# March 15, Open House and Open Saint Paul Results.

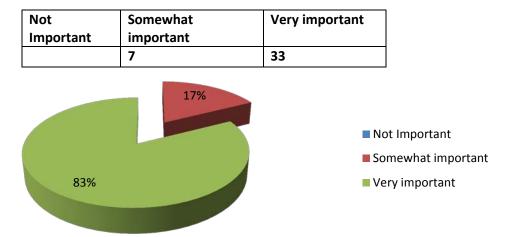
#### **Jobs and Businesses Key Points:**

Not

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- There were 5 comments indicating a preference for creating new living wage/high wage jobs.
- 10 comments indicated a preference for new businesses to be local.
- 10 comments mentioned food services. (E.g. restaurants, coops, groceries) with many of the respondents specifying that they do not want new chain restaurants.
- 6 responses mentioned affordability in regards to new services and the rent for new businesses.

How important is it for small, local, and/or minority owned businesses to part of the new retail?



**Very important** 

How important is local hiring for new jobs on the site? (I.e. local hiring can be based on zip codes of area residents)

Somewhat

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#### Master Plan Concepts Key Points:

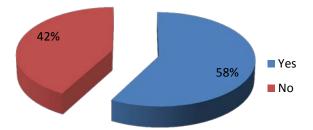
- 12 comments expressed concern about the scale of the new development specifically in regards to the height of the new office buildings and doubts about the demand for the amount of proposed office space. 3 comments seemed as though they were supportive of the proposed scale of the new structures.
- 3 comments identified green space as a desirable feature of the master plan concepts. One comment suggested building a land bridge to increase the amount of open space on the site.
- 4 comments identified the lack of parking as an issue and concern.

#### Types of Uses Key Points:

- The "a brewery" comment received 8 votes in support of the idea.
- The "we don't need another gym" received one vote with a similar comment "I think the YWCA covers us working out" also present on the boards.
- 27% of the respondents voted that they would like to see restaurants developed first.
- 4 comments expressed concerns about the scale and availability of parking in regards to the
  office uses.

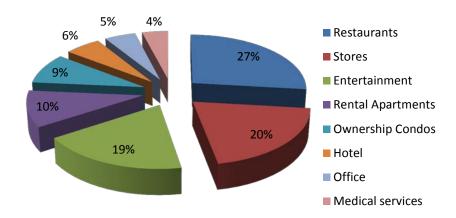
### Would you like to see affordable housing located on the site?

Yes	No
22	16



### Which of these would you like to see built first?

Restaurants	33
Stores	25
Entertainment	23
Rental Apartments	13
Ownership Condos	11
Hotel	7
Office	6
Medical Services	5

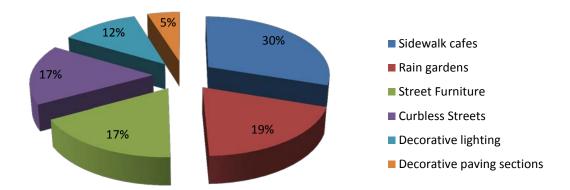


#### Community Character and Public Life Key Points:

- Sidewalk cases are most popular element of the proposed streetscape improvements with 31% of the vote.
- "Music festivals" (3 votes) was the most popular activity that people would like to do in the spaces.
- "Free winter ice skating" (2 votes) and "Ice rink in winter? Farmers market! Pick-up soccer/ultimate/etc." (single votes)
- 3 comments mentioned diversity as a way to ensure that spaces reflect the community's character.

#### What elements of the streetscapes are most important to include?

Sidewalk cafes	31
Rain gardens	20
Street furniture	18
Curbless streets	17
Decorative lighting	12
Decorative paving sections	5



#### **Getting There Key Points:**

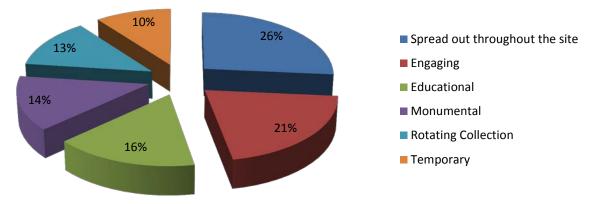
- 19 comments pertained to bike infrastructure and routes, which include comments stating the respondent's desire for protected bike lanes and adequate bike parking.
- 6 comments expressed concern that there isn't adequate parking. 2 comments called for limiting parking to incentivize alternative forms of transit.
- 4 comments identified lighting as being an important aspect in making sure that this is an area where people want to walk.
- 8 comments identified specific improvements to the pedestrian infrastructure to make this an area where people want to walk such as, wider sidewalks with narrower traffic lanes, better timed signals, and traffic calming features.

#### **Public Art Key Points**

- 7 comments called for using local artists as a means to reflect and connect with the surrounding neighborhood.
- 3 comments called for multicultural art to be present on the site.

#### Which kinds of public art do you think would be the best fit for this site?

Spread out throughout the site	
Engaging	
Educational	14
Monumental	12
Rotating Collection	11
Temporary	9



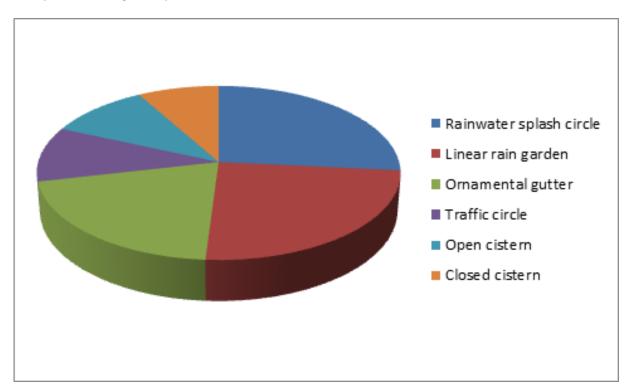
#### Stadium Concepts Key Points

- 18 comments about the stadium were generally positive. I.e. "Love it!" "The design looks great"
- 8 comments expressed concerns about traffic and parking.
- 6 comments inquired about sustainability aspects of the stadium, specifically if solar and noise could be harnessed for the production of renewable energy, if the stadium would be zero waste, and if grey water could reused on the site.
- 4 comments expressed a favorable disposition in regards to the size of the stadium.
- 3 comments were generally negative I.e. "I don't like it".

