

Saint Paul For All

2040 Comprehensive Plan

Focus: Aging in Community



AGING IN COMMUNITY means that residents can stay in their community as they age. The entire community – not just a house or neighborhood – becomes a resource for health and activity. When people “age in community,” they continue to use the resources of their community – housing, transportation, services, shopping, health care, recreation – to stay active, healthy and engaged.

Draft Policy	Chapter	Policy #
Continue to strengthen Downtown as a residential neighborhood that provides services and amenities for people of all ages.	Land Use	LU-24
Implement intersection safety improvements such as traffic signal confirmation lights, pedestrian countdown timers, and leading pedestrian signal intervals. Reduce pedestrian roadway exposure via median refuge islands, curb extensions and narrowed travel lanes.	Transportation	T-7
Design the rights-of-way for all users, including older people, children and those with mobility constraints, as guided by the Street Design Manual and Safe Routes to School Plans, and by thoughtfully addressing streetscape issues such as curb cut design, level sidewalks, lighting, accessibility to/from bus stops, and the presence of benches and buffers between sidewalks and streets.	Transportation	T-9
Reduce barriers to Parks and Recreation facilities and programming, including those caused by financial, physical, language and perception issues.	Parks and Recreation	PR-2
Prioritize safety and equity when filling gaps in the trail and bikeway system to ensure seamless connections throughout the city for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities.	Parks and Recreation	PR-34
Encourage the use of universal design elements to make housing accessible for all residents.	Housing	H-9
Explore expanding permitted housing types in Urban Neighborhoods (as defined in the Land Use Chapter) to include duplexes, triplexes, town homes, small-scale multifamily and accessory dwelling units to allow for neighborhood-scale density increases, broadened housing choices and intergenerational living.	Housing	H-48
Support alternative household types, such as co-housing, intergenerational housing, intentional communities or other shared-living models that allow residents to “age in community.”	Housing	H-54
Support housing for older people that is proximate to transit.	Housing	H-55

