

## Meeting Summary: Station Area Working Group Round 2 - 14th Street & Mt. Airy Street

Meeting Number: 2  
Date: 2/6/2024 6pm-8pm  
Location: Mt. Airy Community Center, 91 Arch St, St. Paul, MN 55130



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### Attendance

- 10 participants
- 7 staff

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### Agenda

- Welcome + Dinner

- Intro + Agenda
  - Review Goals, Themes, Glossary
  - Review Draft Actions
  - Brainstorm Physical Improvements
  - Brainstorm Programs/Policy
  - Closing Comments
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## Feedback by Goal

### Make Vibrant Public Places

- Interest in green space management and maintenance, with a proposal for community involvement to ensure these areas are well-kept and serve as valuable public resources.

### Connect People and Places

- Traffic control needed at Jackson St, 14th St, and University Ave for patients and employees going to/from the hospital.
- Calls for better road maintenance and the addition of traffic lights to manage increased traffic from public transit.
- Suggestions for heated shelters at all stations to provide comfort during waits, with a focus on accessibility for seniors and disabled individuals.
- The role of public transit in facilitating access to downtown amenities and services, highlighting the need for strategic planning to connect residents with city offerings.
- Discussion around traffic congestion and the potential for dedicated bus lanes to alleviate some of the issues, while recognizing the challenges of integrating these with existing parking and traffic patterns.
- Concerns over the state of repair for roads and sidewalks, emphasizing the need for comprehensive infrastructure improvements.

### Prioritize Safety and Security

- Implementation of non-armed security personnel at stations to improve safety.
- Support for audio alerts and surveillance cameras.
- A significant concern about cleanliness at the stations, with discussions on the presence of needles and inadequate shelter for waiting passengers.
- A need for improved lighting around bus stops to enhance safety for all, especially at the Jackson & Winter stop described as "pitch black."
- Suggestion to involve community members in public safety initiatives.

### Create Neighborhoods for Living

- Suggestion to introduce additional amenities like laundromats and pharmacies with extended hours to cater to downtown residents.

## **Build Businesses and Community Services**

- A desire for more grocery store options accessible from transit lines, recognizing the value of existing stores like Aldi.
- A general call for more business-friendly policies from the city and county to encourage local shopping and reduce the need for residents to leave downtown for basic services.