#### Storm Water and public Art Key Points

- A strong majority envision creatively using open space to manage stormwater.
  - o (13 affirmative statements, 3 uncertain, 1 no)
  - o "Yes. Our goal should be to capture precipitation where it falls. If that can be done in ways that include public art or recreation, even better."
  - Yes. All storm water that can be managed on site should be. Reducing runoff and pollution through rain gardens in parks, or ponds/wetlands that can be created will help maintain the current infrastructure."
- There were mixed perspectives about whether if children enjoy being there, adults will follow.
  - o (8 yes, 5 off-topic, 3 no)
  - Sometimes yes. Sometimes no. Having a young son, I can say that we seek out
    opportunities to be active as a family. If such opportunities manifest and if 'the child'
    enjoys them, we will follow.

An interactive rainwater splash circle garnered the most votes (13) for an image reflecting public art incorporated into green space.



#### Overall Vision and Other Topics Key Points

- 5 comments indicate that they hope the site will become a new "destination"
- 4 comments indicate the impacts that the redevelopment could have on the surrounding communities are important to pay attention to.( I.e. housing prices and gentrification)

### All comments:

#### Jobs and Businesses

#### What types of jobs (office, retail, hospitality) would you like to see as part of the larger stadium site?

- Vendors should be located with 60 miles of the Midway Like the Saint Paul farmers market. It is unique and Women and Minority driven.
- Living wage jobs Above MMI level for a family of four.
- Retail businesses that are affordable and serves the people who have supported and patronized the Midway for years. (One vote)
- Not \$12 an hour jobs Ones that pay at least \$50,000 a year.
- Living wage union jobs. \$15 an hour now.
- Higher wage jobs. Professional. Managerial. Skilled.
- Rent controlled office space for local non-profits/smaller community groups to be able to afford a nice local headquarters.
- I don't know probably what other wants.
- It doesn't matter.
- Any and all of the above.
- Office, some retail/hospitality, but office workers are needed to support businesses with lunch
  and happy hour times. Trying to build this district without ~1,000 office workers will mean
  creating low wage jobs in businesses that will have high turnover in closings. No stability will be
  gained unless the business workers are willing to support businesses in the area as well, even if
  just a little.
- Some retail, a little hospitality, healthcare (clinics and related services), government service satellite sites.
- Keep the Midway bowling alley... its nice having the underground venue. A good mix is better than going all retail or all entertainment or all residential.
- Office with good pay.
- Healthcare, fitness, food and entertainment. Active lifestyle.
- All plus corporate campus.

### What types of specific uses would you like to see on the redevelopment site (i.e. medical office, entertainment, types of service)

- Restaurants NOT chain restaurants.
- Local flavor restaurants.
- No more franchise or chain fast food restaurants.
- Keep it mixed.
- Locally owned and operated food coops.

- Senior rec center.
- Prominent movie theater and live entertainment.
- Diverse/affordable restaurants.
- Kid friendly spaces.
- "Midway market" Like Midtown Global Market in Minneapolis multicultural.-
- Eye on affordability. Don't want it to be a space where proximity to the stadium = too pricey of restaurants. (not too bourgeoisie)
- Grocery equitable food access. Walkable access. Market in the summer.
- Local art and music.
- A place to go and hang out like a movie theater or arcade or a bowling ball or crane game like in Japan. The reason why I chose crane game like in Japan is because now day a lot of people want to have fun and feel like it is Japan getting anime toy figure or any other thing. Have fun meeting people that like stuff like they do too.
- ENTERTAINMENT! Minnesota needs more entertainment.
- How about a mini Epcot theme eateries, entertainment, etc. Soccer is global this could be too. Perhaps a European marketplace, farmer's market why not ride your bike to pick up fresh vegetables and stop for a latte & scone?
- General office.
- Restaurants.
- Movie Theater and possibly a small black box style theater somewhere on site.
- Bars/restaurants, local retailers.
- Some retail.
- A little hospitality.
- Healthcare (clinics and related services).
- Government service satellite sites.
- Movie theater, community theater, gift shops, local artist gift shop, no chain restaurants, beauty salon, yoga studio, massage.
- Active over passive entertainment....
- All of above. Continue to serve existing demographic as well.

### Are there any business types that have not been mentioned that you think should be included on the site?

- Bike shop.
- Cedar Cultural Center or Turf Club type music venue.
- Employ people from the area.
- Affordability for small businesses to stay in the area!
- Museum
- Sustaining the small businesses that are here already.
- Affordable child care.
- Education.

- There's interest in broadening the development vision into surrounding neighborhoods. Could there be development/job/businesses resources for the neighborhoods beyond the site?
- Anime Arcade.
- I'm sure they have already addressed this but if not, any public service requirements police, fire, etc.
- General offices. Medical seems to be getting a lot of play, but what about an accounting firm?
   Why not a law office? Why not an insurance office? Medical seems to sell really well, but is it shooting for too much to have hundreds of medical workers?
- Saint Paul College offices or similar post-secondary presence MN Historical Society.
- No franchise restaurants!!!!! We don't need a Buffalo Wild Wings or Applebee's... stay mompop and original and independent and creative!

