



The Policy Circle's Framework for Discussing Policy

GOALS & VISION

What "lens of care" are each stakeholder wearing when thinking about the vision and goals of the initiative/issue?

What data are we relying on?

How do we evaluate data?

Are all voices directly present?
(vs only interest groups)

ROLES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

What values and principles are at play?

What Laws and Regulations need be taken into consideration?

What are the opportunities for individual community members to be directly involved?

Are there contradictions?

INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

What is the role of current technology in this issue?

What is the impact and direction of Future technology?

What about infrastructure?

Are we embracing technology?

KEY MEASURES

How do we define and measure success?

How do we measure failure?

What are unintended consequences based on human behavior?

How will the initiative be remediated or sunset-ed?

COST / BENEFIT

What is the cost of development?

What is the cost of implementation

What is the cost of ongoing support?

Who will pay?
Is it viable long term?

Identify: Who are the Stakeholders?

- Families - Elderly - People with different abilities
- Lower Income - Middle Income - High Income
- Large Businesses & Associations - Small Independent Businesses - Ecommerce
- Civic Institutions - Local/State/Fed Government

Key HOW and WHAT Questions

- Who are the **stakeholders**? Who is this impacting in the community?
- What are the **primary goals and vision**?
- What **data** should we relying on?
- What **values** are central to this issue?
- What is the role of the **community, individuals, businesses, non-profit, local government**?
- What does **success** look like?
- How is **failure** measured?
- What **technology/innovation** may impact this?
- What are the **cost of development**?
- What are the **cost of implementation**?
- What are the **ongoing cost**?
- What is **already being done** about this?
- Are there **good success models** to build on?