



**City Planning Commission Update** July 11, 2024











## **VISIONING SURVEY**

1,869 RESPONSES

"Tell us one word you would use to describe Detroit today."

• Vibrant, Improving, Growth

"Tell us one word that describes the Detroit you hope to see in 20 years."

• Thriving, Vibrant, Inclusive

"Fill in the blank: I would like to see more \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Detroit."

• Transit, People, Housing





### 1,869 RESPONSES

"How important..."

- Feeling safe in your neighborhood (1250)
- Reliable City services (1143)
- Walkable neighborhoods and commercial centers (1129)
- Reliable childcare and schools (1084)
- Well-maintained streets (1056)

### Least important / most divided feedback:

- Population growth (416)
- Protecting residents from extreme weather events (711)
- Transforming vacant land (722)



## **STAFF STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

Department of Neighborhoods	PLA
CRIO	PLD
Jobs & Economy Team	PDD – DDI Division
Neighborhood Economic Development Team	CPC Staff
Housing & Revitalization Dept.	BSEED
DWSD	DLBA
DDOT	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
DPW – Complete Streets Team	Construction & Demolition Dept.
DPW – City & Traffic Engineering	Office of Sustainability
DPW – Recycling & Waste Management	Dept. of Public Health
People Mover	GSD – Parks & Recreation
Office of Mobility Innovation	

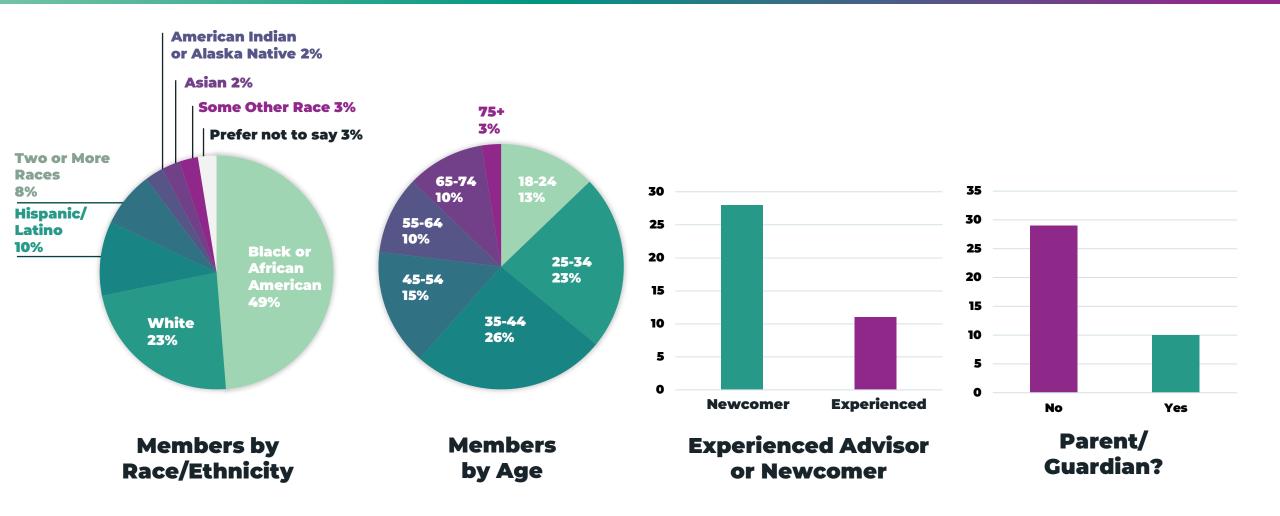


# MASTER PLAN ADVISORY GROUP (MPAG)

- Serve as advisors
- Guide approach and process
- Help test ideas
- Share personal opinions, represent their community
- Help build excitement and establish feedback loop



### WHO'S ON THE ADVISORY GROUP?



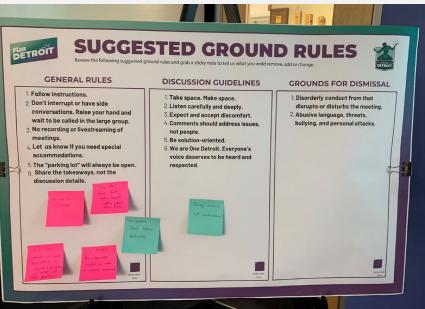
Visit **plandetroit.com** to learn more about our MPAG members.

