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Resource Center

RNeighbors works toward a future in Rochester when community life is rooted in neighborhood networks that nurture citizen involvement for positive community change.

Mission

RNeighbors empowers citizen leaders to create sustainable neighborhood networks that promote a vibrant, healthy and livable community.

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René Halasy Executive Director Council on Neighborhoods (CoN) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 5:30-7 pm ● 125 Elton Hills Drive NW, Northview Room

Mission of the Council on Neighborhoods

To strengthen connections between neighborhood leaders and give neighborhoods a collective voice.

Attendees

Kelly Dunagan, Sunnyside; Cathy Clermont, Slatterly; Mary Idso, Northrop; Barb Virning, Northwest Neighbors; John Orbeck, In the City for Good; Regina Mustafa, Kingsbury NW; Barbara Hudson, Friends of Indian Heights Park and René Halasy, RNeighbors.

Welcome (5:30 pm)

- Rochesterfest Parade, Saturday, June 23, 1 pm
- Building Blocks: Block Party Trailer and Movie in a Box at RNeighbors.org
- Habitat for Humanity Aging-in-Place Program
- Jive Mill Summer Concert Series at 125 LIVE, Tuesdays in June, 5:30-7:30 pm

Introductions (5:35 pm)

- Name and Neighborhood Association (NA)/Organization you're representing
- Share a positive neighborhood effort

Integrated Transit Studies Update (5:45 pm)

Presenters

- Nick Lemmer, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator for Rochester Public Transit, NLemmer@rochestermn.gov
- Bill Von Bank, Marketing & Communications Director for the DMC EDA, billvonbank@dmceda.org

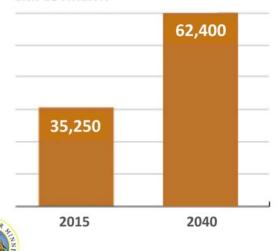
The DMC Development Plan was a visionary document that outlines concepts to improve access to downtown and improve circulation within downtown for residents, workers, and visitors on transit, foot, and by bicycle. The Integrated Transit Studies have further studied and refined this transportation vision. Join us to learn about the recommendations and preferred solutions for the future of transportation in Downtown Rochester.

Studies were done to answer key questions:

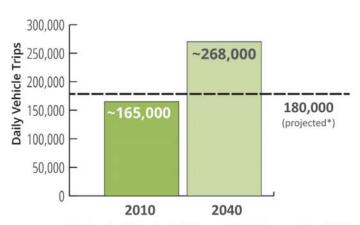
- What will fit in the available space?
- Best, most cost-effective use of public dollars?
- Public supportive of significant change?

Growth in the DMC District

EMPLOYMENT:



VEHICLE TRIPS IN/OUT OF DMC DISTRICT



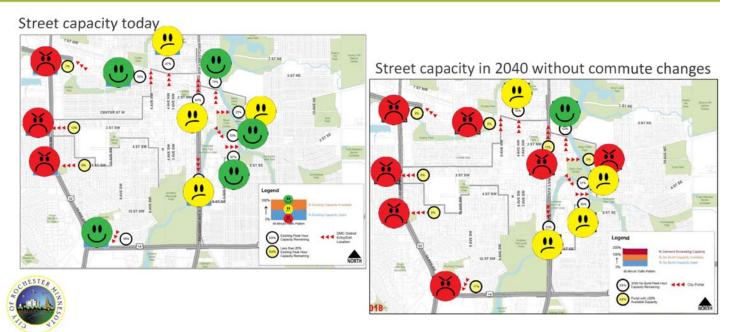
*Projected vehicle trips in 2040 assuming implementation of DMC and Comprehensive Plan transit and land use programs.

Limited Street Capacity

- Entry points to downtown are already at or near capacity
- Streets cannot handle unrestrained growth of traffic

There is a Need

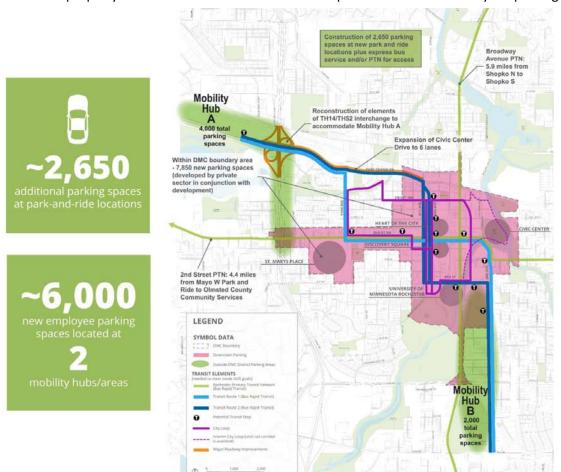




Achieving the Best Solution

A combination of infrastructure and policies, programs, and incentives are required.

Downtown property should be used for economic development rather than all day car parking.







Intention to improve bicycle network including adding a City Loop: A World-Class Urban Trail.

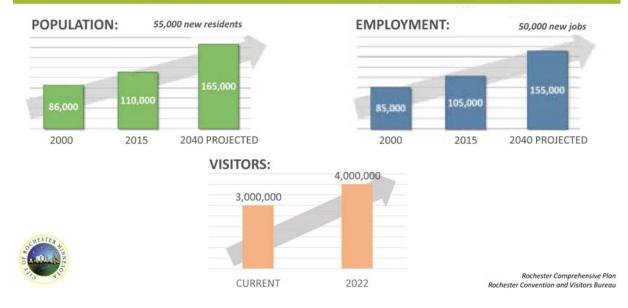


Case Study: Indianapolis Cultural Trail

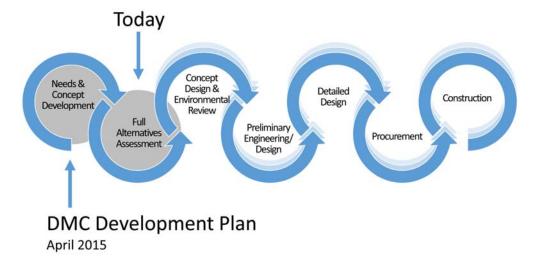
- Property values adjacent to the trail have increased.
- Increased revenues and customers for adjacent businesses
- Visitors to Indianapolis are attracted to the Cultural Trail
- Cultural Trail increases sense of safety and community
- Trail usage exceeds most other Indianapolis trails

Phased Approach Based on Demand





There will be more opportunities for public comment on projects.



Land Development Regulations for Infill & Redevelopment (6:45 pm)

The Planning Department is currently working with a contractor to create a draft of regulations for infill and redevelopment for the updated Comprehensive Plan. Once a draft is completed it will be a public document with the opportunity for neighborhoods to have input, working together. Stakeholder meetings will be held with the public, builders, developers and neighborhood leaders.

Adjourn (7 pm)

Upcoming MCN Meetings

Tuesday, August 21, 5:30-7 pm
 Topic: Land Development Regulations for Infill & Redevelopment
 Presenter: Ryan Yetzer, Planning & Policy Division