Economic Development Requires a Multifaceted Approach

- Think about people
- Think about regional connections
- Think about land use

Then bring it all together!
The lower educational attainment levels of today’s workforce of residents (aged 25+) is a **short-term** risk for economic growth and resiliency. Workers without at least some college experience were significantly more likely to lose their job during the recent recession and continue to disproportionately struggle today.
Think About Regional Connections

• Only an estimated 40-45% of jobs in our Region are accessible to zero car households within 90 minutes by transit


• Our most impoverished neighborhoods are the ones in which transit connectivity—especially to the suburbs—remains marginal

• Job growth over the past decade occurred mostly in the suburbs—who can get to those jobs?
Think about Regional Connections
Think about Land Use

The issue of **density** – specifically the types of land uses that allow for people and jobs to be located near each other – needs to be closely considered in this Region. Especially as people cite an interest in living near where they work and recreate.

**Percent Undeveloped Land**

- Anoka: 40%
- Carver: 22%
- Dakota: 16%
- Hennepin: 18%
- Scott: 28%
- Washington: 34%
- Ramsey: 9%

8,599 acres

**Percent Institutional Land**

- Anoka: 1%
- Carver: 1%
- Dakota: 2%
- Hennepin: 4%
- Scott: 1%
- Washington: 2%
- Ramsey: 6%

6,304 acres

*Metropolitan Council 2010 Land Use Inventory*
Tying it All Together

• How do we put residents and businesses at the center of all we do as a County?

• Creation of a Service Team (Economic Growth and Community Investment) that brings together:
  • Workforce, Economic and Infrastructure Development

• New model many counties across the country are watching. We see huge opportunity!