



WELCOME

Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan

Advisory Committee Meeting #3

Friday June 19, 2020

10:30am-11:30am

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METROPOLITAN PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Encouraging walking as a safe, convenient & desirable transportation option

1. Aspiration – Walkability Vision Survey discussion
 - a. Features that make an enjoyable walking environment
 - b. Segments of street that are particularly enjoyable

2. Vision – starting points

3. Are we there? If not, what is preventing us from creating these walkable environments?

4. Next Steps
 - a. Focused Conversations – one-on-one's
 - b. General Public Survey

5. Next meeting – Friday July 17 at 10:30am

Plan Timeline





A word cloud of terms related to urban planning, community, and environment. The words are arranged in a non-uniform, overlapping manner. The largest words are 'nature', 'people', 'easy access', 'tree', 'view', 'buffer', 'sidewalk', 'place', 'beautiful architecture', 'beautiful building', 'flowers', 'mural', 'landscaping', 'smooth sidewalk', 'building', 'low noise', and 'beautiful streetscape'. Other words include 'enjoyment', 'colorful artwork', 'history', 'sense of place', 'green tunnel', 'fresh air', 'special pla', 'kids', 'bird', 'garden', 'water', 'abuzz', 'buried power line', 'music', 'shade', 'mural sculpture', 'interesting', 'smell of food', and 'unique sense'. The colors range from light blue to dark blue/black.

smooth sidewalk enjoyment
sidewalk place colorful artwork history
sense of place green tunnel fresh air
easy access landscaping mural
beautiful building special pla
people bird garden kids
tree water view
beautiful architecture abuzz flowers buffer
nature buried power line music shade
smell of food beautiful streetscape mural sculpture interesting
low noise unique sense
building

What are 3 of your favorite urban environments to walk in the MIC area?

Business Districts

- Downtown Duluth – Superior Street
- Downtown Superior – Tower Avenue
- Canal Park – Buchanan St & Canal Park Drive
- Lincoln Park Craft District – Superior Street
- Fitgers Area – Superior St

Walking/Hiking Trails

- Lakewalk
- Campus Connector Trail
- Lester River Trails
- Chester Park Trails
- Tischer Creek Trails
- Amity Creek Trails
- Lincoln Park Trails
- Superior Hiking Trail
- Scholastica Trails
- Mission Creek Trails - Old Skyline Pkwy (Western Seven Bridges Rd)

Unique Features

Vistas

- Skyline Pkwy – Enger, Hawk Ridge

Historic Walks

- Incline Steps/7th Ave W

Residential Areas

Residential Streets

- East 10th St
- 1st Ave (Proctor)
- 11th Ave E
- East 8th St
- East 5th St

Neighborhoods

- East Hillside
- Hunter's Park
- Woodland

Walkability Vision – what are the key features?

- It shouldn't be a requirement to own/drive a car to live and work in a city/urban area.
- When we build environments for children and elders, how would they access this space,
- It's a space where everybody has access.
- 8-80 approach

Are we there?

If not, what is preventing us from creating these walkable environments?

- Age of existing infrastructure
- Need for new public and private investment
- What are the needs (what can we do) of the neighborhoods
- Meeting the surround people needs
- Discounted sidewalks/sidewalk end
- Neighborhood opposition to new sidewalks
- Sidewalks without boulevards
- Winter maintenance – lowest cost drives less than optimal design from a user perspective
- Maintenance of sidewalk, sweeping sand, trimming brush, cleaning up
- Staying on top of maintenance
- Coordination efforts aspect to snow clearing
- Sidewalks only on one part of the street – transit is on both sides of the street
- Paving the boulevard/grassy strip at bus stops – stepping into mud from back door exit
- Greater community good/public good and network needs in mind, verse individual people/entities piecemeal decision making.
- Network, businesses making the connection to the network
- Parking takes away from the walkable conversation.
- Data/evidence decision-making.
- US vs Them issues

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Next Up:

- Focused Conversations – one-on-one's
- General Public Survey Release

Your thoughts & questions