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SAINT PAUL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040

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A little bit about the Plan

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- A vision or “blueprint” for guiding future development through 2040
- Focus on the built environment of land, streets, buildings and infrastructure
- Recognizes Saint Paul’s history and talks about emerging trends
- Foundation for responding to trends and guiding change anticipated in the coming years
- Plan policies reflect a concern for the social and economic well-being of those who live and work in Saint Paul

CHAPTERS OF THE PLAN

- Transportation
- Land Use
- Housing
- Parks and Recreation
- Water Resources
- Historic Preservation

HOW IS THE COMP PLAN USED?

1. **Inform zoning decisions - zoning actions must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan**
 - Is a parcel requested for rezoning from B3 to T3 located along a transit-corridor or at a Neighborhood Node identified for strategic, higher-density, transit-oriented development? (LU-1, LU-26)
2. **Guide the expenditure of public funds (capital improvement budget, tax increment financing, STAR, etc.)**
 - Will a proposed park improvement lead to more equitable access to City parks?
3. **Guide private investment – Comp Plan establishes priorities for where the City wants development to occur, consistent with public investments in housing, transportation, parks**
 - High-density multi-family construction should be concentrated at Neighborhood Nodes. (LU-26)
4. **Secure other public funding (grants, etc.) – projects must be consistent with the Comp Plan**
 - A freeway “lid” will lessen the impact of interstate highways on adjacent neighborhoods. (T-34)

- Every 10 years, Saint Paul is required by State statute, and directed by the Metropolitan Council, to update its Comprehensive Plan.
 - Accommodate projected growth from 2014 to 2040:
 - 12% increase in population
 - 19% increase in households
 - 23% increase in employment
 - Use regional systems efficiently
- It's our chance to focus on Saint Paul's land, streets, buildings, and the infrastructure that supports them. How do we want Saint Paul to look and work in the future?
- We want to do it!

GENERAL GOALS FOR 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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- **Clear and concise language**
- **Policies, not work items**
- **Shorter, more user-friendly**
- **Interactive, more nimble, more accessible**

MAJOR TRENDS AFFECTING HOW WE PLAN

- **Rising energy costs and climate change**
- **Aging housing stock and infrastructure**
- **Constrained financial resources to pay for City services**
- **Changing demographics**
 - **More diverse population**
 - **Aging population**
 - **Education and income gaps**

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

- **Equity** – reducing racial disparities in jobs, income, home ownership
- **Growth & density** – infill development, resistance to density in fully- developed neighborhoods
- **Economic development** – increased focus on creating jobs
- **Large redevelopment sites** – Ford, Snelling-Midway (soccer), West Side Flats
- **Climate change** – resiliency and reducing carbon footprint
- **Designing a city for all ages** – especially aging baby boomers
- **Fostering the next generation** – future labor force
- **New technologies** – impact on development patterns

- **Planning Commission Comprehensive Planning Committee providing oversight and coordination**
- **City staff working group for each chapter**
 - Land Use – Anton Jerve
 - Transportation – Bill Dermody
 - Parks and Open Space – Mike Richardson
 - Housing – Jamie Radel
 - Water Resources – Josh Williams
 - Historic Preservation – Jake Reilly
- **Issues embedded throughout – sustainability, urban design, economic development, racial and social equity, aging in community, community/public health**

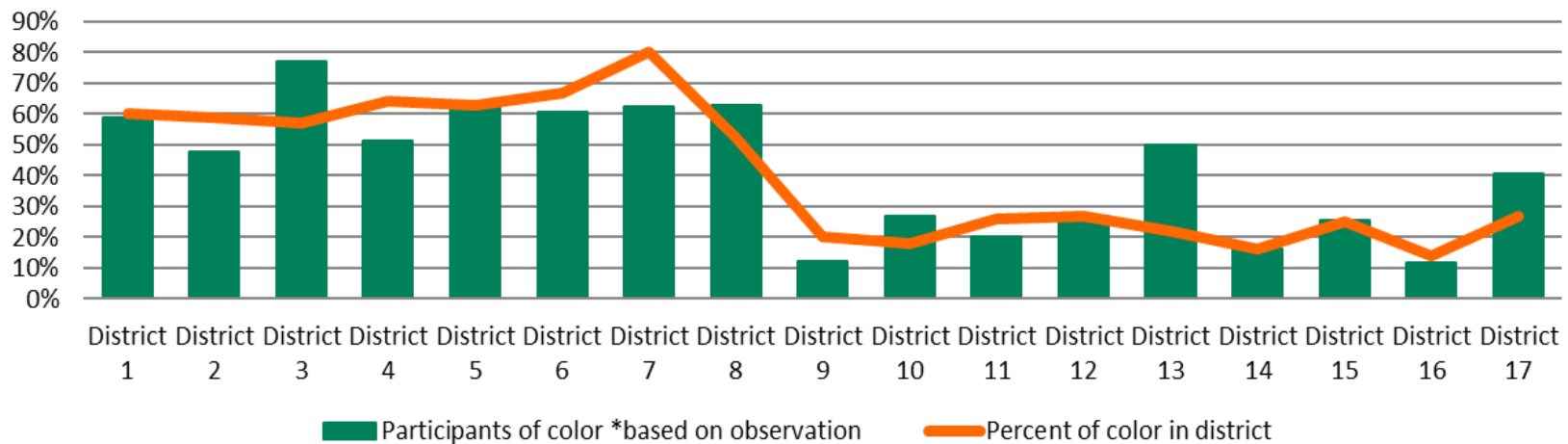
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ Meetings with district councils, community-based organizations, etc.
- ✓ Community events – Safe Summer Nights, National Night Out, Frogtown Farm, etc.
- ✓ Pop-up meetings
- ✓ Focus groups with key stakeholders on embedded issues, including experts, advocates, passionate citizens, small business owners
- ✓ Key informant interviews – appointed and elected officials, major business leaders (Ecolab, Securian)
- ✓ Radio – WEQY, KMOJ
- ✓ Social media - Open Saint Paul, Facebook, Twitter
- ✓ General community meetings at key points in the process

