

## Appendix A: Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan Survey Questions as asked in March & April 2025

### *Project Description and Purpose*

The City of Saint Paul is looking to improve connectivity and support growth in Downtown Saint Paul. Your input is essential in shaping the future of downtown's streets and sidewalks. Please take some time to share your thoughts on transportation and mobility in Downtown Saint Paul.

### *Tell us about your relationship with Downtown Saint Paul Streets*

1. What is your primary **connection** to Downtown Saint Paul? (Select all that apply)
  - a. I live downtown
  - b. I work downtown
  - c. I visit downtown
  - d. I go to school in downtown
  - e. I commute or travel through downtown
  - f. I own or manage a business downtown
  - g. I have another connection to Downtown, which is (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. I don't have a connection to Downtown
  
2. Tell us **why you spend time in or come to** Downtown Saint Paul? (Select all that apply)
  - a. I live downtown
  - b. I work downtown
  - c. To take a class or go to school
  - d. To eat or dine downtown
  - e. Shopping in the area, including the Farmer's Market
  - f. Attend a sporting event (e.g. at CHS Field or Xcel Energy Center)
  - g. Go to a museum (e.g. Museum of American Art, Children's Museum, Science Museum, History Museum, etc)
  - h. Attend an entertainment event (e.g. Music in Mears, Train Days at Union Depot, Yacht Club Festival, etc.)
  - i. For fitness and outdoor recreation
  - j. Completing city/civic/government needs (e.g. getting a building permit or birth certificate, etc.)
  - k. Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. How do you typically **travel to or from** downtown? (Select all that apply)
  - a. I walk/roll
  - b. I bike
  - c. I take the bus
  - d. I take the METRO Green Line
  - e. I use a shared scooter or bike
  - f. I drive
  - g. I carpool

- h. Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_
4. How do you typically travel **within** downtown? (Select all that apply)
- a. I walk/roll
  - b. I bike
  - c. I take the bus
  - d. I take the METRO Green Line
  - e. I use a shared scooter or bike
  - f. I drive
  - g. I carpool
  - h. Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

### *Tell us about your experience on Downtown Saint Paul Streets Today*

4. How would you rate your **experience walking or rolling in downtown?** (Not Applicable, 1 = Very Poor, 5 = Excellent)
- 4a. Why did you rate it that way? (open ended question)
5. How would you rate your **experience biking in downtown?** (Not Applicable, 1 = Very Poor, 5 = Excellent)
- 5a. Why did you rate it that way? (open ended question)
6. How would you rate your **experience taking transit in downtown?** (Not Applicable, 1 = Very Poor, 5 = Excellent)
- 6a. Why did you rate it that way? (open ended question)
7. How would you rate your **experience driving in downtown?** (Not Applicable, 1 = Not convenient, 5 = Very convenient)
- 7a. Why did you rate it that way? (open ended question)
8. How would you rate your **experience parking a car in downtown?** (Not Applicable, 1 = Not convenient, 5 = Very convenient)
- 8a. Why did you rate it that way? (open ended question)
9. How would you rate your ease of knowing how to get to your destination(s) downtown? (Not Applicable, 1 = Not convenient, 5 = Very convenient)
- 9a. Why did you rate it that way? (open ended question)

10. How would you rate your overall **experience** of the downtown streets and sidewalks today? (1 = Not good, 5 =Excellent)
- 10a. What changes would improve your answer?

### *Help Us Understand your vision for the future of Downtown Saint Paul Streets*

9. In 20 years, **how do you want the streets in Downtown Saint Paul to be described**.  
Fill in the blank using up to three words:
- a. Downtown Saint Paul streets are \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill in the blank)

Text Box: The Saint Paul Downtown Streets and Sidewalk Plan will develop a vision for the transportation network. The current working vision is that the network will be safe, convenient, and vibrant. The network facilitates downtown becoming a renewed center of energy in the region that connects diverse businesses, residents, and visitors throughout the year. To be resilient to land use and travel pattern changes, the network focuses on connecting people safely and comfortably, prioritizes the pedestrian experience and how people feel on the street, and reduces automobile dependency.

How do you feel about this vision? What would you change about this vision? What is your vision for downtown streets and sidewalks? (open ended)

10. When you think about traveling to or around downtown Saint Paul, how important are each of these criteria? (1 = Not important; 5 = Very important)
- a. **Safe and Comfortable** - Create a transportation network that facilitates safe and comfortable trips, especially for the city's most vulnerable travelers
    - i. How **safe and comfortable** do you find the downtown streets and sidewalks to be today? (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely comfortable)
    - ii. 10b. What would make it more **safe and comfortable**? (open ended)
  - b. **Connected and Convenient** - Create a transportation network with easy-to-use and reliable travel options
    - i. How **connected and convenient** do you find the downtown streets and sidewalks to be? (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely)
    - ii. What would make it more connected and convenient? (open ended)
  - c. **Equitable and Accessible** - Create a transportation network with mobility options for all
    - i. How **equitable and accessible** do you find the downtown streets and sidewalks to be? (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely)
    - ii. What would make it more equitable and accessible? (open ended)

