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SAINT PAUL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040

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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, Recreation and Open Space
- Water Resources
- Heritage and Cultural 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)

WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

Themes and Priorities

- **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**

- Sustainability/resiliency
- Urban design
- Economic development
- **Racial and social equity**
- Aging in community
- **Community health**

WE ARE BECOMING MORE ETHNICALLY AND RACIALLY DIVERSE

Saint Paul:

- **2005-2015: People of color went from 36% to 46%**
- **Became majority people of color in 2017**

Ramsey County – % people of color:

- **2000 = 13%**
- **2014 = 30%**
- **2030 = 45%**

7-county region - % people of color:

- **2010 = 24%**
- **2040 = 40%**

AREAS OF CONCENTRATED POVERTY

- **Identified by Met Council**
- **Census tracts where at least 50% of residents are people of color and at least 40% of residents live below 185% of Federal poverty line**
- **Saint Paul's ACP50 Area:**
 - **Concentration of highest percentages by block group of:**
 - **Carless households**
 - **Families living in poverty**
 - **Non-English-speaking households**
 - **Severely cost-burdened households**
 - **Population 25 years and older with no Bachelor's Degree**
 - **Lowest high school graduation rates in Saint Paul**

COMP PLAN CORE VALUES THAT SPEAK TO EQUITY

- **Racial and social equity**
- **Fair and equitable access to/choice of healthy, affordable, safe housing for all**
- **Transportation mobility and connectivity (multi-modal system)**
- **Robust parks and open space system accessible to all**
- **Economic mobility and opportunity**
- **Recognizing and celebrating our inter-related histories**
- **Citizen's right and responsibility to engage in decisions that affect him/her**
- **Growth and prosperity through density**
- **Food equity – access to healthy food for all regardless of income, age or location**
- **Social justice**
- **Diversity – racial, economic, age and social**

- **Goal #3: A transportation system that supports employment and access to jobs.**
- **Goal #4: True transportation choice throughout the city.**
 - **T-23. Support quality public transit in all parts of the city vis transit-supportive land use intensity and design; improved transit service and supporting transit facilities.**
 - **T-24. Expand commuter options.**
 - **T-29. Promote safe walking and bicycling to school.**
- **T-1. Prioritize safety and equity benefits in project selection, followed by access to jobs.**
- **T-30. Pursue fiscally sustainable models for equitably maintaining transportation infrastructure.**

EQUITY IN THE LAND USE CHAPTER

- **Goal #3: Equitably-distributed community amenities, access to employment and housing choice.**
- **Goal #5: Infrastructure for all ages and abilities.**
- **Goal #7: Quality jobs and livable wages.**
- **LU-1. Transit-supportive density , majority of growth in areas with highest existing or planned transit capacity.**
- **LU-3. Prioritize equitable public investments relative to ACP50 areas.**
- **LU-4. Minimize displacement in neighborhoods where high-frequency transit has increased redevelopment pressure, housing costs.**
- **LU-6. Implement the City’s Economic Development Strategy.**
- **LU-15. Equitable spatial distribution of community food assets.**
- **LU-27-30. Focus growth at Neighborhood Nodes.**
- **LU-31. Diversify housing options.**
- **LU-48. Connect with colleges and universities to support workforce development, business creation/innovation, retention of youth and young professionals.**
- **LU-51. Lessen the negative impact of interstate highways by supporting design interventions (e.g. lids) that improve connectivity, hide the road, reduce pollution.**

EQUITY IN THE PARKS CHAPTER

- **P-1. Equitable access to parks, programs, resources and amenities.**
- **P2. Reduce barriers to facilities and programming due to financial, physical, language, perception issues.**
- **P-3. Engage diverse community groups in setting balanced priorities.**
- **P-9. Embrace and integrate emerging cultural and recreation trends, esp. those that meet the recreational needs to youth, underserved populations, emerging resident groups.**
- **P-10. Strengthen the cultural competency of Parks staff.**
- **P-11. Hire staff that represents the diversity of a dynamic city.**
- **P-34. Prioritize safety and equity when filling gaps in the trail and bikeway system.**
- **P-36. Pursue strategic acquisitions to fill existing gaps and address changing needs in the parks system.**

