

November 6, 2020

Anton Jerve, Principal City Planner
City of Saint Paul
25 W. Fourth Street, 1300 City Hall Annex
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RE: **City of St. Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan - Notice of Council Action**
Metropolitan Council Review File No. 21918-1
Metropolitan Council Districts 13 and 14

Dear Mr. Jerve:

The Metropolitan Council reviewed the City of St. Paul Comprehensive Plan (Plan) at its meeting on November 4, 2020. The Council based its review on the staff's report and analysis (attached).

The Council found that the City's 2040 Plan meets all Metropolitan Land Planning Act requirements; conforms to the regional system plans including transportation, aviation, water resources management, and parks; is consistent with *Thrive MSP 2040*; and is compatible with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions.

In addition to the Advisory Comments and Review Record, the Council adopted the following recommendations.

1. Authorize the City of Saint Paul to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the sewer-serviced forecasts for the City to show that the entire population and household forecasts will be sewer-serviced in 2030 and 2040, as shown in Table 2 of the Review Record.
3. Prior to final plan adoption, advise the City to implement the following advisory comments in the Review Record:
 - a. Revise Appendix B to remove the reference to Robert Street as a project identified in the 2040 TPP list of transitways.
 - b. Correct the designations of two Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) corridors.
 - c. Address comments regarding the mapping of freight information on Map T-15.
 - d. Address comments regarding the modification of Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) employment allocations.
 - e. Incorporate the Department of Public Works Five Year Capital Plan summary in the Implementation Chapter.
4. Advise the City to:
 - a. Once completed, submit to the Council a copy of the revised Chapter 50 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code regarding standards and specifications for SSTS accompanied by a

- copy of the Resolution adopting the new Rule.
- b. Within 60 days after receiving DNR final approval, the City must adopt the Mississippi River Critical Corridor Plan and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record regarding employment and household forecasts during future comprehensive amendments.
5. Approve the City of St. Paul's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
 6. Prior to final plan adoption, advise the City to:
 - a. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record to correct the summary of Chapter 41 of the City's Legislative Code that pertains to the separation of stormwater and sanitary sewer systems.
 - b. Include a copy of Chapter 41 in its final submitted version to the Council.
 7. Require the City to submit GIS datasets related to the local wastewater system when it becomes available.

Please consult the attached staff report for important information about the City's next steps. Of particular importance are the Council's actions, listed on page 1, general Advisory Comments listed on page 3, and the specific comments for technical review areas, which are found in the body of the report. The final copy of the Plan needs to include all supplemental information/changes made during the review.

Congratulations on completing this important project. It was a pleasure to work with the City's staff throughout the review process.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Luis Pereira, AICP, Planning Director, City of St. Paul
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