

Excerpt of Resolution in Support of MetroGIS

On February 8, 1996, the Metropolitan Council unanimously adopted the following statement of its role in the creation of MetroGIS. This statement is exactly as accepted by the MetroGIS Coordinating Committee: (The Policy Board had not yet been created.)

"The Metropolitan Council accepts a leadership role to create a metro-wide GIS; an entity through which widespread sharing and exchange of GIS datasets and technology can become a reality among public agencies and private-sector organizations within the seven-county metropolitan area.

'Leadership' is defined as the following activities:

- Finance, coordinate, and support the strategic planning and decision making processes.
- Develop and maintain regional datasets (e.g., land use, census geography / TAZ, road centerline and census address range, soils, imagery, administrative boundaries).
- Provide support (staff and/or equipment) to the Coordinating Committee and to the strategic issues teams.
- Finance and support communication with stakeholders (activity status and opportunities to participate).
- Selectively design, finance, coordinate, and staff projects that address local GIS and MetroGIS program needs.
- Facilitate the execution of data / cost sharing agreements among stakeholders.
- Participate financially in a fair share of the long-term maintenance of the MetroGIS.
- Any other activities consistent with the strategic plan and acceptable to all affected."