

# Saint Paul For All 2040 Comprehensive Plan

## Focus: Economic Development



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** includes efforts to improve the economic well-being and quality of life of a community by creating and/or retaining jobs, and supporting or growing incomes and the tax base. In Saint Paul, economic development is a critical component of meeting our equity, diversity and growth goals, especially as we seek out innovative economic models for our culturally rich neighborhoods.

Draft Policy	Chapter	Policy #
<p>Foster equitable and sustainable economic growth by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitating business creation, attraction, retention and expansion.</li> <li>2. Supporting family-sustaining jobs and enhancing workers' skills to excel at those jobs.</li> <li>3. Growing Saint Paul's tax base.</li> <li>4. Proactively directing new development to high-priority geographies, such as Neighborhood Nodes and Opportunity Sites.</li> <li>5. Encouraging cultural and arts-based businesses and business districts, such as Little Mekong, Little Africa, Rondo and the Creative Enterprise Zone.</li> <li>6. Supporting business, real estate and financial models that keep more money locally.</li> <li>7. Building and expanding neighborhood economic and cultural assets through the development of the local micro-economies of our Neighborhood Nodes.</li> <li>8. Enhancing vibrant Downtown neighborhoods and connecting them to the Mississippi River.</li> </ol>	Land Use	LU-6
Encourage investment in new employment uses, such as medical technology, maker space and small-scale or custom production.	Land Use	LU-49
Protect intermodal operations and freight railways from encroachment of other land uses that conflict with their safe operation.	Land Use	LU-54
Prioritize support of quality jobs in transportation project selection - both through business support and connection of residents to job centers.	Transportation	T-1
Encourage the development of affordable workforce housing in areas well-served by transit and/or in proximity to employment centers.	Housing	H-36
Utilize cultural and historic resources to foster economic development and support neighborhood revitalization and reinvestment.	Heritage and Cultural Preservation	HP-15