EQUITY IN THE HOUSING CHAPTER

- **Goal #1: Safe and healthy housing for all residents.**
- **Goal #3: Fair and equitable access to housing for all residents.**
- **H-15: Wide variety of culturally-appropriate housing types throughout the city.**
- **H.16. Increase housing choice to support economically diverse neighborhoods, maximize housing and locational choices for residents of all income levels.**
- **H.18. Foster the preservation, production of homeless and supportive housing.**
- **Goal #4: Supportive environment for homeownership.**
- **H-19. reduce racial disparities in homeownership attributable to unequal access to fair lending or intentional steering.**
- **Goal #5: Stable rental housing.**
- **Goal #6: Improved access to affordable housing.**
- **H-29. Support the development of new affordable housing units throughout the city.**
- **H-33 and 34. Develop family-sized affordable housing (in strong market areas) and affordable workforce housing (in areas served by transit, close to employment).**
- **Goal #7: Strong neighborhoods that support life-long housing needs.**
- **H-51. Improve the stability and health of communities of concentrated disadvantage with place-based improvements in public infrastructure.**

- **How the 2040 Comp Plan promotes equity:**
 - **Transportation projects prioritized based on safety and equity benefits**
 - **True transportation choice throughout city**
 - **Transportation system that supports employment, job access**
 - **Equitably-distributed community amenities, access to employment, housing choice, food assets**
 - **Prioritized equitable public investments relative to ACP50**
 - **Quality jobs, livable wages**
 - **Range of housing choices, prices, types**
 - **Fair and equitable access to rental and ownership housing for all residents**
 - **Equitable allocation of and access to parks programs, resources, amenities**



CORE PLAN VALUES THAT SPEAK TO COMMUNITY HEALTH

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- Fair and equitable access to/choice of healthy, affordable, safe housing for all
- Transportation mobility and connectivity (multi-modal system)
- Robust parks and open space system accessible to all
- Healthy community
- Resilient city – climate change mitigation, adaptation
- Aging in community
- Economic mobility and opportunity
- Beauty
- Growth and prosperity through density
- Food equity – access to healthy food for all regardless of income, age or location
- Diversity
- Safe and welcoming city and neighborhoods

COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER

- **T-1. Prioritize safety and equity benefits in project selection.**
- **T-3. Design rights-of-way per the following modal hierarchy: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, other vehicles.**
- **T-4. Vision Zero program – zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries.**
- **T-6. Intersection safety improvements.**
- **T-7. Reduce speed limits.**
- **T-8. Design rights-of-way for all users.**
- **T-19. Shift mode share towards pedestrians, bikes, transit and carpooling.**
- **T-20/21. Implement the Bicycle Plan and Pedestrian Plan.**
- **T-22. Provide sidewalks throughout the city.**
- **T-23. Improve public transit mode share and support quality public transit in all parts of the city.**
- **T-28. Improve pedestrian and recreational connections to the Mississippi River.**
- **T-29. Promote safe walking and bicycling to school.**

COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE LAND USE CHAPTER

- **LU-1. Direct transit-supportive density, majority of growth to areas with the highest existing or planned transit capacity.**
- **LU-8. Support environmentally and economically efficient, resilient development.**
- **LU-9. High-quality urban design that supports pedestrian friendliness, a healthy environment, and an enhanced public realm.**
- **LU-12. Activate streetscapes.**
- **LU-15. Equitable spatial distribution of community food assets, including community gardens, food markets, healthy retail food options, food hubs.**
- **LU-17. Support facilities outside public rights-of-way to support pedestrian and bike activity.**
- **LU-18. Achieve a long-term goal of 40% tree canopy coverage in all neighborhoods.**
- **LU-19. Encourage private landowners to provide public access to privately-owned open spaces, facilitate joint use.**
- **LU-25. Support pedestrian-friendly streetscapes and visual interest through commercial building design.**
- **LU-27-30. Focus growth at Neighborhood Nodes.**
- **Lu-31. Encourage medium-density housing that diversifies housing options.**
- **LU-36. Direct the location of new elementary schools to locations with safe pedestrian and bicycling networks.**
- **LU-43. Improve public space access along the Mississippi River.**

COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE PARKS CHAPTER

- **P-1. Ensure equitable access to parks programs, resources, amenities.**
- **P-2. Reduce barriers to parks facilities and programming.**
- **P-6. Foster opportunities for community building and personal connections through Community Center facility use and programming.**
- **P-9. Embrace and integrate emerging cultural and recreation trends.**
- **P-19. Ensure that programming and facilities support public health and personal improvement efforts.**
- **P-30. Encourage and support private landowners/developers to create and maintain privately-owned public space, green infrastructure.**
- **P-34. Prioritize safety and equity when filling gaps in the trail and bikeway systems.**
- **P-35. Integrate parkways and trails with the City's broader transportation network to provide convenient and safe access to the park system.**
- **P-36. Pursue strategic acquisitions to fill existing gaps and address changing needs.**
- **P-38. Emphasize safety, convenience and comfort when designing new trails or rebuilding existing trails.**

COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE HOUSING CHAPTER

- **Goal #1. Safe and healthy housing for all residents.**
- **Goal #2. Well-designed, energy-efficient buildings and sites constructed with quality materials.**
- **Goal #3. Fair and equitable access to housing for all residents.**
- **H-1. Ensure upkeep and maintenance of aging housing stock through enforcement of property maintenance codes.**
- **H-2. Ensure safe housing through C of O and Truth in Housing programs.**
- **H-5. Work to reduce lead exposure in homes built prior to 1978.**
- **H-6. Improve indoor air quality to reduce asthma and address other air-quality-associated health issues.**
- **H-8. Encourage the use of universal design elements to make housing accessible for all residents.**
- **H-50. Support housing for older people that is proximate to transit.**
- **H-51. Improve the stability and health of communities of concentrated disadvantage by making place-based investments.**

SUMMARY: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND THE 2040 COMP PLAN

- **Transportation improvements designed for safety – including streets, sidewalks, intersections, trails, transit stops, bridges**
- **Prioritize rights-of-way for pedestrians, bikes and transit over cars.**
- **Transit-supportive density, focused investment and growth along transit corridors**
- **Equitable spatial distribution of community food assets**
- **Focused growth at Neighborhood Nodes where a diverse range of land uses are within walking distance of one another**
- **Equitable access to parks programs, resources, amenities that support public health**
- **Emphasis on safety, convenience and comfort when designing new trails, rebuilding existing trails**
- **Safe and healthy housing for all with access to transit, including stable rental options, homeownership, affordable housing**
- **Neighborhoods that support life-long housing needs**

SCHEDULE

- **January 24** CPC reviews final Housing chapter, outstanding issues
- **February 21** CPC recommends approval for submittal to adjacent and affected jurisdictions
- **March 9** PC authorizes submittal to adjacent and affected jurisdictions
- **March 12** Staff sends to adjacent and affected jurisdictions, and Met Council for preliminary review
- **June** Public open houses
- **July 11** CPC reviews comments from adjacent jurisdictions; recommends public release, public hearing date
- **July 27** PC releases plan, sets public hearing date
- **September 7** PC holds public hearing
- **September 19** CPC reviews testimony, makes final recommendation
- **October 5** PC makes final recommendation
- **October 17** CC holds public hearing
- **November 14** CC approves, authorizes submittal to Met Council