

Saint Paul: The Most Livable City in America

Saint Paul is a world class city by any measure—home to historic neighborhoods, a burgeoning 21st century transit system, a significant and growing center for the arts, and strong businesses, both big and small. Ours is a city that invests wisely in our strengths, creating a safe and diverse urban center that is large enough to be a model city, but just the right size to feel like home.

Strong communities are the foundation on which great cities are built. In Saint Paul we know that our strength lies in our residents. Our vision for the city's future is anchored by our community values. We will be a city that does right by our children and our environment, a city that fosters innovation and creativity to bring new jobs and grow our economy, a city that inspires public and private investment to build a 21st century infrastructure, and a city that invests wisely to protect our quality of life.

All great cities grow out of strong communities, and especially in these challenging times we will continue to tap into the energies and talents of our residents and partners to move our city forward. These are the goals of our

administration. With them, we will finish the work we started four years ago, and continue to write a new story for our city that we can carry proudly into the future.



A Learning Community

Saint Paul will be a national model for community-wide learning. Every child and adult will have access to both formal and informal learning opportunities.

- All children will be ready for kindergarten
- All youth will be ready for college and career through the Second Shift Initiative
- Our workforce will be ready to compete in a global economy

A Growing Economy and New Jobs

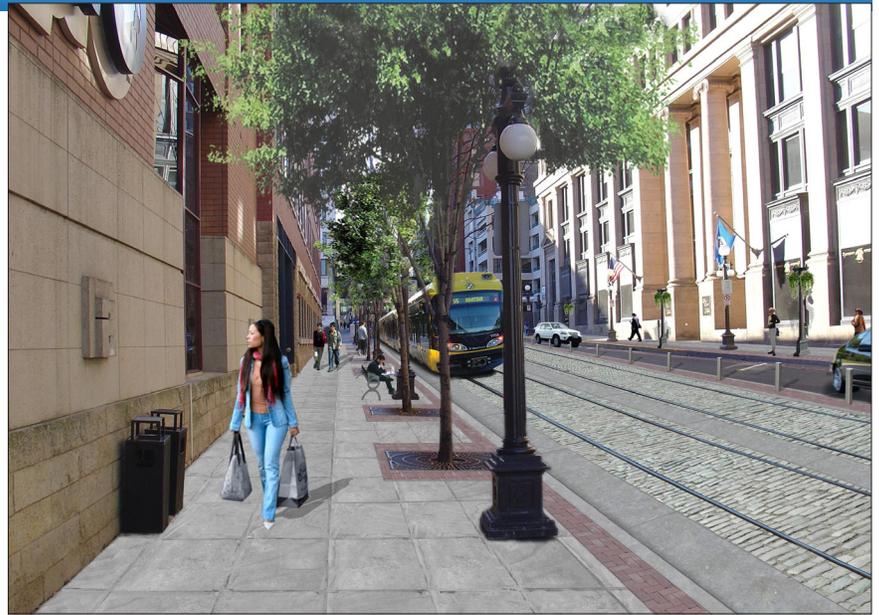
Saint Paul will be at the center of a growing economy as we drive job creation, business retention and growth.

- A thriving downtown will be home to new jobs and new vitality
- Neighborhoods will grow in strength and vitality around flourishing commercial corridors
- New and existing industries will flourish in every corner of Saint Paul

Infrastructure

Saint Paul will make wise investments to inspire private and public investments in a 21st century economy.

- A 21st century transportation system will include light and high speed rail into the Union Depot, a new Lafayette bridge, and expanded bike and pedestrian options
- Residents will have expanded access to technology including high speed broadband
- Our distinctive parks and library systems will be enhanced



Quality Way of Life

Saint Paul is proud to be a 21st century river town that invests wisely to protect our unique way of life.

Our city attracts residents, employers, and visitors the same way we keep them – by providing a quality of life that is second to none.

It's the Mississippi, it's Como Park, it's Rice Park and the Xcel Energy Center, it's Grand Avenue and the Aztec dancers at Cinco de Mayo. It's a band at the Turf Club or the Torchlight Parade at the Winter Carnival. It's the feeling you get at the International Market or at a café on Payne Avenue.

Saint Paul is more than Minnesota's capital city. It represents the best of what Minnesota has to offer – it's a safe, diverse urban center with something for everyone.

- Embrace an ethic of sustainability that informs all of the city's operations and investments
- Make wise investments to carry on our tradition of historic and unique neighborhoods
- Continue to focus on public safety and emergency preparedness
- Keep Saint Paul a safe place to call home
- Be a regional destination for entertainment and events
- Continue to engage the community in every aspect of civic life.