stark	<p>Your website mentions that there are over 33 organizations involved in NEOSCC efforts. Why do you say over 33 rather than specifying the amount? There are more than 100 organizations. The Fund for our Economic Future is a consortium with 64 members. I know that we are not here to talk about math but 64 and 33 do not make over 100. I am assuming Mr. Morrison that you have no idea who these other organizations are. The reason that you have been and continue to be met with resistance from fundamentalists or right wing extremists or whatever you would call them is because the actions you are undertaking have always been followed by an oligarchy. Governed by the few with public private partnerships. Certain companies get ridiculous tax benefits while others are drown out by ridiculous regulations. The Fund for Our Economic future is a bigger consortium by themselves than NEOSCC would be if they were not members. This consortium promotes keysian economic ideas advocating for government intervention in the market at the local level. The idea that govtment intervention in the market won't hurt certain businesses just as much as it helps others is a fallacy. Government can not enter the market without favoring one business while injuring another and to advocate otherwise shows your economic ignorance or blatant malcontent for the free market system. Of course with these questions in the past, you have claimed that NEOSCC has no connection to the United Nations Environmental Program. However, ICLEI has pledged to growth policies of Agenda 21 through the UN. To add to that many members of very consortium are ICLEI members. The fact that you chose to lie to me and the rest of the group last week is absolute journalistic gold. I thank you for chosing to lie to me about that rather than giving me some kind of spin. We see the language of sustainable development in five main tiers of political power and influence. From my local municipal to the County government to NEOSCC to ICLEI to the UN-EP. So, of course I am misinformed that this has nothing to do with Agenda 21 from you. Consider the language about sustainability and sustainable development. Does it make you warm and cozy to see that language in five tiers of political influence from the United Nations all the way down to my local trustees.</p>
Stark	<p>Too much info too fast, but very interesting data. I went to all three sessions and knew what was coming and the basic language used. Secondly, implementation will be the difficulty, as well as obtaining the needed funding. People never want to pay more taxes, but it's probably necessary.</p>
Stark	<p>I would like to see more specifics. This meeting seemed very general so it was hard to vote on questions asked.</p>

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Stark	Data is powerful. Map needs several more layers of detail! Info probably there but not presented do to time and scale of project
Stark	What is important to me: Parks, green space and mother nature. Less new building , more revitalization, Public transportation, less chains, localization, small business (local economy), the arts, young professionals, health & physically & fiscally, higher education reform, organic green lifestyle, schools, education, unique restaurants & bars The future for NEO is beautiful
Stark	Energy issues, food issues
Stark	Important missing value: Diversity social and cultural
Stark	Alliance should be considered a strategic node, It is away? the us ran? 2020 arts in stark nodes, and as home of mount union univ. is revitalizing its core-working to strengthen cultural area
Warren	There are several things I would like to respond about this. The first is when presenting this information; you were presenting this information very rapidly. When you go into detail about building in the city it's kind of hard for us to decide if we like it or not. We don't know exactly what you mean, we don't know if you're talking about building a bunch of high-rises and put a bunch of people in those what are the situations. Where does investment come from? Is it private investment, government investment? When the government gets involved in things, there are usually more problems such as with the affordable care act. I don't understand because your addressing several different issues and planning have to pretty involving and I don't think you're getting a fair response from presentations like this. We got a serious job problem in this country. A lot of government jobs are decreasing, we don't have a lot of business and small business jobs and that's the effect of government policy.
Warren	I would like to thank for addressing fracking. Economic liberty is essential to private property. What I have gathered so far from these meeting is that there are a lot of diversity challenges and we are spreading out, urban sprawl. But there is some concern about what is going to happen with the private property owners. In Bristol around Mosquito Lake in certain charts it looks pretty blank talking about open space. My buddy addressed you at the last meeting and showed concern about property rights. You reassured him that there would be no infringement among property owner. If there would be changes that they are going through, it would be voluntary and would be compensation for them to move to the city. Would private property owners be negotiated one on one at their individual discursion of their property or would it be a regional area, not 12 counties wide, but regional somewhere in Bristolville that composes 15 properties owners including my property, it is brought to a public vote in which the majority can out vote the minority and infringe upon their rights as property?
Warren	More time.
Warren	Needs a more vibrant presentation. Information was great! Just wasn't appealing in power point form.
Warren	Acoustics need improvement.
	I would like to see more ads outside of Ohio as to the great assets we have here to bring people back here. We need our population to increase to cure our problems here.
	Definitely need more involvement from our state legislators who can help to change and make these decisions.

