

CITY OF ROCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSIT STUDIES: ADVANCING THE DMC VISION

WHAT DID THE DMC PLAN RECOMMEND FOR TRANSPORTATION?

The DMC Plan was developed with the goal of creating the highest quality employee, resident, patient, companion and visitor experience that will attract the new jobs, private investment and tax revenue needs to make Mayo Clinic and City of Rochester as the world's premiere medical destination center. Transportation and parking is a critical element of that vision; the DMC plan identified the need for over \$1.2 billion in potential transportation infrastructure investment including:

- A transit circulator to improve downtown transit service
- A coordinated system of downtown and remote parking facilities that addresses both short-term (1-4 hour) and long-term (8+ hour) daily parking needs
- A system of world-class streets that benefit all types of users, not just people in cars
- A safe and accessible, pedestrian and bicycle trail network designed for recreation and transportation

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 2017?

The DMC plan was not a blueprint but a concept for future development. The DMC plan was based on a high level assessment of conceptual needs and feasibility. The City of Rochester is conducting four **integrated transit studies** to refine the concepts identified in the DMC Plan, generate confidence in selected projects, and answer key questions that will allow the projects to advance to the design phase. Specifically, the integrated transit studies will:

- Explore how the DMC concepts can be built within public right of way with minimal impact to adjacent private property
- Determine the most cost-effective use of public dollars to realize the DMC's transportation vision
- Allow additional opportunity for public agencies, property owners, businesses and residents to participate in the development of alternatives to implement the DMC plan concepts
- Lay the ground work to seek federal funding for some of these projects

TRANSIT CIRCULATOR STUDY:

Evaluate potential types, locations and days/time of service for transit improvements to determine which will best serve current and future transit riders. Develop a plan for future transit operations and facilities and identify the most promising funding sources for implementation.

CITY LOOP STUDY:

Design and locate a high-amenity bicycle and pedestrian trail circling downtown that serves both a recreational use as well as a transportation option between Rochester neighborhoods and downtown.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (TMA) STUDY:

Evaluate the current parking supply against what will be needed in the future, while taking into account where new parking can be built to best serve downtown shoppers, diners, visitors, Mayo patients and other downtown employees. Identify strategies to reduce the need for additional parking and manage how people travel to, from and within the downtown.

STREET USE AND OPERATIONS STUDY:

Look at how streets in downtown currently function and determine what changes are necessary to enhance downtown character, while addressing the diverse needs of vehicles, transit, bikes and pedestrians.

WHAT'S THE TIMELINE? WHEN DOES THE PUBLIC GET TO WEIGH IN?

There will be four opportunities for public input during the studies, coordinated with key milestones in the study process. At each of these four checkpoints, there will be materials available through the city website (www.rochestermn.gov/integratedtransit) as well as presented at an open house for the public to review and provide comment on in-person or online. In addition, the city is reaching out to neighborhood groups, city advisory committees, business organizations and community groups throughout the process. (If your group is interested please contact Megan Moeller at 507-328-2436).

Public Input Opportunities

January 24, 2017
4-8pm, 4th Floor of the UMR
University Center:

Provide your perspective on downtown transportation needs, potential concerns, and alternatives to be studied further

May
2017*

Provide your feedback on the initial alternatives and which should be retained for final study

September
2017*

Voice your opinion on which of these options should be selected

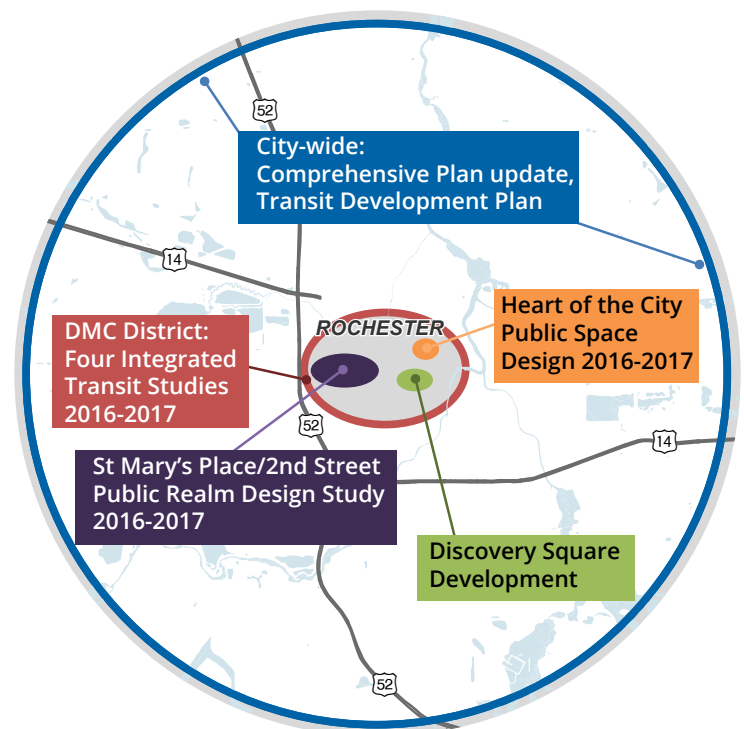
December
2017*

Explore the preferred option, how/when the elements will be built and provide feedback

*Exact dates and locations are to be determined

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO OTHER EFFORTS THAT ARE GOING ON?

Work is going on at many levels to plan for city-wide transportation needs as well as move forward on the DMC initiatives. These efforts vary in both the geographic area they cover as well as the level of detail for each study. The City of Rochester, Olmsted County and DMC leaders are coordinating efforts to ensure that information and public comments are shared, that plans are complementary, and that outcomes will result in the highest quality results for the community.



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