

Bloomington Planning Commission 2022 Work Plan

The Planning Commission is a seven member advisory commission, appointed by the City Council and charged with the following duties (City Code Section 2.85.02):

- (a) Hold hearings, review applications, make recommendations, and, where applicable, act upon applications as set forth in the city code;
- (b) Review and make recommendations on variance and appeal applications where such review is required of the Planning Commission by the city code;
- (c) Review and make recommendations on proposed amendments to zoning, subdivision and transportation provisions of the city code;
- (d) Review and make recommendations on proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and district plans;
- (e) Review and make recommendations on transportation issues including transportation planning, street extensions and modifications, street layout, on street parking, neighborhood traffic plans, transportation grant applications, transit systems, pedestrian ways and bicycle traffic; and
- (f) Other duties as may be assigned by the City Council or by state law.

In 2022, in addition to continued training and review of land use and development applications, the Planning Commission will focus on the following special projects:

1. **Code Amendments:** Review and make recommendations on proposed City Code amendments. Potential Code amendments are listed below in rough priority order recognizing that not all may be completed in 2022 dependent on staffing levels and development activity.
 - a. Update single family and two-family requirements (Planning Division);
 - b. Update accessory dwelling unit (ADU) standards (Planning Division)
 - c. Update multiple family parking standards (Planning Division);
 - d. Food truck standards (Planning Division);
 - e. Residential livability standards (Planning Division);
 - f. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) standards (Planning Division & HRA);
 - g. Update Sign Ordinance (Chapter 19, Article X) (Planning Division);
 - h. Create Transitional Industrial zoning district (Planning Division); and
 - i. Annual miscellaneous issues ordinance (Planning Division).
2. **Plans & Special Projects:** Review and make recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan, District Plans, Small Area Plans and other studies or special projects. Potential plans and specific project in 2022 include:
 - a. South Loop AUAR Update (Planning Division lead; multiple departments);
 - b. 98th St Corridor/35W Interchange study (PW lead; Planning Division);
 - c. Natural Resources Management Plan (Parks lead);
 - d. Hotel and Office conversion study (Planning Division);
 - e. Environmental Justice/Impacts Mapping (PW-Sustainability lead; Planning Division); and
 - f. Sustainable building and site standards (PW-Sustainability lead; Planning Division)

- g. Townhome standards discussion (Planning).
3. **Rezoning & Reguiding:** Reviewing and making recommendations on privately or City initiated rezoning and reguiding. No City initiated rezoning or reguiding is identified in 2022, but may be recommended in other plans or studies for implementation in 2022.
 4. **Ongoing Initiatives:** Reviewing and making recommendations on long range planning, equity initiatives, housing initiatives, redevelopment initiatives, sustainability initiatives, community engagement initiatives, health in all policies initiatives and other issues as they arise. Also involves participation in workgroups and/or coordination of multi-agency projects (e.g., Bloomington Housing Action Team (BHAT), Mn Valley State Trail).
 5. **Transportation and Transit:** Participate in various transportation and transit studies led by Public Works/Engineering staff. Possible 2022 projects include:
 - a. Strategic Transportation Plan:
 - i. Scoping (review of peer community approaches to transportation planning; approaches to integrate safety, equity, sustainability and public health into transportation planning; funding; policy guidance; project prioritization). Starts in 2022 but extends beyond.
 - b. Bikes and Peds:
 - i. I-35W Parallel Bike Route (in conjunction with 98th St Corridor Study)
 - c. Transit:
 - i. Riverview Study (update)
 - d. Street Layout:
 - i. Old Cedar Ave Corridor study, including Old Shakopee Road/Old Cedar Avenue intersection
 - e. Regional Issues:
 - i. Updates as needed (e.g., TH 77 study, 494 project, etc.)