Location	Comment
Warren	<p>Visibility of images is not good. How about slides we can see instead of slides we can't.</p> <p>Don't have common grass roots people in room. Transportation costs for them are more problematic.</p>
Warren Warren	<p>More examples of solutions so easier to understand.</p> <p>Something unpredictable.</p> <p>This is just the kind of trend we need to take.</p> <p>Can we add something more exciting or inspiring to mobilize community support?</p> <p>Can we get broader buy-in? No county or city engineers are in the room. Most of us are college grads with relatively higher incomes.</p> <p>Maybe the public input process can be targeted to different groups.</p>
Warren	<p>Gift baskets Oprah Style.</p> <p>Tru. County needs a toolkit for how to convince townships to stop sprawling.</p> <p>Is this group here today representative of Trumbull County? I think not.</p> <p>-Would the results of audience polling have been different had township trustees and residents been present?</p>
Warren	<p>Taking public comments into more consideration.</p> <p>I think rural areas and their public officials need to be more engaged. People are leaving the city, moving to a township, &amp; the townships are encouraging sprawl because they see it as growth.</p>
Warren Warren Warren	<p>The tension between job development and preservation needs to be identified more clearly.</p> <p>Have more than one speaker for the presentation. A female preferably!</p> <p>Pull of residency should be broken down further to community. I suspect that many participants are in support of these objectives due to their profession or place of residency. Those who reside in outer tiers and made decisions to live there may not likely agree with these objectives. The same will likely be true of legislators who answer to those residents. "Preach to the Choir"</p>

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Warren	<p>Acoustic Improved.</p> <p>Need means to better communicate to wider audience the importance of containing growth and revitalizing existing communities.</p> <p>Specific actions needed to promote vision.</p>
Warren	<p>Need to be more detailed explanation of the various planned, or suggested draft provisions and how and by whom financed before we can intelligently support, and to what degree the various aspects of the program.</p>
Warren	<p>Allow more time for open discussion</p>
Warren	<p>I believe everyone here agree with the overall theme to have continued growth. That could solve a lot of issues and a lot of problems. How do we convenience others of your findings and what specific actions can we take? Along time ago they used to talk about state land use regulations. They don't talk about to that too much anymore. I know there are things such as financial incentives and regulation through legislation. What is next to advance the preferred vision?</p>
Warren	<p>We have a facility their and massive amount of green space, developing sites around their that can be producing high volume jobs, air cargo type material that would ship. Second we need some type of local generated funds to clean brownfields. We have had Clean Ohio, it has worked very effectively everywhere, it has applied here and work but we still have brownfields all over the place. The programs out of Washington, DC is not conducive to it, we are on our own we are going to have to generate the funds locally to clean these brownfields. The neighborhoods around the brownfields aren't neighborhoods of choice because of the brownfields. We need jobs close to homes but if there is no one willing to put an industry because of the lawsuits they face because of the amount of condemned property. Also old neighborhoods need source of funds to restore and renovate places still feasible for use. Allot of this is demolition cases that function obsolete and don not have good value. But the ones that can be saved we need a source of funds for them. Right now these funds are not available and the we need to look at old standard such as Fannie May, Freddy Mack, FHA, HUD, they have eliminated rehabilitation funding for professional rehabbers to take properties bring them back up to code and make good affordable homes for people.</p>
Warren	<p>Seemed to cover most of my concerns</p>
Warren	<p>This is reflective of general ideas and thoughts of the community throughout Northeast Ohio. Our next steps are essential to our sustainability. Continued working together is most important.</p>
Warren	<p>The vision is based on regional meetings and activity on NEOSCC Website – people who agree that sprawl is detrimental to communities and civic society. The folks that disagree did not attend the meetings or visit the website.</p> <p>A good part of our regional economy is involved in the auto industry – the sustainable transportation solution is transit and other than private vehicle methods – This is a problem we need to solve.</p> <p>Fracking? One of the greatest assets this region has is our water – we need to protect this essential asset.</p>

