

# DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN AND DOWNTOWN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK PLAN

## Technical Advisory Committee(TAC) Meeting #9

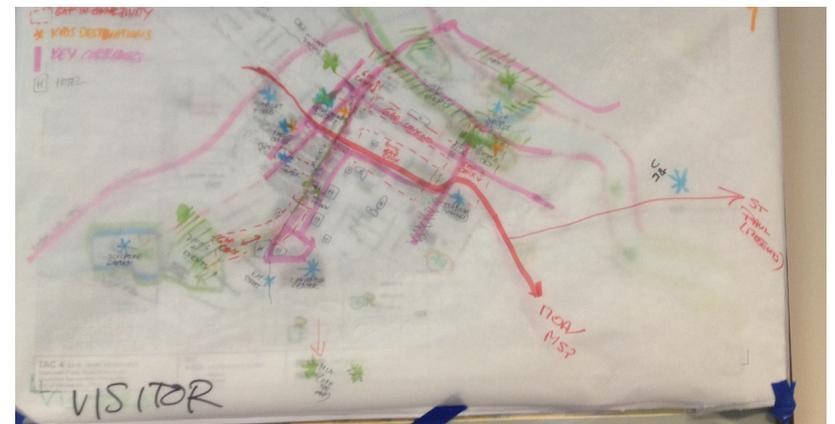
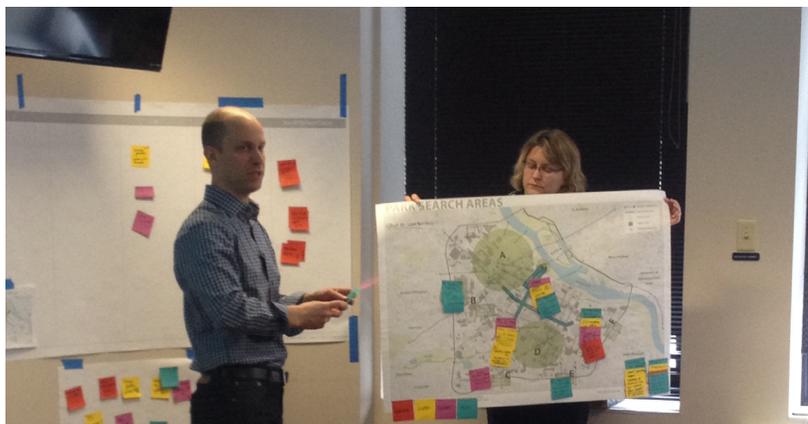
October 2, 2015  
9:00-10:00am

# MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome/Introduction
- Thank you and Refreshments
- Project Updates and Recap
  - Downtown Service Area Master Plan Update
  - Downtown Public Realm Framework Update
- Large Group Conversation
- Upcoming Activities/Adjourn