#### Master Plan Concepts

#### What do you like about the concepts you have seen?

- Great design, but it will be a challenge to get a developer to build that many square feet of
  office.
- Multi-use. Bringing in new businesses, bike/pedestrians.
- Like the entertainment considerations! Also thinking people first! Yay more pedestrians space! Yay getting rid of giant surface parking.
- Love it! Definitely need more theaters in this area. Tired of driving to Roseville.
- I like this!
- Green Space.
- Very encouraged by height and density.
- I have no problem with the stadium design. I have a big problem with RK Midway's ideas for mega office towers and diminished retail. Midway Shopping Center needs reinvestment.
- I like the street layout.
- We ought to cover the freeway from Snelling to Lexington for green space.
- More green space. Bigger Park. A happy healthy community depends on it.
- Master plan does a great job of mixing uses both within the buildings and within the site. Keeping the first floor open and translucent on all buildings greatly improves walkability. Can we apply this same idea to the concrete jungle of downtown?
- Green space, walkable.
- The open feel/look to the stadium and that it can change colors.
- Pretty, looks dense, mini-downtown feel.
- Like.
- Hiring is based on qualifications. We want service, not quota staff. All people regardless of ethnicity or zip code are capable of providing service. If not, businesses need to fire and replace.
- At this stage, I am excited by what I see.
- Concept is fine, but does not have the City or corporate support to be real.

#### How do you feel about the layout for the whole site?

- Needs underground parking.
- This is a 35 acre opportunity. Create design charrette. Create Architectural competition for exceptional and innovative design.
- I like that we are building up. Surface lots and one story retail are so inefficient. Green roofs too??
- I like the layout but my hood will be crazy busy now.
- Not enough parking.
- I like that the green spaces and look of parking lot are very subtle.
- Keep height of buildings to neighborhood context.
- Buildings that RK Midway proposes are way too large for this area.
- If surface parking at Pascal and St Anthony is only a small percentage of total parking why not make that site either a) multi-level parking or b) green space. Seems like an inefficient use of space.
- Needs to fit in with the rest of the neighborhood, not stand alone.
- 2.6 acres that include streets is too small. Not enough green space in area.
- Segregated cycle facility network all around for pedestrians and people with disabilities.
- Those are private parks so homeless can be thrown out.
- There should be clear environmental goals. Sustainable solar power.
- There should be a super market at Snelling and University avenues with transit and bus stations.
- Horrible.
- It doesn't fit with the neighborhood. Should we move?
- Again it was hard to tell on the news report.
- Good, again, squeeze ROW a little.
- Thumbs up!
- Proposed office and hotel buildings seem too big (tall).
- Like.
- On the right track, but worried about logistics for fans who live off the metro grid.
- OK.
- See above.

#### What do you have concerns about?

- Who is going to build a big office building if there is no parking?
- Garbage and waste removal.
- Again the neighborhood is last.
- Noise (One vote).
- Does LA Fitness really need a competitor a few feet away?

- Please provide free parking as a frequent Midway shopper. I don't want to pay every time I shop in the area.
- Making the neighborhood look too urban and out of place in our neighborhood.
- Galtier Plaza lost its restaurants, shopping and movie theater. Why would it work for this site?
- The office high rises detract from all the other positives. So unnecessary and dense.
- These buildings will cast huge shadows on the homes already there.
- Safety during nights with big crowds and drinking and so on.
- Heights of the buildings are too tall. They dwarf the single family homes in the area.
- Traffic.
- Some buildings seem too tall. Keep to less than 6 stories?
- Too much and not enough neighborhood feel.
- Office building height.
- Spruce Tree Center has been 4/5 empty for 20 years. What informs that these office buildings will have demand? Is it build it and they will come?
- Access points.
- That in the future roads will be expanded within the site to accommodate people trying to park.
- Streets may be too wide as designed. I'd like to see more traffic calming elements, better bike/ped facilities, and an emphasis on non-auto modes.
- Too much pandering to urban fans. We know they will take the rail or bus... more attention needs to be on the out-metro fan logistics.
- It's already set in stone, we don't have a say so. You did what you wanted to do.
- Parking and safety.
- Presently, my spouse is concerned about how long I am taking to respond to this survey;)
- Empty lots replacing Midway Center.

#### Stadium Concepts

#### What do you like about the stadium concepts you have seen?

- Plastic skin light up.
- Bike/ped traffic.
- Green space.
- I live a few blocks away. Noise reduction is important.
- The design looks great.
- I hope there are plans being made for renewable energy sources. (e.g. Solar Panels)
- The lighting and location is good.
- Green space = thumbs up.
- Unused land is finally being used.
- Sea of mostly wasted parking = potential TOD residential space.
- Not too tall.

- The currently hideous site needs forward movement! The stadium concepts will help bring new life and vibrancy to dejected site.
- Love it!
- I like the lower profile and the transitional spaces, like the shop lined grassy park.
- Is it possible to get solar power?
- Crazy idea, can noise produce energy to power lights?
- Put it in Blaine.
- Outdoor stadiums are always better.
- Upgrade to skyline. New landmark that is not overbearing.
- Just excited to see some development at the bus barn site. 2. Exciting to see pro-soccer. 3. Glad to see opportunities for events in the Midway. 4. The stadium looks very cool.
- It looks pretty cool but they should not raise prices for rent or anything just so people can stay in the neighborhood around the stadium.
- I personally don't mind the way they are going to build it. I will admit it looks really modern and it'll look really nice but it's not what this particular area in the city needs.
- They look fabulous and a real improvement to the vacant lot with debris, etc.
- The redevelopment surrounding the site.
- I love the renderings. The stadium's canopy will help to keep light and sound within the facility, and the fact that it is partially below ground will help to ensure that it does not dwarf the stadium. The team working on this project did a great job designing the stadium.
- The design of the stadium is artful and modern while still being minimal in terms of features.
- I love the concept.
- The size and location.
- I feel it just too big for this area, I know you brought the land over 10 years ago and this has been in the plans for years. Why that area, why wasn't the Old Saints ballgame area a choice with all the room they have.
- I like the open space and bike paths.
- I am thrilled with the concepts I have seen for the stadium and the activity that is intended to surround it. Green spaces and design elements. Seating close to the field of play. Wide sidewalks/plazas outside and what will feel like places to hang out before and after matches.
- Happy if we are using the land. Was a junkyard for too long.
- I love the design; however, I would like to hear reassurance that there will be rooms for nursing mothers to use that are comfortable and welcoming. 8-80!