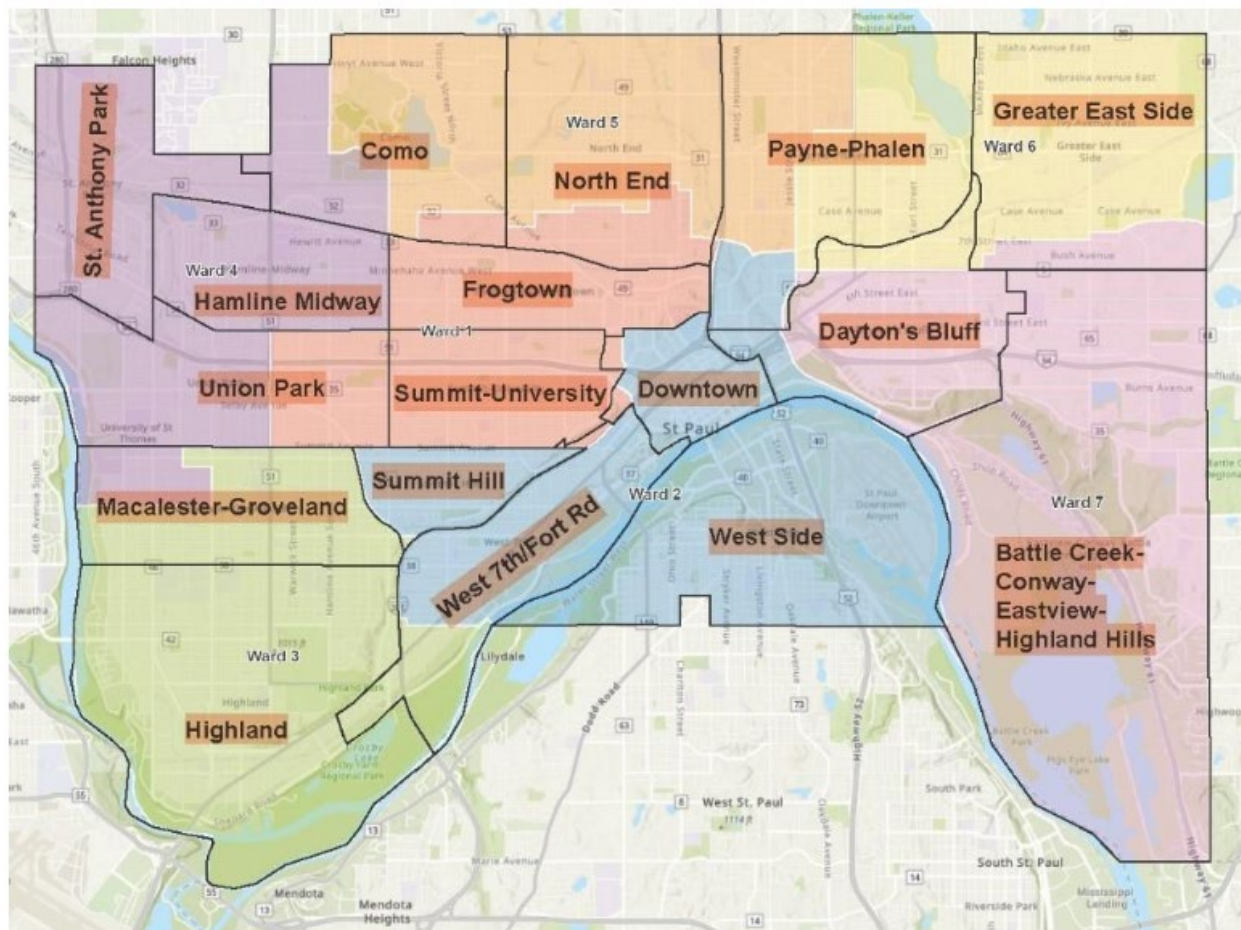
- d. **Vibrant and Inviting** - Create a public realm that makes it attractive to do business in and spend time around downtown
  - i. How **vibrant and exciting** do you find the downtown streets and sidewalks to be? (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely)
  - ii. What would make it more vibrant and exciting? (open ended)
- e. **Sustainable and Resilient** - Create a transportation network that is adaptable to change, sustainably managed, and makes low-emissions travel a legitimate choice
  - i. How **sustainable and resilient** do you find the downtown streets and sidewalks to be? (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely)
  - ii. What would make it more sustainable and resilient? (open ended)

### *Anything Else?*

- 11. What are the biggest **opportunities** for streets in downtown Saint Paul in the future?  
(Open-ended)
- 12. Any additional comments or suggestions? (Open-ended)

### *Demographics*

The following questions are intended to give us a better idea of who is responding to this survey.



Based on the map above, which neighborhood do you live in? (select one, include a “Do Not Live in Saint Paul” option)

I am this old:

Under 18; 18-27; 28-43; 44-60; 61-80; Over 80

How do you identify your race/ethnicity? **(Select all that apply)**

- American Indian, Native American, or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- Hmong American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer to self describe:
- Prefer not to answer

What languages are spoken at your home? **(Select all that apply)**

- English
- Hmong
- Karen
- Spanish
- Somali
- Other:

Do you identify as someone with a disability? Yes/No/Prefer Not to Answer

I identify with these pronouns:

- She/her/hers
- He/Him/his
- They/Them
- Self describe: (open ended)
- Prefer not to answer

Having children or dependents changes your travel options. Do you have any children under the age of eighteen (18) that currently live in your household at least half of the time? Yes/No

**Closing statement for survey:**

Thank you for sharing your input! Your feedback will help guide the development of a transportation network that works for all people, no matter how they travel. Stay informed about project updates at [Downtown Streets and Sidewalks Plan Project Website](#).