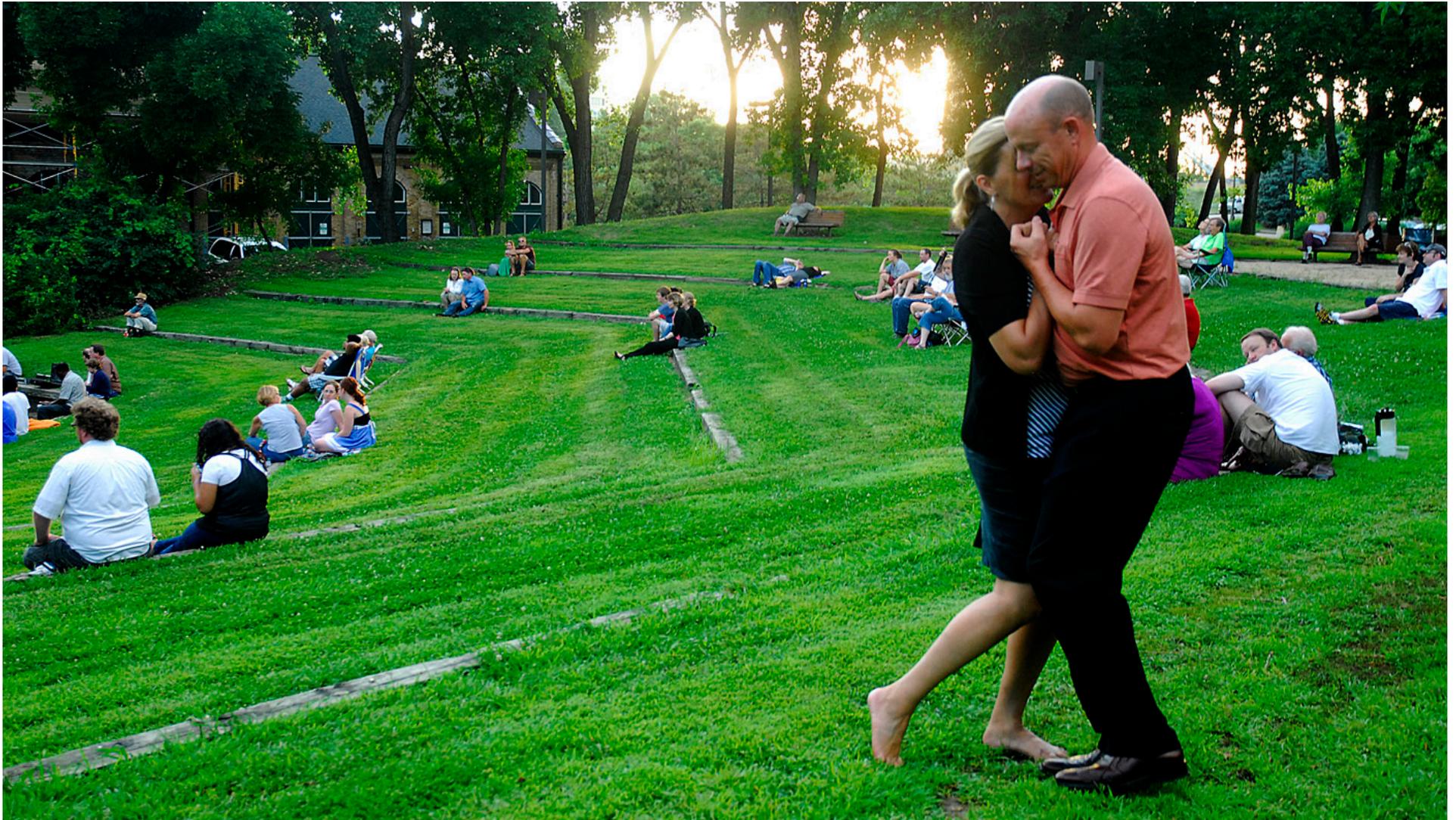
# MEETING AGENDA

» Thank you



# DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

## » Parks and Trails



# DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

## » Design Week

- Two public events:
  - Monday, Oct. 19  
6:00-8:30pm  
Mill City Museum
  - Thursday, Oct 22  
6:00-8:00pm  
Walker Art Center



## DESIGN WEEK

October 19-23, 2015

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Downtown Service Area Master Plan, in collaboration with the City of Minneapolis' Downtown Public Realm Framework Plan, will set the vision for future park and recreation development in the Downtown area, and establish a new, urban model for service delivery, maintenance, funding, and operation of parks in downtown Minneapolis. Design week is an intensive creative session intended to generate alternative approaches to a design challenge. It is a way to immerse the design team with key stakeholders and the community in a real-time, iterative learning and creative process. The week is anchored by two public events to gather input and provide feedback for the design team. Please come on Monday and/or Thursday to help shape Downtown Minneapolis' parks.



*Please join us at two public events:*

### Monday, October 19

*Public Workshop (6:00pm-8:30pm, Mill City Museum)*

- Preview of Design Week
- Brief review of community engagement process to-date
- Review of Vision and Goals from the Steering Committee
- Explore unique park possibilities with interactive exercises
- Next steps

### Thursday, October 22

*Steering Committee /Open House Pin-Up (6:00pm-8:00pm, Walker Art Center)*

- Review concepts
- Brief, informal presentation of concepts and recommendations
- Group question and answer session
- Opportunity to leave feedback

*From Monday to Thursday, the design team will be building on input collected Monday to develop concepts, which will then be presented on Thursday.*

# DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

## » Upcoming Schedule:

- **October**

  - 14: Loring Neighborhood Round Table

  - 19-23: Design Week

- **November/December**

  - TBD: Open House(s)

  - Administrative Draft of Master Plan to staff

- **January**

  - 6: Present project update to full board

  - 6: Open 45-day comment period

# DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

## » Upcoming Schedule, continued:

- **February**

20: 45-day comment period closes

Steering Committee Meeting

- **March**

2: Presentation of the Final Draft Master Plan to the  
Planning Committee

2: Public Hearing

16: Presentation of the Final Draft Master Plan to  
the full board

# DOWNTOWN SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

## » Upcoming TAC Meetings:

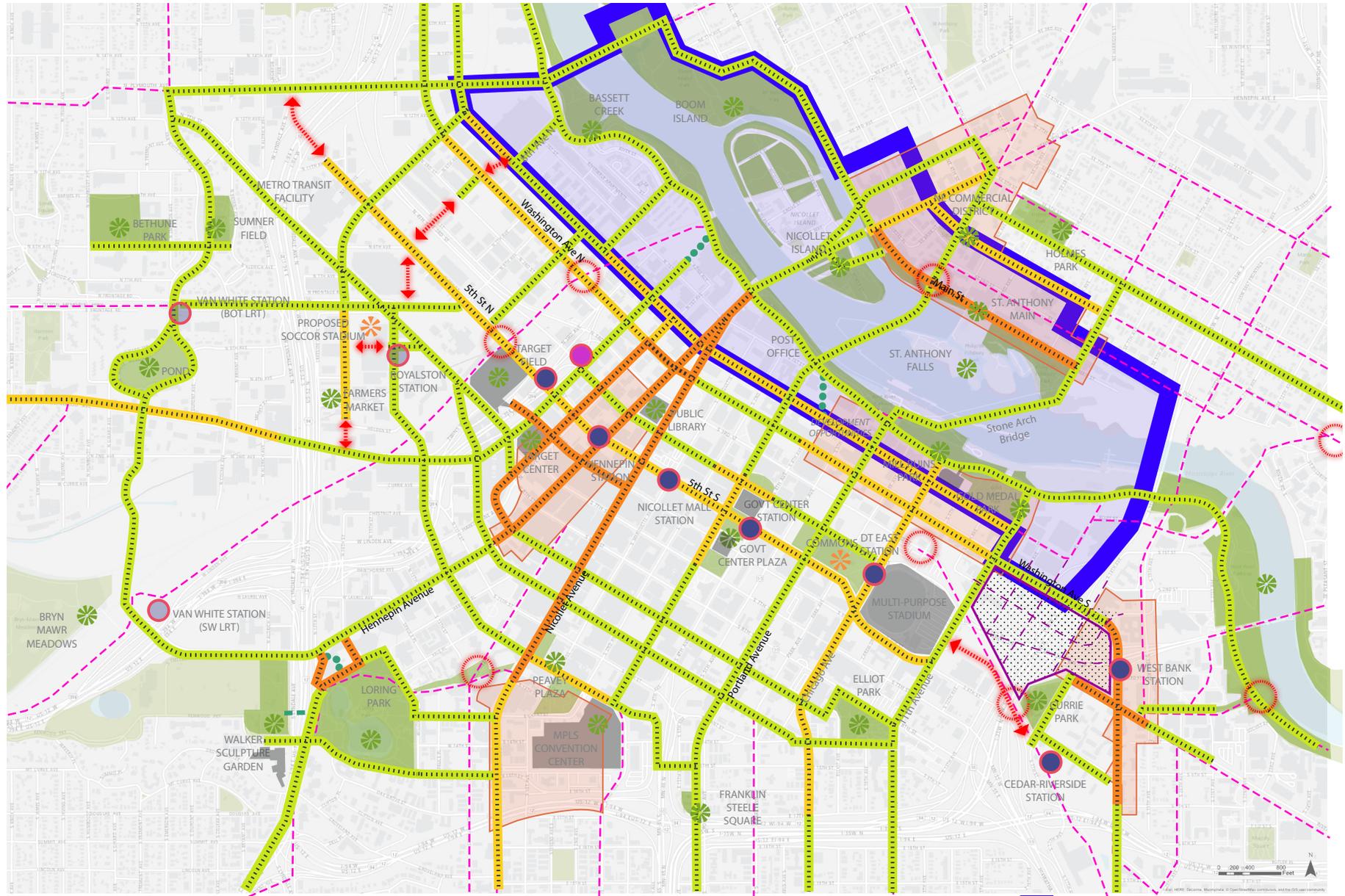
- 11/3: Reviewing and commenting on designs from Design Week
- 2/2: Reviewing the draft Master Plan during the public comment period