### Master Plan Advisory Group Meeting #1: June 12, 2024









## WHAT WE HEARD

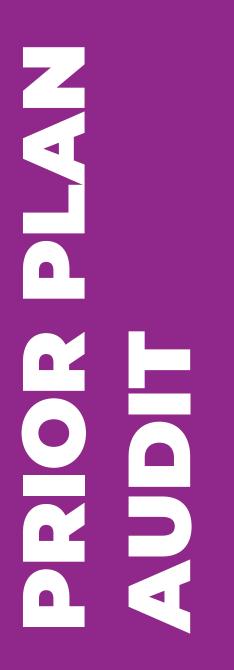
- Take more time to present info and pause for Q&A.
- Set up a shared drive with background/review materials.
- Simplify engagement activities and focus on fun.
- Members love Detroit and are excited to be involved.





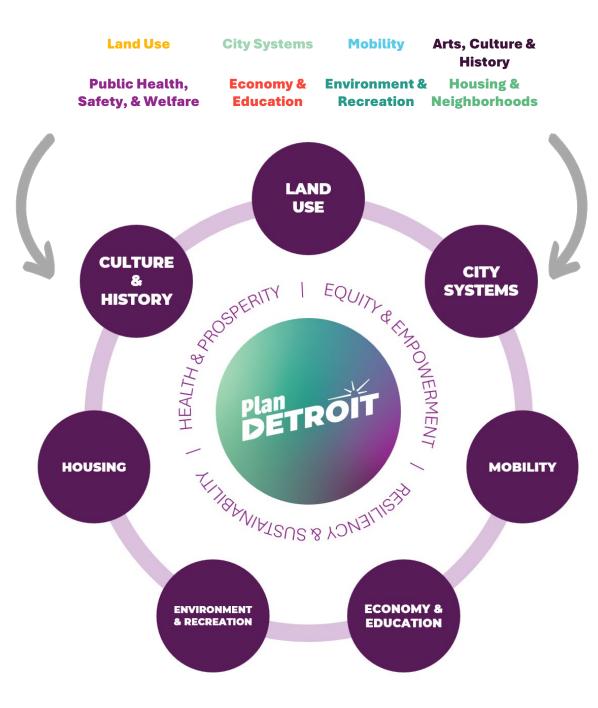


# IN REVIEW



Each plan was reviewed using an initial set of eight topics. This analysis shaped the proposed vision framework (outlined above).

As the plan progresses, the team will use takeaways from preliminary topics (detailed below) to test and synthesize the draft vision framework.



### **Citywide Plan Matrix**

	<b>23%</b> of plans	54% of plans	<b>54%</b> of plans	<b>23%</b> of plans	69% of plans	<b>31%</b> of plans	<b>31%</b> of plans
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		City		Arts, Culture	Economy &	Natural	Complete
	Land Use	Systems	Mobility	& History	Education	Resources	Neighborhoods
After School Detroit					•		
Commercial Corridor Study	•				•		
Detroit Climate Strategy		•	•		•		
Hazard Mitigation Plan		•	•		•		•
Multifamily Affordable Housing Strategy				•			•
Sustainability Action Agenda Update		•	•		•	•	•
Sustainability Action Agenda		•	•		•	•	•
DPSCD Facility Master Plan					•		
DWSD Final Report (3 parts)		•			•		
Industrial Design Guidelines	•						
Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan	•		٠	٠		٠	
SFP Design Guide		•	•			•	
Vibrant Blocks for Business	•	•		•	•		



### **PARKS & NATURAL** RESOURCES

MOBILITY **CITY SYSTEMS** LAND USE

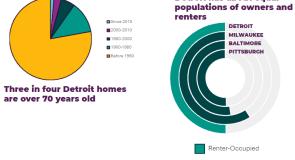


HOUSING



22.8% Vacancy Rate

40% Cost-Burdened





**Retail Vacancy** 

### **Key Takeaways**

- · Retail vacancy aligns with major arterials across the city, with larger vacancies along Woodward, Grand River Ave, and Downtown.
- Vacancy is widespread, with most areas of low retail vacancy corresponding to a lack of retail users.
- Most highly-leased retail is located around Downtown and along Gratiot Ave, with additional cores scattered throughout the city.