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Warren	<p>-Accessibility to health care.</p> <p>-Quality education in the urban area is a huge issue for our young families, especially.</p> <p>-Transportation issues for the “disenfranchised” were left out in this polling exercise.</p>
Warren	<p>-Quality education in the urban area is a huge issue for our young families, especially.</p> <p>-Transportation issues for the “disenfranchised” were left out in this polling exercise.</p> <p>Too many of the conclusions in these recommendations are based upon questions that have only one real answer or one feel good or low cost answer. This has produced a set of answers that are very one-dimensional. Many other factors are driving the outcomes you predict. A real analysis would require much more systems thinking analysis. Many of the proposed directions have produced very poor results or horrible unintended consequences. Much more is involved and must be considered or we will continue to spend a great amount of money on things that don’t work.</p> <p>You can spend millions on these strategies and unless you fix underlying problems (schools, crime, etc.) and all will result in nothing.</p>
Warren	<p>Tourism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increasing open space is good for parks &amp; recreation.</li> <li>2. Enables more rural opportunity.</li> <li>3. Brings in out of area money.</li> <li>4. Each dollar the state invests in tourism brings \$15.00 in return.</li> <li>5. Each additional day tourists stay in area they’re spending increases by day.</li> <li>6. There are many untapped potentials.</li> </ol>
Warren	<p>Thank you for the vision the opportunity for conversation and the opportunity for collaboration. For a leaner, greener, and cleaner NEO and a vibrant region. Keep the conversation going.</p>
Warren	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add business employment and job opportunities.</li> <li>2. Focus on employable skills in population.</li> </ol> <p>Focus on cleaning and redevelopment of old industrial brown fields.</p>
Warren	<p>We need job training and job site business incubators located in the older concentrated poverty neighborhoods and public housing facilities. These can bring families from chronic dependent poverty to productive living wage employment and quality of life.</p>
Warren	<p>YNG airport should be developed as a job creating industrial and distribution hub with water &amp; sewer &amp; other infrastructure, site preparation, and roadsFocus on light industrial producing high value air cargo and high earning jobs</p>
Warren	<p>We need locally and regionally generated funds to clean and develop legacy industrial brownfields with upgraded infrastructure able to get EPA covenants not to sue</p>

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Warren	We need funds to rehabilitate older housing inventory to bring this up to code and move-in. Ready by professional rehab-investors. These funds are not available from HUD, FHA, Banks, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, etc.
Youngstown	These vision sessions that are open to the public, when you have someone that maybe irrational or concerned, why won't would you not want to comfort them with more information about the details rather than laugh at them.
Youngstown	Food
Youngstown	I feel as though there was some redundancy throughout the presentation
Youngstown	A study guide prior to your workshops and open houses
Youngstown	Did not know this meeting began at 6:30 pm and went to 8:00 pm. Thought it was a drop in like the previous meeting I attended. Also it took 10 minutes to find the room.
Youngstown	I was listen very carefully tonight to the presentation, early on it said it's up to us. Well that's actually what we didn't hear tonight. All these groups that they have only have about 25 voters. You're also representing to their satisfaction the whole Mahoning County, so thanks to the 25 people that are hear and thousands of people of Mahoning County who didn't come out. You have to listen to when they talk about the open space. Open space is a very big word, one of the maps they showed around the confined spaces that people will be allowed to live, and all have those little dots around them. Which mean they are high risk investment areas, that means they are going to further consolidate all utilizes just too small spaces for a lot of people. They also said the compact housing. What do you guys think about compact housing? That means that is where everyone is going to live. This open space will be controlled from anyone living on those and the utilities will only be in those confined spaces. Out in the rural areas they are going to let the roads and infrastructure break down because no one is going to be out there. You want transportation, from Warren to Youngstown we have transportation and 74 people average everyday goes from Warren to Youngstown on the bus. Zero of those people go to work. Going the other way from Youngstown to Warren average less than 7 people. They showing transportation going from Mahoning Valley to Akron. How many of you need to go to Akron, everyday? This new system doesn't accommodate travel.
Youngstown	She mentioned something about compact housing and you said about 7 units per acre. All these people living in compact housing, how far do they have to walk or bike to the store, job? There not going to be a train that is going to go to each of their house or how far will they have to go to the mall if there would be a mall. How far do people have to travel to leave their compact house? Do they have to walk, bike, or get into their garage, or go where people want to go.
Youngstown	I think that the dangers of shale gas fracking should not be omitted from the vision. It is a real and dangerous threat to the soil, water, air, and public health.
Youngstown	I am currently building a handicap facility for people to garden themselves. I would like to see public transportation more accessible, more routes. I use public transportation daily; I don't understand we can't put bike racks on the front of buses.
Youngstown	I have removed blight form 7 vacant lots and I provided free produce in the inner city, we need help building a safe place for our elderly and disabled to come
Youngstown	Rework? Abandon Buildings
Youngstown	Passenger Rail connecting Pittsburgh to Cleveland via Youngstown/Warren. Public policy/program recommendation. Funding/policies that encourage fix it first and disincentives sprawl.
Youngstown	To hear more about job growth
Youngstown	Don't construct so many new buildings. Reduce construction of new building, homes, factories.