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 and Recreation

Water Resources

Historic 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)
Every 10 years, Saint Paul is required by State statute, and directed by the Metropolitan Council, to update its Comprehensive Plan.

Accommodate projected growth from 2014 to 2040:
- 12% increase in population
- 19% increase in households
- 23% increase in employment

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!
• Clear and concise language

• Policies, not work items

• Shorter, more user-friendly

• Interactive, more nimble, more accessible
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 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 – Jake Reilly

• Issues embedded throughout – sustainability, urban design, economic development, racial and social equity, aging in community, community/public health
Meetings with district councils, community-based organizations, etc.

Community events – Safe Summer Nights, National Night Out, Frogtown Farm, etc.

Pop-up meetings

Focus groups with key stakeholders on embedded issues, including experts, advocates, passionate citizens, small business owners

Key informant interviews – appointed and elected officials, major business leaders (Ecolab, Securian)

Radio – WEQY, KMOJ

Social media - Open Saint Paul, Facebook, Twitter

General community meetings at key points in the process
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO-DATE

- 2200+ people
- 67 events
- Good representation across the city
- Age, race diversity reflective of city-wide demographics
WHAT WE HEARD
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
DRAFTING PROCESS

- Issue Identification
  - Public priorities and issues
  - Staff, Comp Planning Committee, Transportation Committee, HPC, Parks Commission
  - City Council/Planning Commission/other org issues
  - Current Comp Plan

- Draft Chapter
  - Implementation focus
  - Usability
  - Research guidance
  - Staff Team review

- Review & Revise
  - Transportation Committee
  - HPC
  - Parks Comm.
  - Comp Planning Committee review
TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER GOALS

• Investment that reflects the City’s priorities
• Safety and accessibility for all users
• A transportation system that supports employment and access to jobs
• True transportation choice city-wide – shift from SOV to multi-modal
• Sustainable and equitable maintenance models
• Environmentally sustainable design
• Functional and attractive parkways
• A system that shapes and responds to technology
Transportation Chapter Highlights

- **Bold step forward:** establish clear priorities for transportation system improvements
  - **Project selection:**
    - Safety and equity benefits
    - Support of quality jobs
    - Maintenance
  - **Design:**
    - Pedestrians and bicyclists first
- **Public priorities emphasized throughout chapter:**
  - Safety
  - Well-maintained infrastructure
  - Improved multi-modal options
LAND USE CHAPTER GOALS

• Focused growth around transit
• Neighborhood nodes that support daily needs within walking distance
• Equitably-distributed community amenities, access to employment and housing choice
• Strong connections to the Mississippi River, parks and trails
• Infrastructure for all ages and abilities
• Efficient and adaptable land use and development patterns and processes
• Quality jobs and livable wages
• People-centered urban design
LAND USE CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

• Priorities
  • Focused growth around transit – continued from 2030 Plan
  • Equity – new to 2040 Plan
  • Access to the Mississippi River – greater emphasis
  • Neighborhood amenities within walking distance – public mandate

• Organization
  • Arranged by land use categories – improve usability
  • Modified land use categories from current Comp Plan
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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