### Opportunities

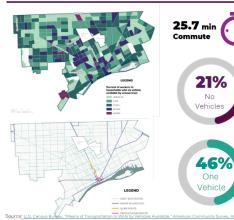
Source: CoStar

- The Master Plan can dive into where it may be best to focus commercial redevelopment along already identified corridors based on demand, need, and purposeful long-term strategies.
- Identifying why retail is more attracted to the suburbs.



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### Vehicle Availability + Public Transit



### Key takeaways

Many census tracts in the cities have high percentages of households with no vehicles available, posing a huge mobility challenge for accessing daily needs. Most of the city is served by the DDOT bus system. SMART also runs buses on some major arterials, with routes extending farther into the suburbs.

DETROIT

MILWAUKEE

PITTSBURG

The OLine streetcar runs from downtown to New Center along Woodward. The Detroit People Mover light rail system forms an elevated track loop around downtown.

### **Opportunities**

- Investment in public and non-motorized transportation can have an outsized impact on quality of life.
- · Better coordination among agencies and with the RTA, more seamless transit experience for riders across systems
- Potential for more frequent routes, longer hours, and bus rapid transit (BRT)
- Integration with last-mile options

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MOBILITY

### **Residential-Industrial Conflicts**





Source: City of Detroit (2024), HUD Environmental Health Hazard Index (2017)

### Key takeaways

**ECONOMY** 

- The environmental hazard index measures the exposure of neighborhoods to harmful toxins, such as PM 2.5 which is often related to areas near major roads and highways, which see lots of fuel exhaust. Exposure to environmental hazards is concentrated in areas zoned as Industrial, Manufacturing, and Business and along expressways. Hazards are most threatening to long-term health where Residential-Industrial conflicts occur.
- Manufacturing/industrial facilities are found throughout the city. These locations are close to major expressways, along the railway, and close to river docking areas. Residences in these areas often align with environmental hazard exposure.
- . The proposed JLG route crosses some segments of the currently zoned industrial and with the change to open space, should have a positive impact on environmental hazards.

### Opportunities

LAND USE

- Use vacant land to create natural buffers between housing and industry
- · Incentivize ISO 14001 environmental management systems certification for all
- industrial facilities to help build robust protocols that reduce environmental impact of facility operations
- · Areas with higher environmental hazard exposure should have less residential land





# UPCOMING



# CITY VOICES TOUR

### Your voice, our future! Let's talk, Detroit.



F O R W A R D TOGETHER

### WHAT IS IT?

A series of engagement pop-ups in the neighborhoods to talk about the Master Plan at existing events, meetings, and community hubs.

Conversations will help create the Plan's framework—vision, values, and focus areas.

Dates: July 17<sup>th</sup> – October 11<sup>th</sup>

Format: Pop-up table with boards, worksheets, and other quick activities. No formal presentations or Q&A.



# EXAMPLE TOUR STOPS (CONFIRMED SO FAR)

- District 1: Freedom Arts Festival, Crowell Recreation Center
- District 2: Freedom Arts Festival, Adams Butzel Summer Closing Party
- **District 3:** DON Community Meeting, Imperial Market
- **District 4:** East Warren Farmers Market, AB Ford Recreation Center,
- District 5: MJ's Northend Ice Cream Parlor, Senior Friendship Day, Eastern Market After Dark
- District 6: Freedom Arts Festival, Class Act Detroit Block Party
- District 7: Freedom Arts Festival, Cody Rouge Family Fun Day



## **CDO STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

- July 12<sup>th</sup>: CDAD Youth Partners
- July 26<sup>th</sup>: CDO Executive Directors (CDAD)
- Topics:
  - Discuss key community challenges/priorities
  - Identify common goals
  - Partner on engagement



# **EQUITY & RESILIENCY CONTRACT (CDBG-DR)**

- Additional professional services to:
  - Bolster the plan's focus on and integration of sustainability, resiliency, hazard mitigation, and disaster recovery planning – particularly related to land use recommendations
  - Add to PDD's community outreach + engagement efforts
- Targeting approval before recess





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### FORWARD TOGETHER



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