#### What do you think about the stadium architecture, size, and the buildings connection to the street?

- Layout of the site is great with green space and how it meets with internal/external roads.
- Architecture looks like "close encounters." Size fine. Can't be altered.
- I like that it seems smaller than other stadiums and fits in well with the neighborhood.

- (referring to stadium rendering from 94) Who is planting this? Or is it just to make the picture pretty?
- Stop treating the site as though the people that live here don't exist.
- Looks good.
- The stadium looks pretty cool and how it was seen right from the highway.
- I don't care much for a stadium. I just care about the stores and other things around it that doesn't need to be changed.
- It was hard to tell for sure, but it looked like all entrances were not directly pouring in/off of Snelling which is good. There's too much traffic on Snelling already, so access should not be on Snelling.
- "I like a little more low-slung of a design, similar to CHS Field. However, if the built environment will be as dense as it has been rendered then the stadium can be taller and more attention grabbing as it will be surrounded by other large buildings.
- The stadium should have alternate uses on the ground floor, with at least the ability to face outwards. Think about TCF Stadium's offices and classroom space combined with the Twins Pro Shop or Hubert's at Target Center. This cannot be one or two either, the stadium must be a good 1/4-1/2 developed on the ground floor."
- The style and size is a good fit for the area, and will provide a strong institutional anchor for the future of the Midway. I appreciate the plazas and public spaces in the design, and hope that they are accompanied by improvements in bike and pedestrian infrastructure to draw people into the superblock.
- Evokes images of European stadiums. Mesh material is clever. Plaza offers some connection to the street. Size seems good.
- I like everything about it.
- Excellent.
- I don't like it.
- It's OK.
- This was the first meeting I've attended to gather information and hear perspectives. I was
  especially pleased by what I feel is a shared view among presenters and myself understanding
  how underutilized the space is, having the same vision for what is possible, and recognizing how
  well-positioned the site is in relation to transit and the surrounding community of our Twin
  Cities.
- Concerned that train station won't handle peak demand.

#### What do you have concerns about regarding the stadium?

- Why can't this be set further below grade similar to CHS stadium?
- Liquor license quota? What does this look like?
- I'm sure the engineers have figured this out but... Will the roof (thin fabric/membrane) hold the snow load? Not another metro dome?
- Parking. Angry Drivers.

- Bike racks for the stadium?
- Will you work on zero waste?
- Love the design. Concerned about noise and parking in the neighborhood. Please build as green as possible.
- Affordable child care services.
- Water used in the stadium. Will the brown water be used?
- Businesses improvement district? Any thoughts on creating one?
- Solar Panels?
- More money in the community will be great! But will the distribution benefit the community or just pass over it?
- Equity for all. Removing disparity gaps!
- Will the materials Translucent mesh attract and injure birds?
- I think we should make sure that Dr. McGuire personally guarantees lease payments.
- Noise and fireworks Please no.
- Construction and other jobs not being distributed equitably. Would like to see transparency in the numbers for this part of the work.
- That people won't be able to use it and if they do it will be really great.
- I don't understand why they won't just stay in Blaine. We need to worry about the real problems in Minnesota. For example, the roads are just horrific and need attention ASAP. Soccer may be the number one sport around the world but for our country, it's all about football and basketball. Having the stadium will be a waste of space if you don't allow it to be rented out or have another purpose for the stadium. Since I heard of the stadium only being used for professional games, it'll genuinely be a waste of space. What is wrong about stay in Blaine? I've never even knew we had a team or seen a game. It's not that I don't like soccer but this isn't the place for it. The area you are placing this stadium in consist of people who have a low income. If you were to have hotels here, who would rent a room for a night when majority of the people here are sleeping on the streets? Who comes to the midway area for vacation? Don't get me wrong, St. Paul is a wonderful place but it'll be one of the few places that has what you're looking for. If you want to build somewhere, build near the Mall of America. Millions of people go there every day and it generates tons of money. A bonus for the stadium being over there is you'll have random by standers walk by and see the building. We need money for the roads. We need money for improving the whole area.
- Safety, increased traffic, parking, access points once built and during construction. During the
  period when Snelling Ave Bridge was being worked on, there were HUGE backups on all North South roads.
- "I have concerns that if the stadium provides ample parking, it will cause huge traffic headaches. I would like to see more BRT developments to the site with the 53 or 21 being replaced by a BRT service to expand the number of high capacity lines serving the stadium.

- IN ADDITION! If the area around the stadium is not developed, it will not hold people, and queues to leave (all modes) will be excruciating. The area around the stadium cannot be entirely undeveloped on opening day, there must be some consideration of adding nearby bars/restaurants to allow for people to delay their returns home and not overwhelm the transit and roadway networks."
- Making sure that the stadium and surrounding spaces are active places on game days and nongame days alike.
- That all sight lines are good. Hard to tell from renderings. Seats should be angled so that fans at one end don't have to strain to see action at the opposite end.
- Parking and traffic may be a problem. I think that there should be incentive with ticket purchases to get discounted or free mass transit to help encourage use
- Focus is on urban fans only. Fans from other parts of the state will need a good experience (including ease/logistics of getting to/from the stadium) so they return and keep the stands full.
- Why wasn't the Midway area cleaned up a long time ago. Why do people have to go so far to Bowl or shop, grocery store, we don't need no more housing in that area. Why couldn't there be a movie theater, more restaurants, new bowling alley, etc.
- I do not think there is enough parking, especially for the neighborhoods adjacent to the stadium. The expectation that the LRT/BRT will relieve parking issues in the neighborhoods will not happen when the stadiums is this close to a freeway. You need to do something for the neighbors whose off-street parking is affected, like a property tax break. They all want to know, what's in it for them with the disruption that this development wILL undoubtedly bring.
- I made the unintended mistake of sitting next to some vocal, disrespectful opposition to this project. I would only suggest that decision-makers take seriously the concerns some neighbors have about congestion from cars. Following traffic studies and other modeling, I hope the communication and plans that follow address those concerns.
- Traffic flow is key.

