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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 the infrastructure that supports them
- Recognizes Saint Paul’s history and talks about emerging trends
- Foundation for responding to trends and guiding change anticipated in the coming years
- Strategies of the Plan reflect a concern for the social and economic well-being of those who live and work in Saint Paul

CHAPTERS OF THE PLAN

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

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Why are we updating our Plan?

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- Every 10 years, Saint Paul is required by State statute, and directed by the Metropolitan Council, to update its Comprehensive Plan.
 - Accommodate projected growth
 - 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!

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 – Steering 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 – Amy Spong
- **Issues embedded throughout – sustainability, public art, economic development, equity, aging, access to food, community health**

- ✓ **Focus groups with key stakeholders – experts, advocates, passionate citizens**
- ✓ **Key informant interviews – appointed and elected officials, major business leaders (Ecolab, Securian), ethnic leaders (largest groups - Hmong, Somali, Hispanic)**
- ✓ **Social media - Open Saint Paul, Facebook, Twitter**
- ✓ **General community meetings at key points in the process**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO-DATE

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- 800 people
- 25+ events – e.g. kick-off meetings, district council board meetings, interest groups, pop-up meetings, Safe Summer Nights, Frogtown Farms grand opening
- Focus groups re: embedded issues (aging in community, access to food, community health)
- Good representation across the city
- Age, race diversity reflective of city-wide demographics
- Councilmember briefings
- Comprehensive Planning Committee

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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**

PLANNING PROCESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040 PROCESS



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- Tell us what you think



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Share your ideas!

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- What do you cherish about your neighborhood?
- What would you change about your neighborhood?
- What is your favorite place or thing about Saint Paul?
- What spot in Saint Paul has the potential to be great in 20 years?
- What is your BIG or LITTLE idea? How can the Saint Paul achieve it? What stands in the way of achieving it?
- What did we miss?

PLUS

➤ **Planning Commission: What are your policy priorities for the Plan?**