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO-DATE

- 2200+ people
- 67 events
- Good representation across the city
- Age, race diversity reflective of city-wide demographics

Racial Composition of Participants



WHAT WE HEARD

Themes and Priorities

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- **Livability, equity and sustainability**
- **Parks and open space**
- **Sense of community**
- **Public safety**
- **Road safety for pedestrians and bicycles**
- **Invest in people**
- **Jobs**
- **Quality affordable housing**
- **Saint Paul is full of opportunity sites**

DRAFTING PROCESS



Issue
Identification

- Public priorities and issues
- Staff , Comp Planning Committee, Transportation Committee, HPC, Parks Commission
- City Council/Planning Commission/other org issues
- Current Comp Plan



Draft Chapter

- Implementation focus
- Usability
- Research guidance
- Staff Team review



Review &
Revise

- Transportation Committee
- HPC
- Parks Comm.
- Comp Planning Committee review

TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER GOALS

- Investment that reflects the City's priorities
- Safety and accessibility for all users
- A transportation system that supports employment and access to jobs
- True transportation choice city-wide – shift from SOV to multi-modal
- Sustainable and equitable maintenance models
- Environmentally sustainable design
- Functional and attractive parkways
- A system that shapes and responds to technology

- **Bold step forward: establish clear priorities for transportation system improvements**

Project selection:

- **Safety and equity benefits**
- **Support of quality jobs**
- **Maintenance**

Design:

- **Pedestrians and bicyclists first**

- **Public priorities emphasized throughout chapter:**

- **Safety**
- **Well-maintained infrastructure**
- **Improved multi-modal options**

LAND USE CHAPTER GOALS

- Focused growth around transit
- Neighborhood nodes that support daily needs within walking distance
- Equitably-distributed community amenities, access to employment and housing choice
- Strong connections to the Mississippi River, parks and trails
- Infrastructure for all ages and abilities
- Efficient and adaptable land use and development patterns and processes
- Quality jobs and livable wages
- People-centered urban design

LAND USE CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Priorities**

- **Focused growth around transit – continued from 2030 Plan**
- **Equity – new to 2040 Plan**
- **Access to the Mississippi River – greater emphasis**
- **Neighborhood amenities within walking distance – public mandate**

- **Organization**

- **Arranged by land use categories – improve usability**
- **Modified land use categories from current Comp Plan**

UPCOMING 2017 CPC/NPC COMMITTEE REVIEW DATES

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September 5

Housing Introduction

September 19

Housing

October 3

Housing, Parks Introduction

October 17

Parks and Open Space

October 31

**Parks and Open Space, Water
Introduction**

November 14

Water Resources

November 28

**Water Resources, Historic
Preservation Introduction**

December 12

Historic Preservation

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When will the Plan be finished?

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- **Summer - December 2016: Meetings with neighborhood and community groups to gather ideas and information about what the Plan could say**
- **2017: Writing the Plan and feedback from community, Planning Commission and City Council**
- **2018: Community-wide review of the Plan prior to adoption by the Saint Paul City Council**
 - **Open house meetings to present the Plan and receive comments**
 - **Opportunities to review and comment on the Plan on-line**
 - **Public hearing and adoption**
 - **Review by adjacent cities and overlapping jurisdictions**
 - **December 2018 - submit City-adopted Plan to Metropolitan Council**