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# SAINT PAUL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040

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- 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 considers emerging trends
- Foundation for responding to trends and guiding change anticipated in the next 10-20 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, Recreation and Open Space
- Water Resources
- Heritage and Cultural 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-28)
2. **Guide the expenditure of public funds** (capital improvement budget, tax increment financing, STAR, Commercial Vitality Zone, 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-28)
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)

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## *Why are we updating our Plan?*

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- Every 10 years, Saint Paul is required by State statute, and directed by the Metropolitan Council, to update its Comprehensive Plan.
- Regional goals:
  - 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 an opportunity to check in with Saint Paul citizens to ask: How do we want Saint Paul to look and work in the future?

# GENERAL GOALS FOR 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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- **Clear and concise language**
- **Policies, not work items**
- **Shorter, more user-friendly**
- **Interactive, more nimble, more accessible**

# MAJOR TRENDS AFFECTING HOW WE PLAN

- **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 , access to opportunity
- **Large redevelopment sites** – Ford, Snelling-Midway (soccer), West Side Flats, Hillcrest
- **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**
- **Issues embedded throughout – sustainability, urban design, economic development, racial and social equity, aging in community, community/public health**
- **Extensive community engagement**
- **Regular communication with Mayor, City Council**



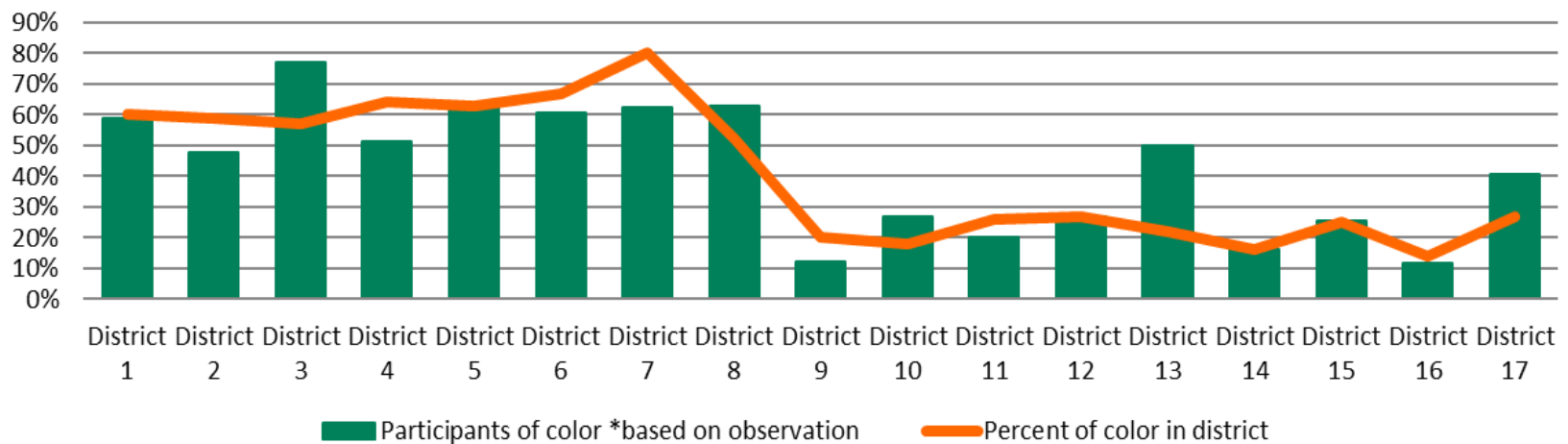
# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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

## Racial Composition of Participants



# WHAT WE HEARD

## Themes and Priorities

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- **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**



## VISION FOR SAINT PAUL IN 2040

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Saint Paul is a community that is welcoming to and a place of **opportunity for all**, regardless of income, age, race, ethnicity or ability. It will do this by addressing the place-based dimensions of our disparities: **embracing growth**; offering a wide range of **housing choices** for its diverse residents; providing a **transportation** system that meets the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers; preserving, celebrating and building on our **history**; and supporting infill development that sensitively accommodates a **growing, aging and increasingly diverse** population.

