

# Bloomington Planning Commission 2025 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 2025, 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 under consideration. Potential Code amendments are listed below in rough priority order recognizing that not all may be completed in 2025 dependent on staffing levels and development activity.
  - a. RS-1 Zoning District Study (Planning Division);
  - b. Single Room Occupancy (SRO)/Co-Living Standards (Planning lead, HRA support);
  - c. Development Application Fee Study (Planning Division);
  - d. Missing Middle Housing Study (Planning lead, HRA support);
  - e. Small Business Codes and Processes (Planning lead; multiple departments);
  - f. Review of Parking Supply Requirements (Planning lead, Engineering support)
  - g. Commercial Vehicle Parking in Residential Districts (Planning lead; multiple departments);
  - h. Sign Code One-Year Look Back Amendments (Planning Division);
  - i. Fence Ordinance Review (Planning Division);
  - j. Corner Lot Standards Study (Planning Division);
  - k. Incentivizing Art Code Amendments (Planning Division lead; Port Authority/Creative Placemaking support);
  - l. Official Height Limits Map Review (Planning Division); and
  - m. 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 projects in 2025 include:
  - a. South Loop District Plan Update (Planning lead; multiple departments);
  - b. Office Conversion Study (Planning lead; multiple departments);
  - c. Equity Review of the Zoning Code (Planning and OREIB);
  - d. Airport Parking Facilities Study (Planning lead; Legal support);
  - e. Homeowner's Associations (HOA) Study (Planning Division);
  - f. Preparation for the 2050 Comprehensive Plan (Planning Division);
  - g. Normandale Blvd and 84<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian Bridge Project (Public Works lead, Planning support); and
  - h. Implementation Progress Review on All District, Corridor, and Small Area Plans (Planning lead, Public Works support).
3. **Reguiding & Rezoning:** Reviewing and making recommendations on privately or City initiated reguiding(s) and rezoning(s). Potential actions in 2025 include the following:
  - a. South Loop Reguiding(s)/Rezoning(s) (if necessary) (Planning Division).
4. **Ongoing and Support Initiatives:** Reviewing and making recommendations on long range planning, equity initiatives, housing initiatives, redevelopment initiatives, sustainability initiatives, community engagement initiatives, public health initiatives and other issues as they arise. Also involves participation in workgroups and/or coordination of multi-agency projects. 2025 projects include:
  - a. Native Habitat and Wildlife Educational Initiatives (multiple departments).
  - b. Commercial Nodes Toolkit (Port Authority lead; Planning support);
  - c. Port Authority Initiatives (Planning support);
  - d. Urban Forest Master Plan Support (Natural Resources lead; Planning support); and
  - e. Climate Action Plan Support (Sustainability lead; Planning support).
5. **Transportation and Transit:** Participate or support various transportation and transit studies led by Public Works/Engineering staff. Possible 2025 projects include:
  - a. Transportation:
    - i. Other Transportation/Corridor Studies
  - b. Bikes and Peds:
  - c. Transit:
    - i. American Blvd Transitway Study
  - d. Street Layout:
    - i. Livability of Local Streets Project
  - e. Regional Issues: