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‘DESIGN DOWNTOWN STL’ TO HOLD ONLINE OPEN HOUSE TO DRIVE FURTHER COMMUNITY INPUT FOR COMPREHENSIVE DOWNTOWN PLAN

Online open house launches May 11; will provide opportunity for people who live, work, and visit Downtown to view and comment on strategies to guide the next decade in Downtown St. Louis

ST. LOUIS — [Design Downtown STL](#), the comprehensive planning process for the coming decade in Downtown St. Louis, will hold an online open house to share the vision and strategies that are proposed for the final plan, which will be released in the coming months. This will be Design Downtown STL’s second open house and will take place online to ensure community safety during COVID-19.

“We’re in a unique situation at the moment, as we’ve spent nearly a year gathering feedback from people across the region with in-person open houses and interactive listening sessions, but that’s obviously not possible right now,” said Missy Kelley, President and CEO of Downtown STL, Inc., which will lead the implementation of the final plan. “We wanted to make sure that while St. Louis abides by social distancing policies, people can still participate in the process of sharing their thoughts and shaping the future of Downtown St. Louis.”

“Downtown is the heart of our region, and we want to make sure to give everyone the opportunity to see the ideas we have gathered and offer their input to help shape the final plan.”

Since June 2019, Design Downtown STL has engaged in a process to develop a final plan for the next decade in Downtown. Community surveys, focus groups, a fall open house, and the input of a nearly thirty-person advisory committee have all been used to shape the vision and core strategies on which the community will be able to offer feedback during the online open house. Community feedback from the online open house will help determine the final list of strategies that will be included in the plan.

People can participate in the Design Downtown STL online open house by visiting [DesignDowntownSTL.org](#). The website will feature video presentations and other interactive exhibits that allow people to offer feedback to the various strategies for the Downtown economy, transportation and mobility, open spaces, and arts and culture.

The online open house will be available for comment through May 22. It is open at any time and should take around 30 minutes to complete the process.

DETAILS FOR DESIGN DOWNTOWN STL OPEN HOUSE

Who:

Design Downtown STL, a comprehensive planning process for the coming decade in Downtown St. Louis

What:

Online Open House to get community feedback on the proposed plan that would guide investments for the future of Downtown St. Louis

When:

May 11 through May 22, 2020

Where:

Online at DesignDowntownSTL.org

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