#### Types of Uses Key Points

#### What do you think about the proposed mix of land uses on the site?

- We want regular stores. Drug, hardware, etc.
- We don't need another gym. (1 VOTE)
- Who is going to build an office building if there is no parking?
- Coffee shops!
- Office buildings seem too tall.
- Housing along University would have noise problems.
- This is a conglomeration of failed concepts.
- Maintaining the affordability of retail and housing in the area for the people who have supported the Midway for years is essential.
- Brewery. (8 VOTES)
- Farmers Market. (1 VOTE)

- Cub Foods. Affordable super market close to Snelling and University train stop is a high priority.
- Locally owned stores.(1 VOTE)
- The office is too tall.
- Public transit discount for offices, residents, and soccer.
- Concerned about local businesses.
- More healthy food choices.
- Think land use is generally good Important to add grocery store for healthy food access that is walkable. Add grocery store near transit station could greatly improve the quality of life once built.
- Two things I think should be incorporated is a dog park and safety station maybe two.
- Event center dance studio.
- Great. Would like to see businesses that will be viable long term and provide a way for workers of many backgrounds to use their skills. Would not be good to have empty buildings.
- I think the YWCA covers us working out.
- A coffee shop, diner, and bar to hang out in.
- I don't know probably just keep same stores or better thing for the neighborhood.
- Read the question I answered before. It's all there. I don't want to be repetitive.
- I like what I've seen so far.
- Yes. Office space here is a great addition, and needs to be heavily considered. Everyone seems
  to think offices are worse neighbors than apartments or condos or single family homes, but
  instead, the office workers will help support local businesses with lunches and happy hours.
  Especially when the residents of the area are not home and unable to patronize these
  establishments.
- I love the proposal -- mixed use with first floor retail to draw people into the area, serve existing residents, and create reasons for people to come to the site.
- I like the mixed use concept in general but would like to see a full sized pitch outside of stadium incorporated. This would allow for the possibilities of tournaments to be held there and even rental usage for rec soccer leagues bringing in more revenue for the sit/city/community. I also believe team offices should be on site but it seems they are locked into Blaine. The team could/should anchor business growth by being present there all the time not just game day. I also have concerns about the height of proposed buildings serving to block off the neighborhood, in a sense.
- I like the concept.
- Good, BUT 15-story buildings are too much... we don't need shadows on the field. Keep the stadium the focal point of the area and limit surrounding areas to 6 or fewer levels. (4 levels of retail/residential + 2 levels of parking)
- Shopping mall so people don't have to go so far like the malls, small shops, coffee shops.
- Great.
- My family owns a home in Hamline-Midway. I share the view that a variety of uses will benefit the surrounding neighborhoods, weave them together, and is exactly the sort of development we want to see take place along the Green Line.

 Concerned that we end up with an empty lot as there is no public or private commitment to actually develop.

#### Community Character and Public Life

#### What do you think of the proposed green spaces and street environments?

- Cover the freeway and provide a mock-up stadium for kids
- Will be important to keep up the grass, gardens, etc. and pick up trash year round perhaps including areas outside of the super block. (trash accumulates on frontage roads for example).
- Games viewed on big screen so people who can't afford a game can watch.
- How will you address loitering and the homeless?
- The green spaces being directly connected to the apartments would be more desirable for residents. Maybe move the "shops" to the west.
- Shops on the green a great characteristic. Check out Kungstradgarden in Stockholm for example.
- Alternative uses for stadium. HS football.
- As long as it can be kept clean and waste free.
- Would like to see road in the middle of the park (Spruce Tree) 1) removed or 2) ped/cycle only.
- Those in some of the pictures look really nice and it's going to bring more people to come visit the place from all over.
- A little wide ROW. 11' drive lanes, 7' parking, MAX. 5'-10' boulevards or medians are acceptable.
- I particularly like the proposals that allow for people to interact with stormwater management features.
- Appreciate the green space. Would like more and hope they will double as pre-game gathering spot for club supporters
- Nice.
- A-D-G... all these examples are summer scenes... make it active and interesting in winter too!
- Nice.
- OK
- Requires money that City has been unwilling to spend.

#### What type of spaces would you like to see/do in these spaces?

- Concerts/diner party.
- Keep it quiet.
- Community festivals.
- Park; Dog park water feature. (1 VOTE)
- Music festivals. (3 VOTES)
- 4 season use. Roller skating. Outdoor movie theater. Golf range.
- Renewable energy (solar panels).

- Pop-up events during lunchtime/midweek for folks in office buildings to get out and engage. DC golden triangle as an example.
- Free winter ice skating. (2 VOTES)
- Green space for 2 plazas connected. Need field space for pick-up games of soccer/ultimate Frisbee.
- Grocery store.
- Sit and relax the whole day knowing it is a safe place. See other people coming out and draw or paint.
- I'd like to see a playground and some basketball courts. Having kids play and being active is a really big part in growing up.
- Relax, stroll, hang before/after games or events.
- Farmers markets, craft fairs, festivals, etc.
- I'd like to see it able to be used on off days effectively. Perhaps, a mini eat street.
- Ice skating, gazebo for live music (including a set time for street musicians).
- rolling skates, movies, things for kids to do

