

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
AGENDA  
Special Planning Commission  
Council Chambers  
3400 Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, MN  
January 7, 2026, 5:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. TOPICS**

**2.1** Complete Streets Presentation

**2.2** 2026 Planning Commission Work Plan

1. 2026 Work Plan

2. Council Strategic Priorities

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**To:** Planning Commission

**Prepared by:** Chris McKenzie, Engineering Services Manager

**Reviewed by:** Grant Fernelius, CED Director

**Item:** **Complete Streets Presentation**

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**1. Action Requested:**

Receive Presentation regarding Complete Streets

**2. Background:**

Complete Streets involves the planning, scoping, design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of roads to reasonably address the safety and accessibility needs of people of all ages and abilities using the transportation system. Complete streets consider the needs of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and vehicles, bicyclists, and commercial and emergency vehicles moving along and across roads, intersections, and crossings in a manner that is sensitive to local context and recognizes that the needs vary in urban, suburban, and rural settings.

Complete Streets have many benefits, including improving safety, advancing transportation equity, strengthening local economies, and building healthy, climate-resilient communities.

**3. Budget Impact:**

N/A

**4. Attachments:**

**To:** Planning Commission

**Prepared by:** Lori Sommers, Planning Manager

**Reviewed by:** Grant Fernelius, CED Director

**Item:** **2026 Planning Commission Work Plan**

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**1. Action Requested:**

Review and approve the 2026 Planning Commission Work Plan.

**2. Background:**

Every year, the Planning Commission will submit a work plan. The work plan provides the City Council with an overview of the Planning Commission initiatives and goals for the year. The draft work plan is attached for review and/or modifications. The Planning Commission Chair will present the work plan at the February 24th City Council Meeting. The final work plan will be approved by the City Council.

**3. Budget Impact:**

N/A

**4. Attachments:**

1. 2026 Work Plan
2. Council Strategic Priorities

### Commission Purpose

1. To prepare a Comprehensive Plan for the future development of the city to be submitted to the Council for implementation and to recommend amendments of the Plan to the Council periodically as may be necessary or desirable.
2. To initiate, direct, and review, from time to time, a study of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and the subdivision regulations and to report to the Council its advice and recommendations with respect thereto.
3. To study applications and proposals for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and applications for special permits and to advise the Council of its recommendations thereon.
4. To study preliminary plats and to advise the Council of its recommendations thereof.
5. To act in an advisory capacity to the Council in all matters wherein powers are assigned to the Council by the Charter or state law, concerning

	GOALS/PLANNING	Strategic Themes
<b>ON-GOING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review applications, hold public hearings and make recommendations to the City Council.</li> <li>Educational opportunities (e.g. SLUC lunches) sent to PC</li> <li>State Legislative updates/trends sent to PC</li> <li>Comprehensive Plan – Volunteer participation/Engagement</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Commissioner Orientation</li> <li>Appoint Commission Chair &amp; Vice Chair</li> <li>Educational Topic - City Council Strategic Priorities</li> <li>Educational Topic – Complete Streets</li> <li>Annual City Code Updates</li> <li>Comprehensive Plan – Roundtable Workshop</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive Plan – Community Kick-off Open House Event</li> <li>2025 Annual CED Department Report – Routed as Informational</li> <li>Climate Action &amp; Resiliency Plan – Routed as Informational</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies Review</li> <li>Economic Development Strategic Plan Review</li> <li>Parks &amp; Recreation Commission - update</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive Plan – Review</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

comprehensive planning, zoning, platting, changes in streets, and other matters of a general planning nature.

### City Council Strategic Themes

1. City Center Reimagined – A vibrant hub for living, working, dining and recreating.
2. Connected & Thriving Community – Residents have a safe place to live with high quality infrastructure and recreational opportunities.
3. Environmental Stewardship – Plymouth’s environment and natural resources are clean and healthy for future generations.
4. Economic Stability & Vitality – A business-friendly environment that fosters economic opportunities and innovation.
5. Operational Excellence – A community where residents choose to live, businesses choose to grow, employees choose to work and visitors choose to return.

# PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL 2025-2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

## OUR VISION:

A city where exceptional living, stewardship and service meet!



## CITY CENTER REIMAGINED

**Outcome:** A vibrant hub for living, working, dining and recreating.

**Strategies:**

- Create thriving spaces that integrate arts, culture and community activation.
- Encourage density in residential housing to support a vibrant mix of unique and diverse restaurants, entertainment, lodging and retail businesses.
- Invest in public infrastructure to enhance parking, walkability, biking, transit access, parks and public safety.
- Seek partnerships that attract, incentivize and support development.



## A CONNECTED AND THRIVING COMMUNITY

**Outcome:** Residents have a safe place to live with high quality infrastructure and recreational opportunities.

**Strategies:**

- Encourage a variety of housing options for rental and ownership.
- Create opportunities for neighborhood scale commercial nodes and amenities.
- Initiate a Complete Streets design approach to make streets safe, accessible and convenient for all users.
- Adapt public safety services to meet changing community needs.
- Enhance community health and vibrancy through parks and connected trail systems that foster interaction, connection and recreation.



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

**Outcome:** Plymouth's environment and natural resources are clean and healthy for future generations.

**Strategies:**

- Integrate environmentally responsible practices and policies into city functions.
- Execute an Energy Action Plan and a Climate Action Plan.
- Continue progress in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.



## ECONOMIC STABILITY AND VITALITY

**Outcome:** A business-friendly environment that fosters economic opportunities and innovation.

**Strategies:**

- Promote business retention and expansion.
- Support workforce availability through access to housing, transportation and education.
- Continue long range financial forecasting to prepare for future changes and growth.
- Promote Plymouth's businesses, attractions, events, dining, hotels and recreation opportunities.
- Advance a transportation and infrastructure system that supports the local economy.



## OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**Outcome:** A community where employees choose to work, residents choose to live, businesses choose to grow and visitors choose to return.

**Strategies:**

- Ensure changes and growth in city services and amenities are balanced with the financial impact on the city's current and future taxpayers.
- Preserve Plymouth's identity and invest in arts, culture and community engagement to celebrate what makes Plymouth unique while also embracing progress.
- Continue investments to ensure staff have equitable and competitive pay and benefits to attract and retain a highly productive workforce.
- Develop policies, training, programs and initiatives related to enhancing a workplace culture aligned with the city's CIVIC Values (Customer Focus, Integrity, Visionary, Inclusion and Connections).
- Deliver excellent and responsive customer service across all city functions.