# CORE VALUES

- Racial and social equity
- Fair and equitable access to and choice of healthy, affordable, safe housing
- Transportation mobility and connectivity
- Robust parks and open space system
- Healthy community
- Resilient city
- Age in our community
- Economic mobility and opportunity
- Recognizing and celebrating our complex and inter-related histories
- A citizen's right and responsibility to engage in decisions
- Beauty
- Mississippi River
- Creative city
- Growth and prosperity through density
- Food equity
- Social justice
- Diversity
- Safe and welcoming

# TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Bold step forward to 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 HIGHLIGHTS

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- **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**



# HOUSING CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Addresses structures, people, affordability and neighborhoods—housing is more than just a land use
- New focus on renter issues
- A policy that directs the continuation of inter-departmental collaboration on the *Analysis of Impediments* and other fair housing issues
- More detailed Housing Implementation section regarding strategic partnerships, City programs, regulatory actions, and use of financial tools effort to meet identified housing needs



# PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE HIGHLIGHTS

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- Focus on reducing barriers to both physical system and programming
- Emphasis on seeking information from users to be responsive in Park and Recreation decisions
- Make better use of data to inform maintenance and replacement plans
- Take advantage of local partnerships to enhance the park system through POPS and value-added services



# WATER RESOURCES CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Water is a vital, finite resource—ensuring continued access to abundant, high-quality water requires a comprehensive management approach**
- **Improved stormwater management approaches will maintain groundwater and not impair surface waters**
- **Continued investment is needed to maintain our water treatment and distribution system, and our wastewater conveyance system**



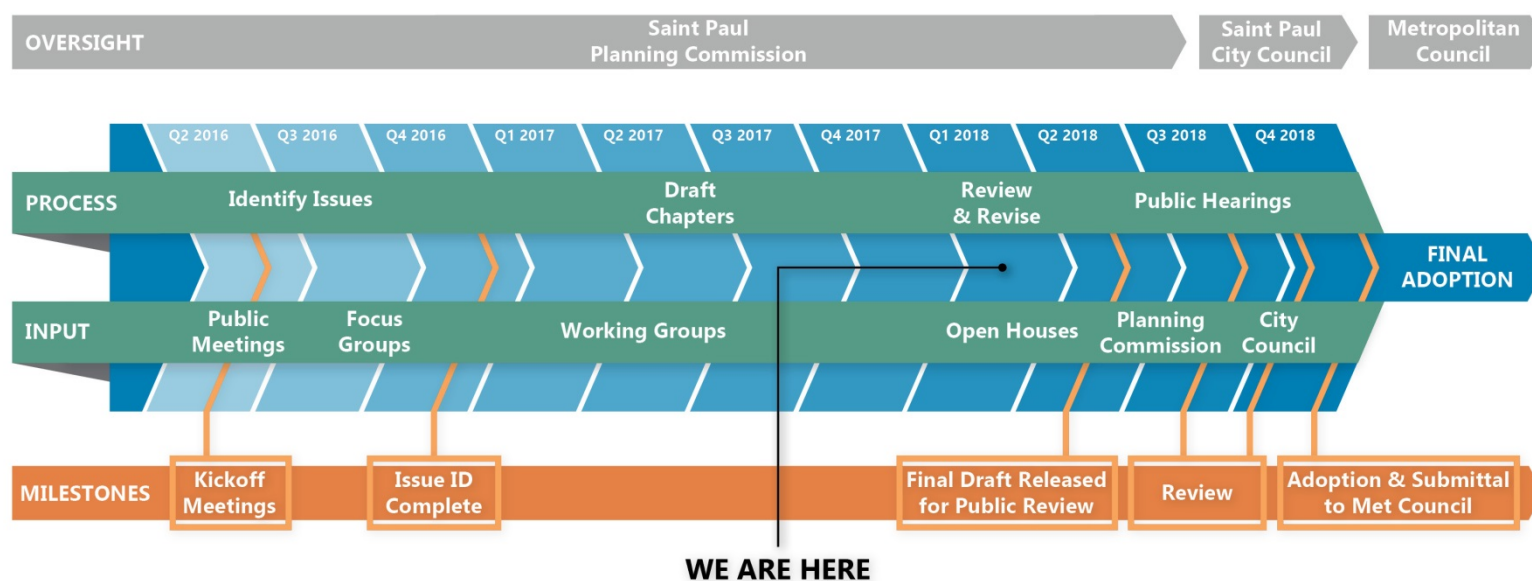
# HERITAGE AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

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- Be a leader for preservation
- Protect Saint Paul's sense of place
- Integrate preservation into City department activities
- Stakeholder education



## 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS



# 2018 SCHEDULE

- **March 9** Planning Commission (PC) authorizes submittal to adjacent and affected jurisdictions
- **March 12** Staff sends to adjacent and affected jurisdictions, and Met Council for preliminary review
- **April- June** Staff meets with district councils and advocacy groups; hosts 2 public open houses
- **July 27** PC releases plan, sets public hearing date
- **September 7** PC holds public hearing
- **October 5** PC makes final recommendation to Mayor, City Council
- **October 17** City Council holds public hearing
- **November 14** City Council approves, authorizes submittal to Met Council