## City of Eden Prairie – Major Center Area (MCA) Study Feedback Form - Chamber Luncheon Presentation

Received 36 Surveys

#### 1. What do you like about the draft Plan?

- Forward thinking planning
- Trees, parks improvements
- Traffic flow
- I really like the LRT coming into the area, also the aligning of Singletree & 78<sup>th</sup>
- Improving the mall and other retail location
- Creating a walkable town center would be very cool
- Wayfinding signs, walkable downtown core area, development of Lake Idlewild Area into park area and Bike Trails
- I like the idea of the town center but I worry we are a community that's chasing a current trend rather than addressing how people will be living in that time. 2030's retail will have a much different appearance than today is.
- I like the acknowledgement of traffic access/flow problems and proposed remedies
- Thought process-assembling priorities integrating public comment
- More pedestrian friendly areas. Easier accessibility to Eden Prairie in general
- Making it easier for people to find their way around especially eliminating the confusion around Prairie Center Drive
- Rectangular downtown blocks. LRT Access/station downtown
- The improvement of traffic flow, pedestrian walkways and bike trails
- That you are concerned about transportation with growth. I have worked in this area for 6 years and still find it hard to get around
- The addition of signage is crucial. Mixed use projects are a great idea. Improvements of road flow will benefit the entire community and LRT is a must!
- Mixed use walkable area and better way finding
- Moving to a grid system, however don't lose the charm of urban-country setting
- Better use of signage to improve wayfinding
- The integration of all components is excellent
- I like that the overall scope is addressed and the wayfinding plan. I think changes are eminent and wayfinding systems would be a huge improvement.
- Improving regional access and ease wayfinding signage. Improving access to and from regional roads.
- Very well presented and laid out
- Innovated/creative try to stay away from extensive public cost
- Very good
- That there is a plan. Shows thought. Let's not get too caught up in Eden Prairie, but let's focus on the residents and business needs.
- It's great to look forward and address future growing needs now
- Seems like good input this far keep up the good work!

### 2. What improvements or changes should be made to the plan?

- Improve bus transit to east quadrant, improve access to/from 494, incorporate changes with green space, trails, and parks
- One-way Mall Road no one stops going 60 mph on it.
- More trees and greenway space
- Really updating the parks and safety of them
- Making the signage of the businesses abide by certain cosmetic looks
- Need to add or attract more unique retail and gourmet shops (i.e.  $50^{th}$  & France)

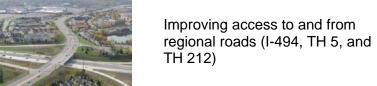
• Flexible routes – traffic control "smart lights" (green lights, unless car detected)

- Please consider the affect on traffic and congestion in the next number of years, because this will deter people from the City and if it's too bad than people might not return.
- Improve 212 Prairie Center Rd. & Mall area. Renaming or street name improvements i.e., upper and lower Eden Prairie Rd, Prairie Center Drive (E) and (W) or (N) and (S) to give some direction to the "round" Rail Roadways
- Keep walkable downtown area 2-3 stories high so walking feels open to the sky and not canyon-like walkways surrounded by high rise buildings.
- Connecting bike trails from Shady Oak Road area to Market Center
- Affordable retail space. Often times new retail is so expensive and small business owners just can't afford to move into these new areas.
- Would like to see more done to the area where the former Best Buy Headquarters are located. Lots of land that is sitting dormant.
- Ensure plenty of green space around a city center that is tar and cement
- Stick with mid-rise housing I don't like the idea of high rises.
- If LRT does come to Eden Prairie, it should not proceed through Eden Prairie and Bearpath, etc., but it would be nice to have LRT access to the Eden Prairie Center if that will not results in higher crime due to easier access from inner city troublemakers. What's the crime comparisons experience for the MOA?
- Developed strategic plans with regards to time frames, building from within
- Need to put a budget to the plan  $-\cos t$ ? Who will pay what?

# 3. What elements of the plan are most important to you? Please rank your top five priorities (1-5)



Improving area traffic flow



Ranking

Highest Priority (1): 10 total • Most important 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 8 total

3rd Highest Priority (3): 4 total 4th Highest Priority (4): 2 total

5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 1 total Top 5 Priority: 25 TOTAL

Highest Priority (1): 7 total 2<sup>ND</sup> Highest Priority (2): 7 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 8 total

4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 2 total 5th Highest Priority (5): 1 total  Maybe access 494 N on the bend by Resident Inn

Other Comments?

Need to increase the timing of the

traffic flow

lights to measure up with increased

 Would be nice but I envision years of construction.



Top 5 Priority: 25 TOTAL

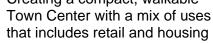
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Creating a compact, walkable



Improving area wayfinding



3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 6 total 4th Highest Priority (4): 4 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 3 total

Top 5 Priority: 23 TOTAL

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- Highest Priority (1): 4 total This would be neat
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 6 total This would create a better city/town feeling



- Standardize street names; numeric and alphabetical. Use both the old names and new names on street signs during a 24 mo. Transition period.
- How do we get on a committee or teams? Janet mentioned wayfinding committee - please send answer through the Chamber.
- Good for visitors



Incorporating light rail transit (LRT)

2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 5 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 2 total • No 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (4): 4 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 4 total Top 5 Priority: 21 TOTAL

Highest Priority (1): 6 total

- We need this city-wide in the whole twin cities.
- LRT would really help the commute to the central cities and give relief to traffic flows
- Has to end at Mall



Adding parks and open space

Highest Priority (1): 3 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 2 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 3 total 4th Highest Priority (4): 4 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 2 total

Top 5 Priority: 15 TOTAL

More vendor spaces for street food,

 I really like the Purgatory Creek trails, would love more of those.



Adding quality, life-cycle housing opportunities

Highest Priority (1): 1 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 4 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 3 total 4th Highest Priority (4): 2 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 2 total

Top 5 Priority: 12 TOTAL •

Yes, and more high rises. Not being on the lake, but high on the Singletree Hill like Brunswick or Walmart, where the upper stories could have a great lake view.

Do not see a need for more people living in EP



Adding sidewalks and trails.

Highest Priority (1): 3 total • Good 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 2 total • Leaves a positive feeling

3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 1 total 4th Highest Priority (4): 2 total

5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 2 total Top 5 Priority: 10 TOTAL



Adding offices and opportunities for employment

Highest Priority (1): 1 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 3 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 2 total

4th Highest Priority (4): 2 total 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 2 total

Top 5 Priority: 10 TOTAL

Depends on what kind of business



Improving local bus transit service

Highest Priority (1): 2 total 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Priority (2): 1 total 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Priority (3): 2 total 4th Highest Priority (4): 2 total

5<sup>th</sup> Highest Priority (5): 2 total **Top 5 Priority:** 9 TOTAL

- Please note recommendations proposed by the Senior Issues Task Force appointed by the City Council. Attend to transportation & access for elderly & disabled senior housing. i.e., Colony, Summit Place, etc., with connections to outer EP Senior residences.
- Important for bring people into EP who don't have a car and bringing in employees!