



VISION, GOALS, & DESIRED OUTCOMES

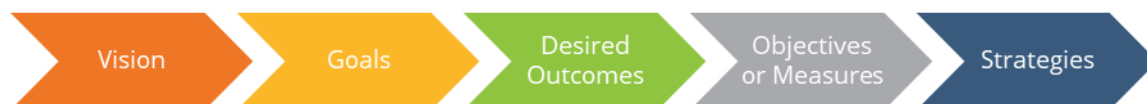
This document presents Saint Paul’s Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan vision, goals, and desired outcomes. The following definitions may be helpful to bear in mind:

- **A vision statement** is future-based and is meant to inspire and give direction. It describes the anticipated long-term results of the Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan and conveys the purpose of this planning effort.
- **Goals** articulate what Downtown Saint Paul wants to achieve. Goals are lofty and ambitious and may take years to reach.
- **Desired outcomes** are statements that make goals more concrete. They describe the specific changes we hope to see in service of achieving the goals.

Once the draft goals and desired outcomes are finalized, the project team will develop objectives (or performance targets) and strategies that articulate the specific investments needed to advance toward the desired outcomes and goals. As we look ahead:

- **Objectives** are specific, measurable, and actionable, and they help to define progress. For the Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan, we’ll consider our objectives to be synonymous with performance measures and targets.
- **Strategies** are the approaches the City of Saint Paul and its partners will take to achieve the Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan goals. Strategies will ultimately form the bulk of the Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan and will include project, program, and policy recommendations.

These five elements flow from and into one another and are central to the final plan:



The project team developed the vision, goals, and desired outcomes based on these sources:

- Review of past and current Saint Paul plans and policies, including the recently completed Downtown Investment Strategy and Climate Action & Resilience Plan.
- Discussions with City staff and their agency partners, including the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Community feedback on transportation priorities received in this process and in prior planning processes

Vision Statement

The Saint Paul Downtown Streets and Sidewalk Plan will establish a transportation network that is safe, convenient, and vibrant. The public realm and transportation network together facilitate downtown becoming a renewed center of energy in the region that safely connects diverse businesses, residents, and visitors throughout the year. To be resilient to land use and travel pattern changes, the streets and sidewalks prioritize an enhanced pedestrian experience and reduce automobile dependency. The Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan will articulate a pathway to implementation of this vision.

Draft Goals and Desired Outcomes

Safe and Comfortable: Create a transportation network that facilitates safe and comfortable trips, especially for the city's most vulnerable travelers

- Eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries
- Improve safety and comfort for people walking and biking
- Improve the experience of people taking transit
- Improve safety for motorists with safe travel speeds
- Improve sense of personal safety downtown
- Create more opportunities for organic “eyes on the street”

Connected and Convenient: Create a transportation network with easy-to-use and reliable travel options

- Improve non-auto access to and from Downtown residences, businesses, and commercial areas
- Improve non-auto access to and from Downtown jobs
- Expand access to all modes of travel
- Eliminate gaps in the street, trail/greenway, and sidewalk networks
- Ensure access to existing and planned high-quality and high-frequency transit service
- Organize and prioritize curb space for efficient pick-up and drop-off and loading and unloading
- Balance the needs of the curb between high-priority commercial uses, multimodal community access, and personal vehicular parking

- Address barriers to key destinations such as the Mississippi River and the Capitol
- Improve reliability of the transportation system during events

Equitable and Accessible: Create a transportation network with mobility options for all

- Contribute to equitable opportunities and outcomes for all people
- Balance the mobility and street use needs in the public realm
- Increase affordability and attractiveness of non-driving transportation options
- Increase the percentage of the transportation network that is fully accessible on a daily basis and during winter weather events in Downtown Saint Paul
- Engage with vulnerable populations and prioritize improvements to areas that have been adversely impacted by past transportation decisions

Vibrant and Inviting: Create a public realm that makes it attractive to do business in and spend time around downtown

- Use infrastructure to highlight and enhance the nearby features, institutions, attractions, and/or places.
- Enhance community gathering places with high-quality non-motorized transportation and pedestrian infrastructure and amenities
- Enable equitable participation in events and gatherings with redundancy in access
- Dynamically manage the right-of-way to facilitate events and community needs
- Increase the number of Saint Paul residents and visitors connecting with the Mississippi River
- Design the rights-of-way for expansive adjacent sidewalk dimensions to support increased activation, vibrancy, and commerce in the public spaces between buildings and the street

Sustainable and Resilient: Create a transportation network that is adaptable to change, sustainably managed, and makes low-emissions travel a legitimate choice

- Improve climate resilience and adaptability of transportation infrastructure and maintenance
- Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduce single-occupant vehicle trips by 40% by 2040
- Increase the number of trips, especially those less than 3 miles, made by sustainable modes
- Improve system resilience to severe weather incidents