#### How can these spaces reflect the community's character?

- More designs by African Americans. Culturally diverse.
- Less tall. Less corporate.
- Work w/ public art working group. Www.hamlinemidway.org/public art
- Integration w/ celebration of diverse cultures that have been hallmark of recent investment on Central Corridor LRT, Little Africa, Midway murals, bring it into the design and language of the space. Is it possible to make the space visible from University and other streets so the beauty can be widely appreciated?
- Current rain gardens along University and related light rail ones look pretty run down.
- For the amount of space being developed 2.6 acres of green space looks small. I would like to see the green space doubled to serve the community.
- Retailers that reflect the community.
- Regular stores?
- I use the Midway Center all the time. We do not need high end groomers and hair salons.
- Release stress by relaxing in a beautiful space.
- It'll bring the community outside more and enjoy the fresh air. Watch their kids play while they read a book. A place to take your dog when you're in a compact area like Midway.
- Have you been to Lowertown? We know how to do this.
- This is kind of an island, separated from existing neighborhoods. Overall community character? Use reclaimed building materials, build smaller retail spaces, acceptable for smaller businesses.
- Feature the diversity of the Midway community.
- By asking/engaging the community in this process.

- Drawing aspects reflective of the community's history and/or the history of those in currently in the community.
- Active over passive activities... take out the passive theater and put in active entertainment -rock gym, bowling, etc...

#### Getting There

### How well does the full site plan encourage walking, biking, and transit use - both for game days and non-game days?

- One lane in and one lane out is a recipe for congestion.
- Very well, but not clear on staging pedestrians for transit.
- Bike lanes are great but what about bike parking?
- Replace existing LRT stations with new station adjacent to Midway Square. Move University traffic to north of the station.
- Need protected bike lane on Pascal from Marshall to north of University.
- Safety stations. Discounts on Metro Transit Go Cards for residents and office workers for games.
- Use of LRT will increase with ease at transfer station, or decrease with sense of danger from crossing traffic on Snelling and university and inadequate platform space.
- I don't think there is demand for north south biking on Pascal. It doesn't connect to anything on the south except Marshal which is not bike or pedestrian friendly.
- Strongly disagree. Pascal is one of the best N-S bike routes between Griggs and prior. Very useful.
- I would like a separated bike lane.
- Where will the mini-van full of kids park?
- Can there be free Metro Transit passes on game days to give people incentive to take transit?
- There should be segregated cycle facilities around a network for pedestrians and cycles.
- The plan needs to include space for bike parking not just marked paths
- Need adequate and accessible bike racks. Artsy = Good Flimsy/cheap = bad
- I am happy with the concept.
- Generally good balance of bike, transit, cars and pedestrians.
- Need way to keep overflow off Hamline in between University and Peirce Butler. Maybe redevelop 280 to be 3 lanes.
- I like separated bike lanes.
- It seems accessible, and a dramatic improvement for walking, and more especially for biking.
- It sound ok and it will or might be good for new people coming in or come to visit.
  - When people pass through the Midway area, they're just trying to get where they have to be. They're not going to stop by. The only reason people are at Midway is because they're just getting by.
- Walking and transit look good but whatever you do, please, please, please keep bike lanes/transit OFF major roads. This is happening far too much in St Paul and while I like biking, it's just TOO dangerous.

- It looks pretty good, I would squeeze ROW a little more, 35' roadways are kind of a maximum. 38' with two sided parallel parking. The development does look a little inward facing, looking out on University, Snelling, Pascal is a must for weaving into the neighborhood.
- Provides better connections to transit, especially with potential improvements to the eastbound Snelling Ave Green Line Station. Bicycle improvements on Pascal would help with general northsouth travel in the area, though some kind of connection would be needed to bridge the area between Marshall and Selby.
- Seemed to have all of this in mind but streets and traffic flow will be a challenge. I believe many season tix holders will be driving to the site or near it.
- It is almost an obsession and creates a focus is on urban fans only. Fans from other parts of the state (suburban families in cars, outstate caravans of fans) will need a good experience (including ease/logistics of getting to/from the stadium) so they return and keep the stands full.
- If you put the right places in. We do need a hotel for out of state visitors.
- You need the above checked items to make it a destination for walking biking, etc.
- My family will be walking or biking to matches, and I (speaking only for myself) am excited about the opportunity coming to us!
- This issue is not manifest. People can do this already.

#### What do you think about how traffic, vehicle entry points, and parking are proposed to be handled?

- Still need to provide adequate parking. Not everyone will come on public transit. Use it for park and ride during the day.
- Attention to east bike way exit on to Pascal.
- Love curb separated cycle way.
- I like focusing on encouraging public transit for event goers.
- Bike parking? Lots please!
- Shields through to Pascal crossing Pascal into Cub/Walmart potentially hazardous.
- Concerned about parking in neighborhoods. Permits?
- I like the separated bike green lane.
- Provide more access and parking on site. Maybe underground.
- Overpass from Thomas to Marshall. More lanes.
- Larger city blocks. Less streets on the city block.
- One way roads for safety for all road users.
- Not cheap on parking. Should be a ramp on site.
- Investing in surrounding bike infrastructure will help best situate the great bike lanes on the new block. I like the split into blocks that align with surrounding streets.
- Try not to have bike lanes that abruptly disappear upon leaving the block.
- I have not noticed any problems.
- All that will be busy is mostly going to be the vehicle because a lot of people probably going to come by cars than walking or riding train.

