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)
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
EMBEDDED ISSUES

• Sustainability/resiliency
• Urban design
• Economic development
• Racial and social equity
• Aging in community
• Community/public health
2010-2014:
  • 9% of Saint Paul population is age 65+
  • 18.6% of the work force is age 55+

MN Survey of Older Adults (2015) – 89% believe their neighborhood is a good place to live; only 10% plan to move in the next few years

2014-2040:
  • Ramsey County population age 65+ will double from 2014 to 2040
COMP PLAN CORE VALUES THAT SPEAK TO AGING IN COMMUNITY

• Equal access to healthy, affordable, safe housing for all household sizes, incomes and ages
• Transportation mobility and connectivity (multi-modal system)
• Robust open space system
• Healthy community – physical, environmental, economic, social health
• Aging in community
• Growth and prosperity through density
• Food equity – access to healthy food for all regardless of income, age or location
• T-8. Design rights-of-way for all users, including older people, and mindful of curb cut design, level sidewalks, lighting, accessibility to/from bus stops, benches.

• T-19. Shift mode share towards pedestrian, bike, public transit and carpooling.

• T-20, T-21. Make walking and bicycling safe and comfortable city-wide; increase pedestrian and bike mode share.

• T-22. Provide sidewalks throughout the city.

• T-23. Improve public transit mode share and support quality public transit in all parts of Saint Paul through strategic establishment of transit-supportive land use intensity and design.

• T-36. Ensure that right-of-way design accounts for changing vehicle technologies and forms of use, such as car-sharing and ride-sharing.
• **Goal**: Infrastructure for all ages and abilities

• LU-1. Encourage transit-supportive density and direct the majority of growth to areas with the highest existing or planned transit capacity.

• LU-5. Encourage flexible building design to ensure ongoing functionality and viability, and to respond to new market opportunities.

• LU-7. Evaluate land use and zoning flexibility to respond to social, economic, technological, market and environmental changes, conditions, opportunities.

• LU-15. Encourage the equitable distribution of community food assets, including community food gardens, food markets, healthy retail food options and food hubs.
• LU-28. Invest in Neighborhood Nodes to enable people to meet their daily needs within walking distance and improve equitable access to amenities, retail and services.

• LU-29. Promote amenities in Neighborhood Nodes, including frequent transit service, vibrant business districts, range of housing choices, neighborhood civic and institutional uses

• LU-31. Encourage medium-density housing that diversifies housing options, such as townhouses, courtyard apartments and smaller multi-family developments.

• LU-32. Provide for multi-family housing along arterial and collector streets to facilitate walking and leverage the use of public transportation.
SUMMARY: AGING IN COMMUNITY

• How the 2040 Comp Plan promotes “aging in community”
  • Transportation options beyond the car
  • A full range of housing types and prices in each neighborhood
  • Concentrated, mixed-use, higher-density growth on increasingly rare vacant sites
  • Mixed-use neighborhoods where housing, shopping, services and volunteer opportunities are within walking distance of one another
  • Maintaining land use diversity over time to minimize displacement as people age
  • A parks and open space system that meets the needs of older citizens
  • A diverse work/volunteer force – impact on economic vitality
  • Equity and community health aspects of aging
  • On-going community dialogue with those 65+