# DOWNTOWN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK PLAN

## » Streets and Plazas

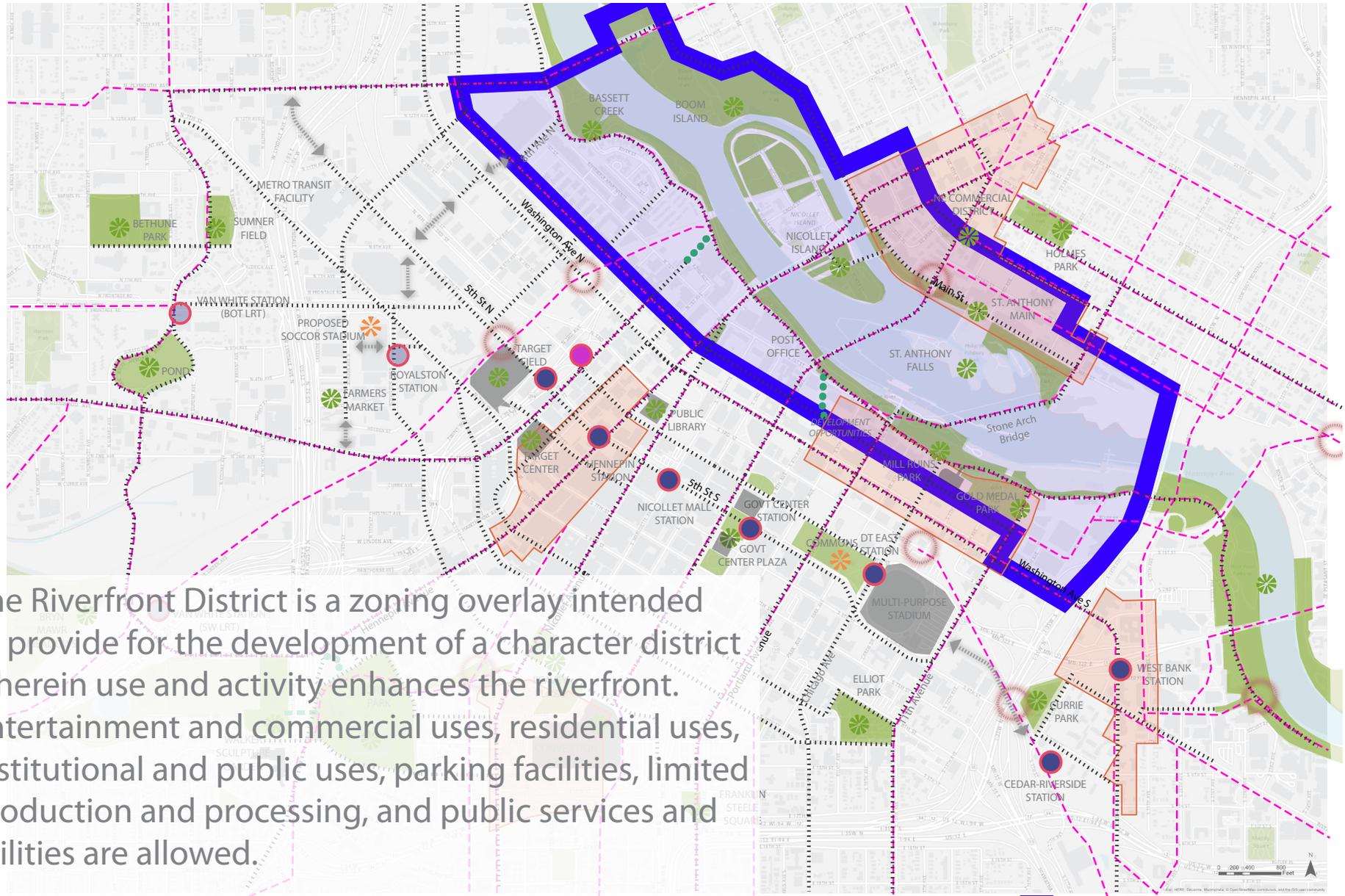


# FRAMEWORK PLAN - CORRIDORS AND KEY CONNECTIONS



- FUTURE LRT STATIONS
- COMMUTER RAIL STATION
- LANDMARK BLDG
- EXISTING ATTRACTION
- DESTINATION CORRIDOR
- CONNECTION CORRIDOR
- RIVER DISTRICT
- 35W "LID" PROPOSAL
- EXISTING LRT STATIONS
- ADOPTED ACTIVITY CENTER
- HIGH VOLUME BIKES
- FUTURE ATTRACTION
- ACTIVITY CORRIDOR
- RECOMMENDED LINKAGE
- SUPPLEMENTAL TRAIL

# FRAMEWORK PLAN - RIVERFRONT DISTRICT



The Riverfront District is a zoning overlay intended to provide for the development of a character district wherein use and activity enhances the riverfront. Entertainment and commercial uses, residential uses, institutional and public uses, parking facilities, limited production and processing, and public services and utilities are allowed.



# PUBLIC REALM GUIDELINES

## » Streets Furnishing

Furnishing

### Bicycle Rack

#### Definition

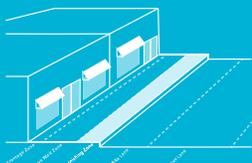
A stationary fixture for bicycle parking, to which a bicycle can be securely attached to prevent theft, can be found in groups or stand alone.

#### Street Types

All Streets

#### Sidewalk Zone

Furnishing Zone  
Frontage zone



#### More Information

Visit the website:  
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/ga/WCMS1P-135607>

#### Contact

Paul Cao  
Minneapolis Traffic & Parking Services, 33 North 9th Street, Room 100, Minneapolis, MN 55403-1326

Or by Fax: (612) 673-2898

Or Email: [Paul.Cao@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Paul.Cao@minneapolismn.gov)

#### Program Summary

Through the Bike Rack Cost Share Program, the City of Minneapolis can reimburse 50 percent of the cost of bike racks at eligible businesses. Schools, libraries, parks, and other eligible public facilities can also request to receive racks at no cost



Hitch Style

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#### Benefits

- Encouraging Bicycle Use
- Managing Bicycle Parking
- For both short-term and long-term parking

#### How to Utilize This Program

Interested businesses, community centers, and organizations within the City of Minneapolis are encouraged to participate in this unique program to promote bicycling. Bicyclists are also encouraged to help the City of Minneapolis identify locations to put new bicycle racks. The City of Minneapolis will participate in half of the cost of the bicycle rack and half the cost of installation for eligible locations. Applicants can choose between several standard colors, galvanized steel (silver), or custom color coated racks

#### Permits or Applications

- Bike Rack Cost Share application
- Encroachment permit

#### Maintenance

Applicant is responsible for maintenance

#### Cost

The City of Minneapolis will participate in half of the cost of the bicycle rack and half the cost of installation for eligible locations.

