

MetroGIS Mission Statement

(Adopted February 1996)

“Provide an ongoing, stakeholder governed, metro-wide mechanism through which participants easily and equitably share geographically referenced data that are accurate, current, secure, of common benefit and readily usable.”

2003 Major Deliverables and Short-Term Outcomes

No ranking implied....

- There is broad awareness of MetroGIS’s objectives and services among all factions of its core stakeholder community.
- MetroGIS DataFinder (www.datafinder.org) is used by an increasing number of organizations for discovery and delivery of an increasing amount of geodata in the form needed and is providing an efficient, secure distribution mechanism for an increasing number of producers.
- Regional data solutions for common information needs are increasingly viewed as valuable assets for decision support and are increasingly valued for reducing time needed to use data once acquired.
- Performance measures reporting is helping document the benefits of MetroGIS and is helping the leadership identify modifications to procedures and programs necessary to ensure MetroGIS’s activities continue to effectively address the common geodata needs of its stakeholders.
- MetroGIS’s regional dataset philosophy is integrated into statewide geodata policy and associated federal initiatives, in particular with respect to achieving interoperability with data for the “collar counties”.
- The roles and responsibilities necessary to accomplish MetroGIS’s functions are increasingly integrated into the day-to-day business functions of its stakeholder organizations.
- MetroGIS continues to be recognized as a national leader in the evolution of techniques to sustain a robust geodata collaborative and refine the practices necessary to achieve the vision of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure.
- The organizational structure effectively balances participant time commitments yet achieves a work program consistent with the desires of the MetroGIS community.
- User groups are operational in each county, fostering information and technology sharing and resolving technical and organizational obstacles to widespread data sharing among MetroGIS stakeholder organizations.
- Counties, and other producers of geospatial data, are increasingly sharing their geospatial data with other government beyond the terms established in formal GIS Data and Cost Sharing Agreements.
- Increasing numbers of local government units are using GIS technology to support decision-making.
- Alliances with state and national geodata initiatives are creating bridges to improve data quality and accessibility to data commonly used by the MetroGIS community.
- MetroGIS’s general website (www.metrogis.org) is increasingly used as a communication tool (information dissemination and feedback) by MetroGIS’s stakeholders.

2003 Major Deliverables:

- Regional data solutions are implemented for six more of the thirteen initial priority business information needs of the MetroGIS community, bringing the total to eleven. Land regulations and rights to property are the only exceptions. Significant progress has been made to implement a regional solution for the first second-generation common information need - Emergency Management Preparedness. Desired enhancements to the regional parcel and street centerline datasets are identified and strategies are in place to achieve them.
- A collaborative means is in place for the seven metro counties to collaboratively distribute parcel data to non-government interests using a common set of procedures and a centralized method to receive data requests.
- 3rd Generation Data Sharing Agreements are secured with each of the seven metro area counties.
- A strategy is identified for addressing common geodata application needs.

**The Policy Board recognized that these objectives may need to be modified if funding is cut in response to the state’s projected budget shortfall which will also significantly impact the Metropolitan Council’s resources.