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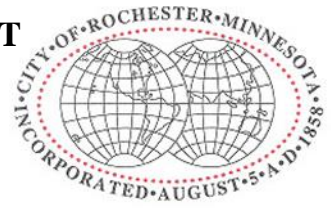
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Community Open House Planned for Review of Draft Land Development Manual Updates

OCTOBER 16, 2018 – ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA – The City of Rochester adopted its Comprehensive Plan, Planning 2 Succeed (P2S) 2040, in April 2018. P2S 2040 presents a vision to reduce the amount of vehicular traffic entering downtown through a change in choice of transportation and an increase of housing options around downtown. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and infill and redevelopment policies are essential components toward achieving that vision.

As a part of the review process, the community is invited to an Open House on Thursday, November 8, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 125 Live in the River Room. This gathering will provide the public an opportunity to learn more about the updates, ask questions directly to Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department staff, and provide feedback.

The vision provides transportation choice to the estimated 60,000 employees who will work in the Destination Medical Center (DMC) District. In addition, this intended shift helps to achieve an increase in housing options around downtown, which also assists in decreasing vehicular congestion. Without this work, the downtown would need an additional seven city blocks worth of 9-story parking ramps.

As part of this project, Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department staff are proposing the creation of two new zoning districts; the “TOD” district and the “R2x” district. These new zoning districts are intended to promote infill, redevelopment, and densification around the downtown area.

Important Dates:

- 10/29: Presentation of Drafts at City Council Committee of The Whole Meeting - 3:30 p.m. at City Hall Room 104
- 10/30: Presentation of Drafts at R-Neighbors Council of Neighborhoods Meeting- 5:30 p.m. at 125 LIVE
- 11/8: Draft Review Open House – 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 125 Live

Documents

- [Planning 2 Succeed 2040](#)
- [R2X District Draft](#)
- [Transit Oriented Development \(TOD\) Draft](#)

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