#### Official Codes & Documents

- Code of Ordinances 490.150 - Legal bike parking
- Code of Ordinances 541.180 - Bicycle parking
- Code of Ordinances 541.220 - Bicycle incentive
- Code of Ordinances 549.170 - Bicycle facilities in new developments
- Access Minneapolis Chapter 11: Bicycle Facility Design
- Minneapolis Bicycle Master plan 4.5.11-12

#### Components

- Bicycle parking spaces shall be a minimum of two feet by six feet
- An access aisle provided with a minimum of five feet
- Each space must be accessible without moving another bicycle
- Located on paved or pervious surface, not gravel, landscape stone or wood chips.
- Bicycle rack provides the locking of the bicycle frame and one wheel to the rack

Available Styles for 50/50 program:

- Hitch Rack
- Hoop Rack
- Swerve Rack
- "Bike Bike" Rack

#### Swerve Style



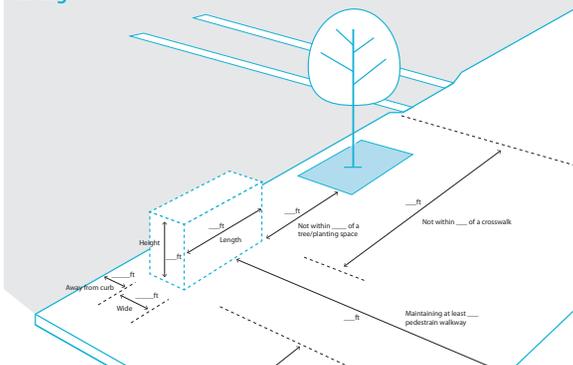
www.dero.com

#### Hoop Style



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#### Siting



#### FAQs

#### Process Overview

Applicant	City
1. Request application	
2. Eligibility checklist	
3. Applicant information	
4. Receives application	
5. Application meets location criteria	
6. Site selected	
7. Installation/Maintenance agreement	
8. Payment	
9. Vendor site plan submitted, final approval, and vendor installation	
10. Final Approval	
11. Installation	
12. Maintenance	

# PUBLIC REALM GUIDELINES

## » Streets Furnishing

Furnishing

### Litter Containers

#### Definition

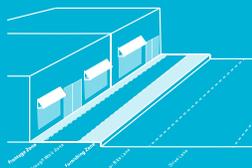
A waste container is a container for temporarily sorting waste

#### Street Types

Activity Centers  
Commercial Corridors  
Neighborhood Commercial Zones  
Commerce Street  
Activity Area Street

#### Sidewalk Zone

Furnishing zone  
Frontage Zone



#### More Information

Visit the Clean City Minneapolis Website:  
<http://minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/cleancity/WCM51P-125034>

#### Contact

Solid Waste and Recycling Division's Clean City Coordinator at (612) 673-2789.gov

#### Program Summary

The City of Minneapolis has placed litter containers in high pedestrian traffic areas in an effort to reduce the amount of litter that finds its way onto the street. When you volunteer for the Adopt-A-Litter Container program, you're helping us place and maintain litter containers in other areas that need them.



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#### Benefits

- To assist in keeping Minneapolis Beautiful and Clean
- Reduce the amount of litter on the street

#### How to Utilize This Program

By participating in this program, you agree to Adopt the litter container for a minimum of two years.

Adopters select from two levels of involvement by either; removing filled bags from the litter container or placing them in your garbage cart or waste dumpster, or requesting removal service from the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling for a monthly fee to be added to your utility bill. The cost for removal services (in 2015) is \$12.00 per month for once a week pickup, \$24.00 per month for twice a week pickup, \$36.00 per month for three times a week pickup, etc., plus tax. Maintain plastic liners (bags) in the litter container at all times. Keep the surrounding area clear of snow, ice, litter

or other refuse.

Adopters work in partnership with the City to maintain the physical condition of the container. If you spot graffiti on the litter container, either remove the graffiti or contact the Clean City Coordinator for assistance. If the litter container is damaged, contact the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling for repairs or replacement

#### Permits or Applications

- Adopt-A-Litter container Application

#### Maintenance

The Adopter will work in partnership with the City to maintain the physical condition of the Litter Container. If the Litter Container suffers graffiti, the Adopter will either remove the offense or contact the Clean City Coordinator for assistance. If the Litter Container is damaged, the Adopter will contact Solid Waste and Recycling on (612) 673-2917 for repairs or replacement. Depending

on the service level additional adopter maintenance may apply.

#### Cost

Varies depending on the level of involvement the applicant chooses

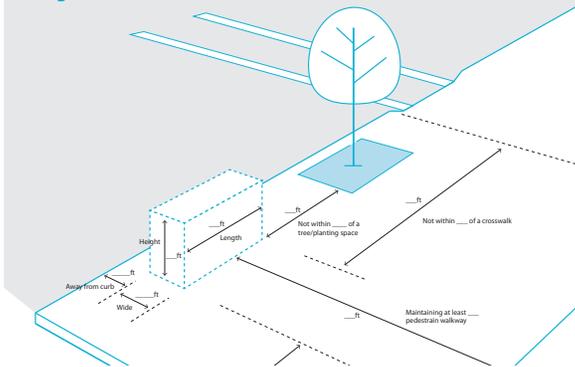
#### Components

- Located on paved or pervious surface, not gravel, landscape stone or wood chips.
- Litter container is ( ) by ( ) concrete container with exposed aggregate finish)



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#### Siting



#### FAQs

#### Process Overview



# PUBLIC REALM GUIDELINES

## » Trees and Greening

Greening

### Standard Tree Site

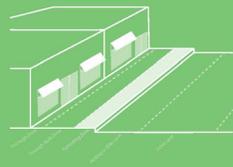
#### At a Glance

##### Street/Corridor Types:

Destination Corridor  
Activity Corridor  
Connector Corridor

##### Sidewalk Zone

Furnishing Zone



#### Benefits:

Reduce heat island effect  
Provide habitat for urban wildlife  
Reduce noise and glare  
Absorb carbon dioxide  
Reduce runoff

#### Cost:

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#### More Information

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311/>

#### Contact

Contact 311

If you are outside the Minneapolis city limits or are unable reach 311, call (612) 673-3000. TTY/TDD customers dial (612) 673-2157.

Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov

#### Feature Description

A standard tree site is a single tree with a single soil volume of 500 cubic feet. Standard Tree Sites decorate downtown in a variety of settings. The City is supporting all new tree planting sites to be tree trenches where multiple trees share the same soil volume. Tree trenches provide a continuous soil volume and allow flexibility in tree spacing. Tree trenches allow tree roots to spread and establish enhancing the viability of tree species. For full street reconstruction projects tree trenches will be required for full block lengths.

#### Preferred Conditions/Corridor Guidance

A standard tree site is one to select for the most constrained sites. It can be sited in some of the most challenging locations, where pedestrian traffic is significant, overhead conditions challenging, or adjacent uses undesirable. The standard tree site is appropriate when there is significant competition for furnishing and other elements in the sidewalk.

#### Maintenance

Trees like other vegetation go through a period of establishment where they are especially vulnerable to impacts. Consistent maintenance is recommended throughout the growing season to support the tree establishment period. This will help the tree thrive in the challenging urban environment

#### Best Practice Tip

Trees adapt well to wind conditions. In most cases staking of trees is not required and will be discouraged unless tree is located in a high wind site or sloped environment.

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#### City Trees Program: Partnership with Tree Trust

##### Program Summary:

City Trees Program - "Since 2006, the City of Minneapolis has funded the City Trees program, a low-cost way to help build the city's tree canopy. Trees are available for Minneapolis residents, businesses, and nonprofits."

##### How to Utilize the program:

For more information and to order your tree go to [www.treetrust.org](http://www.treetrust.org). More information about program:

