



SALES TAX PROPOSAL

Saint Paul is a growing Capital City home to more than 300,000 residents and several Fortune 500 companies, health care organizations, and employers of all sectors. The downtown core has world-class entertainment venues like the Science Museum of Minnesota, CHS Field, Xcel Energy Center, and the Ordway, Palace, and Roy Wilkins theaters. And the parks and recreation amenities are the second-best in the nation, according to the Trust for Public Land.

What will the sale tax fund?

Street improvements (proposed allocation \$738 million)

- Currently, Saint Paul streets are on a 124-year reconstruction cycle, more than double the average age of a functional road. The city-owned arterial and collector network has a current pavement condition rating of 49 (“fair to poor”). At current funding levels, the pavement condition is expected to drop from 49 to 29 (“very poor” condition) within the next 20 years.
- The revenue collected would fund road improvement and reconstruction projects throughout the city, including 24 arterial and collector roads—including some bridges—over 44 miles in each of the seven wards. The arterial and collector street system’s pavement condition will increase to an average of 70 (“satisfactory” condition), which is an industry standard.

Park and recreation center improvements (proposed allocation \$246 million)

- The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department has over \$600 million in assets and a current deferred maintenance backlog of more than \$100 million, including \$60 million in critical or urgent status, and \$40 million set to reach critical or urgent status within the next five years.
- The revenue collected would fund revitalization of aging parks infrastructure, focusing on the worst-condition parks, community centers, trails, connections, and athletic facilities. Revenue would also fund a multipurpose community center on the city’s East Side, a multi-sport/multi-use athletic complex, an environmental learning space and National Park Service headquarters at Crosby Farm Regional Park, and a 1.5-mile River Balcony promenade along the downtown bluff.



Comprehensive improvements to Saint Paul’s regionally significant roads and nationally acclaimed parks and recreation facilities are estimated to cost \$1 billion over the next 20 years. To secure funding for estimated costs, the City of Saint Paul is proposing a 1% increase in the local sales tax.



Learn more about the sales tax proposal at stpaul.gov/salestax.

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What's on the ballot?

A sales tax is proposed to address the safety and longevity of Saint Paul's transportation infrastructure and parks and recreation facilities. If approved by Saint Paul voters, funding from a local sales tax would provide \$738 million for street improvements and \$246 million for parks and recreation facilities improvements. (The proposed sales tax would not include food, clothing, and other essential items.)

BALLOT LANGUAGE



Should the City of Saint Paul establish a one percent (1%) sales and use tax over the next 20 years to generate \$738,000,000 to repair and improve streets and bridges, \$246,000,000 to improve parks and recreation facilities, and associated bonding costs?

A vote YES means repairs and improvements to streets, bridges, parks, and recreation facilities would be funded through a new one percent (1%) sales and use tax.

A vote NO means repairs and improvements to streets, bridges, parks, and recreation facilities would not be funded through a new one percent (1%) sales and use tax.



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City Sales Tax Comparison: A night out in downtown...

BASE COST



Beer: \$6



Dinner: \$50



Ticket: \$125



Hotel: \$200



Saint Paul

Item	Tax Rate	Price
\$6 Beer	12.375%	\$6.74
\$50 Dinner	9.875%	\$54.94
\$125 Ticket	9.875%	\$137.34
\$200 Hotel	16.875%	\$233.75
Total Cost		\$432.77



Minneapolis

Item	Tax Rate	Price
\$6 Beer	14.525%	\$6.87
\$50 Dinner	12.025%	\$56.01
\$125 Ticket	12.025%	\$140.03
\$200 Hotel	15.025%	\$230.05
Total Cost		\$432.97



Bloomington

Item	Tax Rate	Price
\$6 Beer	14.525%	\$6.87
\$50 Dinner	9.025%	\$54.51
\$125 Ticket	12.025%	\$140.03
\$200 Hotel	16.025%	\$232.05
Total Cost		\$433.47

Please note: This is not a complete picture of the tax impact on local purchases. Other cities also have local liquor, lodging, food and beverage, admission, and entertainment taxes. The tax rate for Saint Paul and Bloomington reflects the proposed sales tax rate if passed by voters in each municipality in November 2023.