- Where will the parking be at? Whoever is in control should take up the space where they plan on sticking a hotel or apartment and put the parking there.
- Again I haven't seen enough on this but keep the entrance east of Snelling.
- Parking must be kept limited. If parking is abundant traffic cannot be handled within current (or even near future) infrastructure.
- I am encouraged that there are limited surface parking proposals and no stand-alone structured
  parking facilities. I am not concerned about vehicular traffic, as I believe that 50% or more of
  people coming to games will arrive by bike or transit. Please encourage the use of the State
  Fairgrounds, the parking lots in the MN 280/University area, Energy Park area, and Rosedale as
  potential park and ride facilities.
- There wasn't enough information to make a determination about this. This will be a new scenario for the City of Saint Paul. It will not be the same as managing traffic at the XCEL.
- Looks like things were addressed. My concern is pedestrian crossing at Snelling and University. Would pedestrian bridges be an option?
- Needs work. If it's a logistical hassle to get to the games, fans will not return. They are not going to drive 1 or 2 or 3+ hours, park off site, wait, jump on a train or bus, see the game, wait, jump on a train or bus, go to their cars and drive home.
- It's going to be tight.
- I think the parking is a joke.
- It isn't easy and will encourage a change in behavior for some but I hope the options (opportunity!) we have to walk, bike, or take the LRT/BRT can lessen the impact by car traffic. I trust smart urban planners to come up with the best solutions to manage the heavier traffic flows when they do occur.
- If traffic is squeezed as with University Ave, then this development will fail, as it evident by the recent decline in Midway Center business.

#### What would make this a safe area for people to walk?

- Lighting; emergency call stations; security.
- Pedestrian specific walkways.
- Smaller streets.
- Has covering the freeway for greenspace been considered?
- Good connection from transit with clear markings.
- Cover the freeway between Pascal/Snelling and Saint Anthony and Concordia avenues.
- Smaller streets with wide sidewalks.
- Lower speed limits for inner streets.
- Prioritizing people in intersection design. Signals, traffic calming, shorter crossing distances (more islands and bump outs). People first.
- "Fewer cars.
- Better timed walk signals.
- Grassy boulevards between traffic and pedestrians.

- Sidewalks rather than parking lots.
- Space for people to come and hang out or play outside.
- Sidewalks and biking paths.
- Lighting, skywalks instead of ground level where you have to complete with traffic (think like Vegas), street patrols, no loitering laws enforced.
- Mixes of uses, especially daytime uses, which the area sorely lacks. Eyes on the street at all
  times, use of entertainment and offices and residential to overlap these times is best. This also
  means the site itself must be integrated with office buildings next to residential, next to
  entertainment, etc. This will ensure that there aren't blind spots or half the area isn't a dead
  zone.
- Wider sidewalks, narrower traffic lanes, good pedestrian-scale lighting, and highly visible crosswalks.
- Well lit, clear signage and engaging the surrounding communities in the development. If they feel a part of it, they will be invested and will aid in addressing safety challenges.
- Issues connected to safety around the light rail will need to be attended to.
- See comment above.
- No section 8 housing... sad, but true. Good lighting, CLEAN and trash free, no panhandlers, active business, no iron gates over windows and cashiers behind thick glass, foot patrols. Currently the neighborhood looks high crime due to the way local businesses operate... bars over windows, etc.... and the sidewalks and parking lots are always full of trash. There is no pride or upkeep on the outside of the businesses. This atmosphere and attitude must change. University Avenue is always strewn with garbage more than other urban avenues.
- Lots of lights, wider streets, benches like a park area to walk and rest.
- Lots of lighting, and perhaps emergency call boxes with a police officer on a bike. This is my second biggest concern. The area becoming a hangout.
- I've visited various cities all around the country, and I don't recall feeling afraid for my safety in vibrant, healthy places where many people regularly gather. I imagine bringing life to that corner of our city will make it feel more safe.
- Already is. Just need fewer paranoid white people.

#### Public Art

#### How can public art reflect and connect with the surrounding neighborhoods?

- Public art should be produced by local artists (1 vote)
- Local art by local kids from Saint Paul public schools. Rotating out displays.
- Garden parks from local artists.
- Art you can interact with.
- Art that represents all the cultures in the community.
- Multicultural to reflect the awesome neighborhoods.
- Do what Amanda says.
- Build on existing efforts like the Midway murals and Central Corridor Light Rail Stations.

- Multiple language and cultures represented.
- it can be huge and this definitely needs a signature art work.
- Use local artists, or do a group project.
- Hire local artists to contribute to public art on the site! Public art provides something for the neighborhood to identify with, talk about, and ideally, interact with.
- Would like to see local artist represented in any public art.
- Engaging & rotating & local.
- I really like the way the LRT has the bronze images of local neighborhood civic personalities at the stations. I also like bronze sculptures.
- That's for the artists to share and challenge us with.
- Very low priority.

#### Storm Water and Public Art

## Does this statement reflect your vision for the Snelling Midway Area. "Creatively using open space to manage stormwater." why or why not?

- Yes integrate BMP's in visible and non-visible applications. Use this site as an example for developments to come.
- Yes!
- Incorporate native plants into green spaces.
- Definitely! Getting people to engage with their cultural environment and the natural one.
   Sounds pretty Minnesotan to me.
- Yes.
- Because currently rain storms cause localized flooding (Snelling Avenue floods, parts of the Midway Shopping Center parking lot), and the floodwaters are disgusting, oil soaked, trash filled toxic streams.
- I don't know probably maybe or no.
- Yes. It does.
- Possibly but this statement seems like it would need to be larger than one site.
- Yes. All storm water that can be managed on site should be. Reducing runoff and pollution through rain gardens in parks, or ponds/wetlands that can be created will help maintain the current infrastructure.
- Yes. As it exists now the site is a massive contributor to runoff filled with impermeable surfaces. Stormwater management is critical to ensuring the health of our water resources.
- If this refers to an onsite recycling system like Target Field, I'm for it. This upfront expense will save money long term and is the environmentally responsible thing to do.
- Yes. Anything for conservation is a good thing.
- Good drainage is common sense... not some dreamy vision. This is an odd question.
- Don't know.
- Yes. Our goal should be to capture precipitation where it falls. If that can be done in ways that include public art or recreation, even better.

No. Reminds me of Target Center hype.

