

Metro Indicators

Metros Concentrate Economic Activity*

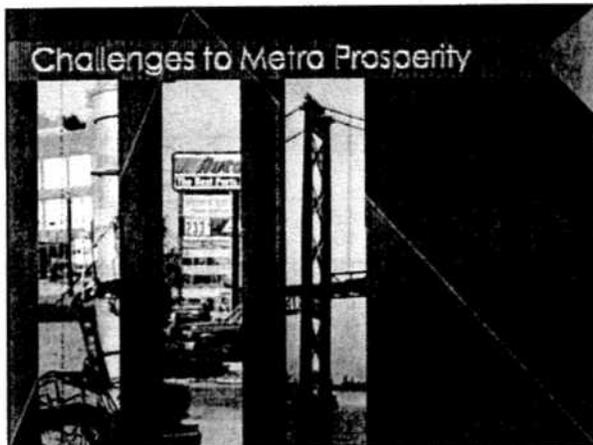
Detroit-Warren-Livonia + Grand Rapids + Lansing
55.5% Pop 60.6% Jobs 66.3% GDP

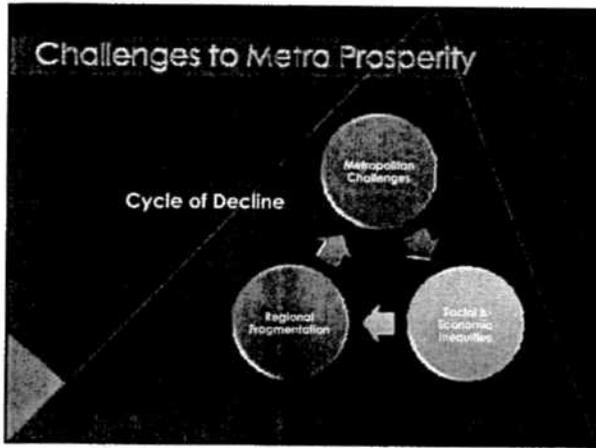
Cities and Suburbs Create Positive Feedback Loops**

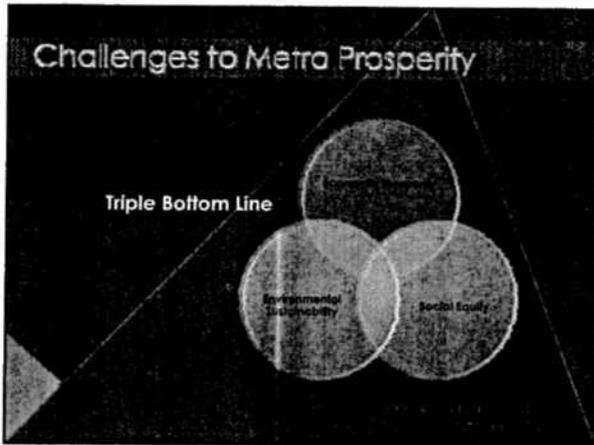
Investments in cities or suburbs have ripple effects across the region of 15-25%



* Brookings Institution, 2008
** CTRs for Cities, 2001









Recommendations for Progress

Principles for Crafting Metro Supportive Policies

- Flexibility as to the scope and scale of the collaboration is essential – one size will not fit any.
- Systems should reflexively reward collaboration that enhances service delivery; barriers should be eliminated.
- Form should follow function: some government roles are inherently local, others intractably intergovernmental, and yet others scalable to need or service area.
- Priority should be placed on policies that leverage existing programs to improve our statewide competitiveness for federal funding and improve the triple bottom line.

Recommendations for Progress

Invest in Solutions to Key Metropolitan Challenges

- Continue and enhance the strategic investment in infrastructure maintenance through extended asset management programs
- Authorize regional revenue sharing of a diverse array of financing options
- Support an infrastructure for innovation by building on key industrial sectors
- Reprioritize the transportation system to support comprehensive mass transit solutions

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Reduce Fragmentation with Tools for Collaboration

- Require multi-jurisdictional cooperation on infrastructure through regional management systems
- Create significant financial incentives for cooperation on service delivery
- Amend economic development tax programs to reduce competition between communities
- Stabilize Michigan's cities so every citizen has access to catalyze high-impact cyclic investments

Recommendations for Progress

Transform an Insular Culture to Inclusion and Equity

- Ensure personal prosperity by providing housing, health care and education
- Proactively support strategies to reduce racial barriers between our communities
- Strategically engage young professionals in establishing regional priorities

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