##### Program Contact:

Tree Trust

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Trees

# PUBLIC REALM GUIDELINES

## GROUND FLOOR USES



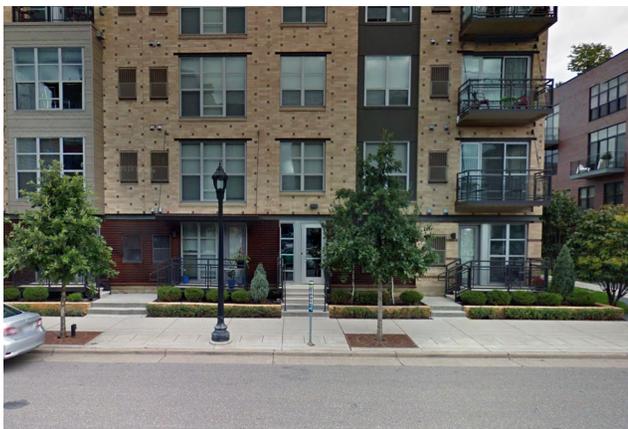
*Office Space / Lobby*



*Restaurant / Sidewalk Cafe*



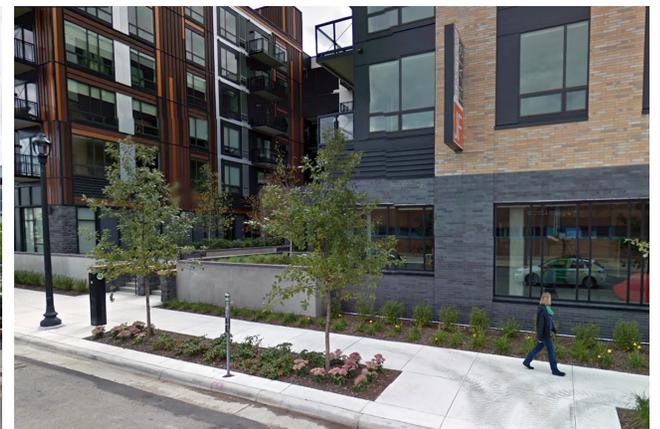
*Entertainment / Sports Complex*



*Walk-up Residential Unit*



*Green Space / Buffer*

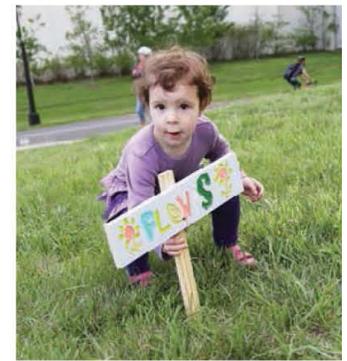
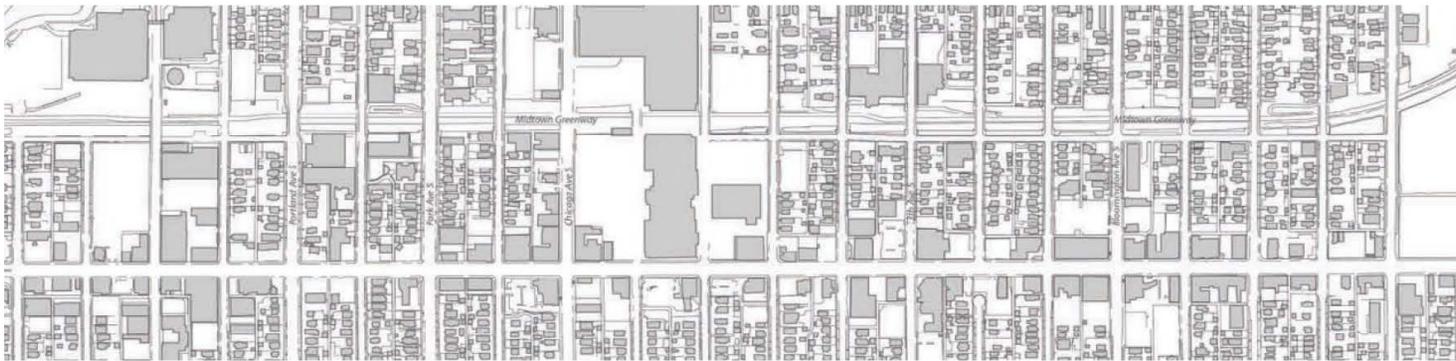


*Residential Amenity Space*

# IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

- The Implementation Toolkit is an examination of existing tools and programs available in the City.
- It will identify and recommend **funding, operations, and maintenance tools** that are currently available or could be enabled through policy changes
- Resulting in the creation of a one-stop-shop for community members to identify strategies for enhancing their streets.

# IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT



## East Lake St / Midtown Greenway

*Placemaking and Urban Design*

2015

# IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

## Nicollet Ave

### Design Recommendations

#### Chain link fence sign

- Utilize the chain link fences used on either side of the trail to create a temporary sign, by weaving or using fence chips.



Fence chips



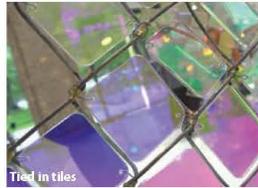
Weaving text



Fence chips



Plastic cups



Tied in tiles



Weaving designs



fence chips as destination marker, and as direction

Potential Future Condition

## Cepro

### Design Recommendations

#### Seating Elements

- Create more opportunities to sit
- Utilize portable, temporary, lounge chairs on ledge near the Greenway, a rare opportunity for people watching
- Possibility for a community engagement building the loungers
- A seating area on top of the Western hill, mimicking the swinging benches on the Eastern Hill
- Also an opportunity to expand the lounge seating area across the Greenway



#### Shade

- Install temporary shade structures, or plant trees to provide protection in this exposed area