### Do you agree with this statement? If the children enjoy being there then the adults will follow. Why or why not?

- More green, more public area with native vegetation is best. A dog park would be great.
- Re-use storm water for irrigation.
- I agree. Rain water capture and re-use should be maximized.
- Has there been a plan for snow storage and removal?
- Yes if I can't come with my kids it's hard for me to come.
- Yes what makes people want to come matters.
- Duh.
- If it is safe.
- Yes. No explanation needed.
- Agreed. But make sure there are native plants that are hardy and require little care.
- Yes -reuse stormwater run-off and build water cisterns to re-use storm water for watering grounds or water features.
- Yes.
- Parents devote a lot of resources to taking their children to places like indoor playgrounds, movies, shopping centers, museums.
- Yes if because it safe and they want their children to be happy and grow up in a good neighborhood.
- Yes, adults with children have a huge influence on their kids. Whatever they do, their kids will most likely follow.
- Not really. Kids love playgrounds. I don't hang out at playgrounds that would be a bit creepy.
   There has to be a bigger focus. Have you heard of a team called the Saints? They have this covered go talk to the owners.
- To a point. The adults will follow during the daylight hours, when they are with their kids. These are not the only important times, consider 18-35 childless adults, give them some entertainment or bars so that after bedtime for children there are still people coming to the space.
- Yes. I believe strongly in the concept of 8 to 80 planning.
- No. I think adults will either come or they won't. By its nature (running time) soccer matches are a brief interaction. While some supporters make a day of it, many appreciate the compact nature of it (3 hours to get there, watch, and leave.) If adults stay, they will stay at restaurants, pubs, etc. and having kids with during that portion of the experience won't necessarily be a preference. The focus on youth engagement/entertainment will be important for community soccer clubs.
- It would depend on age of children.

- The atmosphere both inside and outside the stadium doesn't have to cater to kids, but it should be kid friendly and open... We want kids in and outside the stadium... otherwise it becomes hooligans in the stands and thug district on the streets. And don't just plan based on summer... think of consequences in all four seasons.
- People have to feel safe first before they will come. No, adults will control the access by kids under 12.
- Sometimes yes. Sometimes no. Having a young son, I can say that we seek out opportunities to be active as a family. If such opportunities manifest and if 'the child' enjoys them, we will follow.
- I guess.

#### What images does this reflect for you? "Public art incorporated into green space"

- Love green space you can still be active on, engage with, and play on.
- Don't forget about pervious pavement. (1 vote)
- How about a memorial to a quiet night's sleep.



10 votes



12 votes



13vote



4 votes



5 votes



5 votes



5 votes

#### Overall Vision and Other Topics

#### What goals do you think this site will accomplish?

- Equity for closing disparity gaps! (jobs) (contracts) (1 vote)
- No TIFing
- For people to stop referring to the Midway as a "blighted" neighborhood. It's my home.
- Raise my property value so I can get the hell out of here.
- Fun and engaging use of space that brings people together.
- Wipe the slate clean. It's currently a disaster.
- Boost local economy with vibrant businesses.
- Let's connect a bikeway to the Greenway in Minneapolis.
- Helping people think outside the car.
- To enhance and improve the community vs. gentrification.
- Allow community members and youth to secure the area.
- Bring in more private investment and drive up property values.
- Invigorate the local community and the city.
- More lively destination that I can bike to.
- I am very excited about the possibilities this redevelopment offers.
- Small business involvement that's affordable.
- Make the Midway a pleasant place to live.
- By bringing in more people from the outside to see how beautiful Minnesota is than any other place.
- Making sure the area is being used 24/7. Welcoming the public to multiple options.
- Fun, community pride, a proud display to the region and possibly the world of St Paul, an attraction/destination. There should definitely be some great locations for picture taking opportunity built into this development think spoon bridge/cherry, or golden glove or giant Viking ship as examples.
- I hope this site will activate the surrounding streets, and create a decent district for riding the train to dinner, or a movie.
- Provide a destination for people both from the neighborhood and those from beyond. Provide active spaces for people to interact outdoors. Remain an active space during all seasons.
- I would like the stadium to be considered an asset to more than just the team, corporate interests, or City. I would hope it is seen as an asset by those who live next to it every day.
- So it attracts people from the suburbs and out of state to return and enjoy even on non-game days.

#### What other topics are important to pay attention to?

- How will this impact the residential neighborhoods like Frog Town?
- Keep lower profile to blend in with the context of the area. Not a high-rise area.
- Naming rights. Try to include a name not solely associated with a sponsor.

- Sponsor a design charrette to create dynamic innovative architectural development around the stadium.
- Have you considered covering highway 94?
- Accessibility for local community members. Affordable seating.
- Please contain the noise.
- No fireworks please.
- More culturally acceptable designs.
- Energy efficiency and sustainability. Solar power.
- Spaces for community building.
- Educational centers aren't being discussed. E.g. small schools.
- Taxes for the businesses that are already here.
- Concerned about light and noise. Don't see what it brings to the neighborhood.
- Phasing Put in soccer fields as temporary thing while waiting for development instead of vacant trashy looking space.
- Snelling Park.
- Housing prices and gentrification.
- Trash. Crime. Drunk drivers. Thumping car music.
- Make this site a green model for our community.
- Remember the people who have been patronizing the Midway for years.
- Less rent or taxes so people will want to be closer to the place.
- Who will be living in the area?
- I think I cover it Safety, access, parking, construction disruptions, but let's add one more lines of view for great camera lines/presentation. I think if built right, the cameras would be able to see the Cathedral, Capital, downtown St. Paul in the background as they televise soccer events such a great opportunity.
- Consider up zoning around the site as well. If the district is successful why wouldn't development cross University? Snelling?
- Affordable ticket prices.
- Effective maintenance and upkeep of the stadium and surrounding area.
- Job outreach to local community members especially youth!
- Cleanliness and upkeep... it can't become like the rest of University, where businesses pay little attention to keeping their sidewalks clean, signs/windows repaired, and buildings painted.
- Our property taxes, people like myself who will be on a fixed income soon, affordability for most of this area. It all sound nice but who pays for it, we already went though it with the light rail.