Civic Engagement Overview

*Minneapolis 2040* is an update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, a document that shapes how Minneapolis will grow and change. The plan covers topics such as housing, job creation, the design of new buildings, and how we use our streets.

This overview outlines why civic engagement is important to the plan, who will be engaged, how it will happen, and when you can get involved. City staff have developed a detailed Civic Engagement Plan that is guiding these efforts. Please consult that plan for more information: [https://minneapolis2040.com/document/minneapolis-2040-civic-engagement-plan](https://minneapolis2040.com/document/minneapolis-2040-civic-engagement-plan)

**WHY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Civic engagement is a means for all people to bring their voices into the process and to share their own ideas, backgrounds, and experiences to plan for a future that benefits everyone. The people of Minneapolis will assist in the creation of *Minneapolis 2040*, and the final plan will reflect that participation.

**WHO WILL BE ENGAGED**

The City intends to be as inclusive as possible as we work together to shape the future. City staff have identified key audiences that best meet the engagement goals and objectives of the Civic Engagement Plan. These key audiences include, but are not limited to:

- The general public
- Cultural organizations
- Recent immigrants
- Homeless population
- Accessibility population
- Residents
- Public agencies
- Business associations
- Property owners
- Youth and families
- Seniors
- Neighborhood organizations
- Developers and brokers
- Policy advocates
- Media outlets
- Social media users
- College students
- Institutions
- Small business owners
- Tourists and visitors

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How Engagement Will Happen

During each of the periods shown above, people will have the opportunity to be involved in engaging with City staff and each other during a month of focused activities and other related opportunities. Each of those rounds of engagement will include:

- Community Workshops (big public meetings)
- Community Dialogues (conversations with cultural communities)
- Meeting-in-a-box (a toolkit for meetings led by groups other than City staff)
- Digital workshop (opportunities to engage on all of the same content online)
- Other activities tailored to each phase of the process, such as street festivals, Tweet with a Planner, surveys, and interactive maps (see the Civic Engagement plan for a full list of activities)