Seating Precedents

#### Sidewalk Painting

- Adding painted on directional signage to the sidewalk next to the trail



shade structure

moveable lounge seating

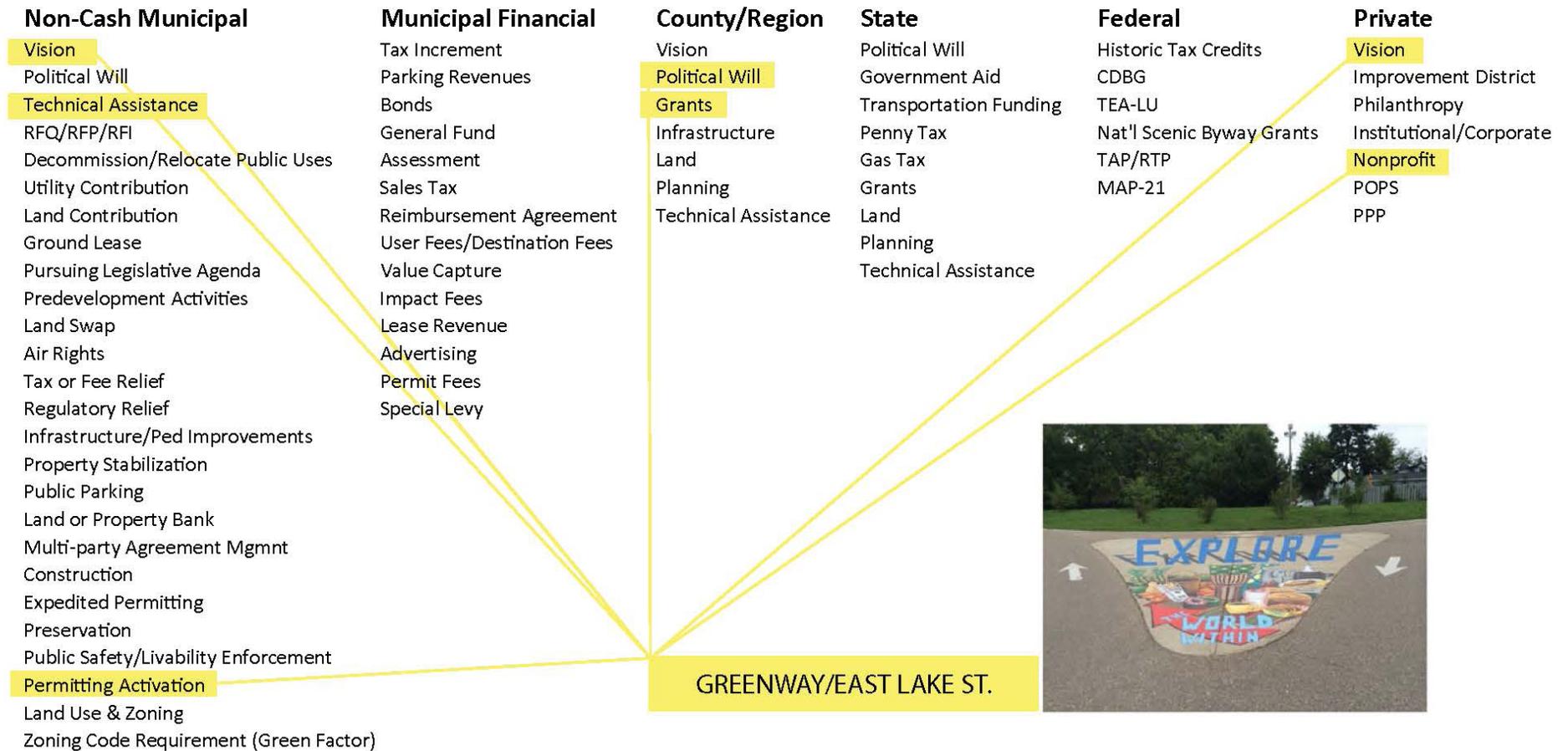
painted sidewalks

Potential Future Condition

# IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT



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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Public Event

## Mill City Farmer's Market

### Date

8:00 am - 1:00 pm, August 1, 2015

### Location

Mill City Farmer's Market  
750 S 2nd Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

### Target

Downtown Residents

### Event Summary

The purpose of this event was to inform the community about the Public Realm Framework and to understand how the community uses the public realm. We solicited input from the community about the things that they would like to see added to the public realm and open spaces. In addition to this participants were also invited to the community meeting on August 10th, 2015 at the Central Library for the project reveal.



### Methods

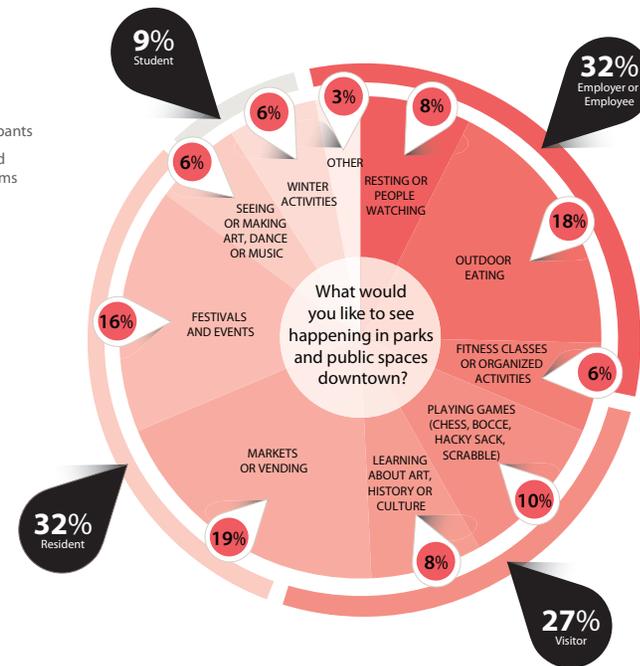
City staff from Community Planning and Economic Development staffed a booth at the Mill City Farmer's Market and conducted an intercept board exercise. Participants were asked to answer six questions on a poster board, and their responses were recorded using dot stickers. For the final question participants were asked an open ended question, what they would like to see added to downtown's parks and public spaces. This response was recorded with a marker on a post-it note, and placed on the board. A total of 36 individuals participated in this exercise. As participants were leaving they were given a flyer to attend the community meeting on August 10th, and a flyer to the project website.

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Mill City Farmer's Market

### Results

● Total Participants  
● Desired Programs



### Common Themes:

- More greenspaces and pocket parks
- Better walking access from downtown to the river
- More regularity in programming of public spaces
- Outdoor theaters and programmable spaces
- More shopping downtown
- Interactive pieces of amenities such as public art walls, ping pong tables
- Additional seating for places to have a break for lunch with tree shading
- Spaces that accommodate families and kids

### Questions Asked

- What is your relationship with Downtown Minneapolis?
- What brings you downtown to have fun, play or enjoy yourself?
- What would you like to see happening in parks and public spaces downtown?
- When are you most likely to visit a park or spend time outdoors downtown?
- How long would you travel to a favorite park or activity downtown?
- What activity/activities would you like to see added to downtown's parks and public spaces?

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# NEXT STEPS

## » Design Week

- 10/19-10/23

## » Public Meeting #2

- 10/22, 6:30pm Walker Art Museum