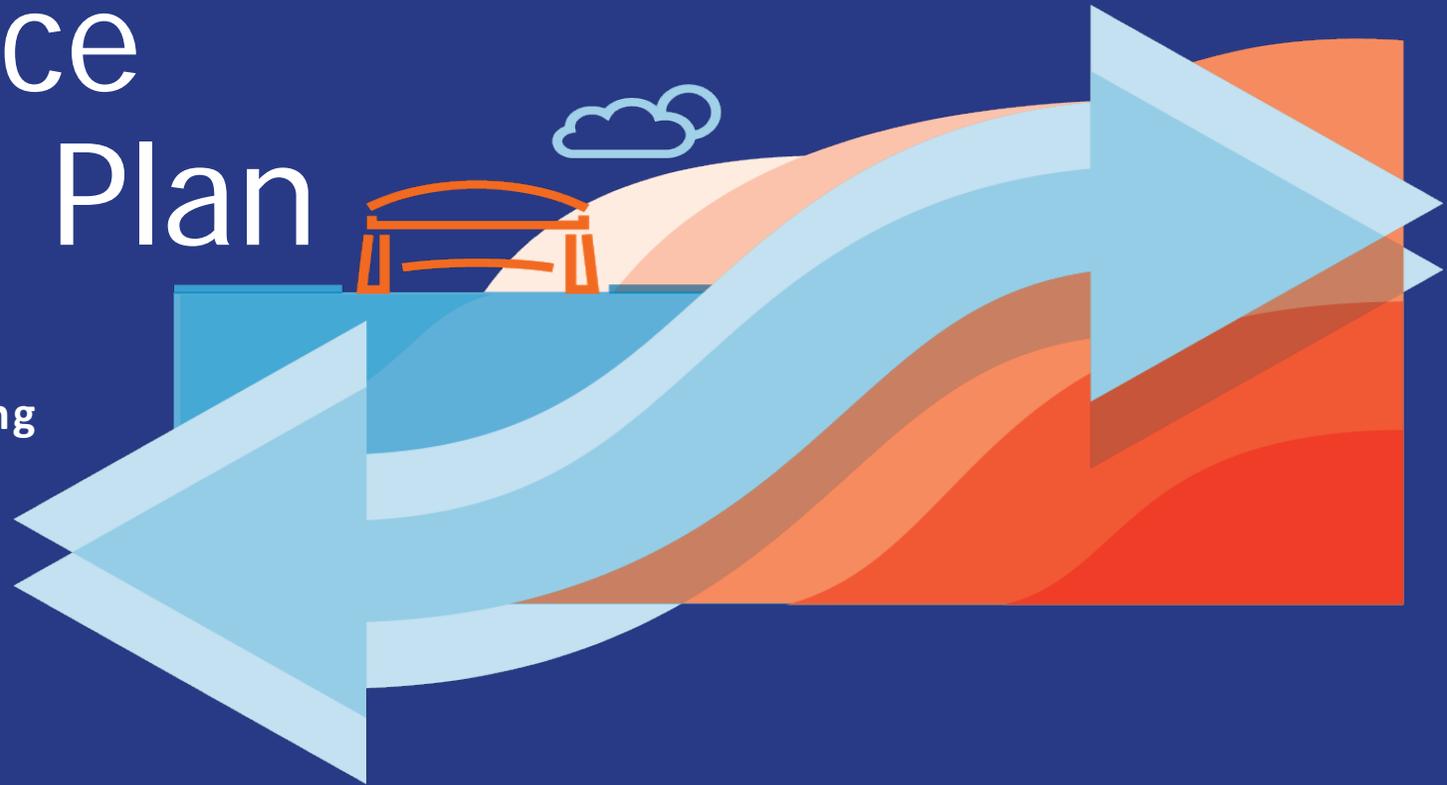


# Central Entrance Transportation Plan

Community Advisory Committee Meeting  
July 27, 2021





# Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Community Advisory Committee Charter
- Project Overview and Background
- Draft Concepts: Overview, Discussion & Feedback
- Next Steps



## Community Advisory Committee Charter

### Overview

The Central Entrance Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is established to provide advice to the Steering Committee during development of a vision and concepts for rebuilding Central Entrance from Mesaba Avenue to Trinity Road.

### Purpose

The purpose of the CAC is to serve as a voice for the community and provide lived experiences and expertise, as individuals who frequently travel along Central Entrance.

1. Provide input on past study recommendations to carry forward or to set aside.
2. Provide input on the needs and issues for all travel modes.
3. Provide input on vision and goals.
4. Review and comment on design concepts.
5. Communicate study and study information to greater corridor communities and organizations members represent.

### Committee Member Responsibilities

Each member of the CAC agrees to:

1. Attend as many of the meetings identified below as able and to participate in discussions by sharing ideas and expertise.
2. Be a voice to advance the broader interests of the community.
3. Routinely report back to their organization or community with study details and updates.
4. Listen to and respect the viewpoints of other CAC members.

# Project Overview & Background



## Project Goals & Objectives

Advance the vision for a walkable, bikeable and transit- oriented thoroughfare which will create an attractive destination that:

- (1) is safe and comfortable to use for those of all ages and abilities
- (2) encourages new types of residential and commercial development

# Project Deliverables



# History and Past Studies



- (1) MIC Long Range Transportation Plan - Sustainable Choices 2045 (2019)
- (2) Metropolitan Bikeways Plan (2019)
- (3) Central Entrance Corridor Study (2012)
- (4) City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan - Imagine Duluth 2035: Forward Together (2016)
- (5) Central Entrance-Miller Hill Small Area Plan (2009)
- (6) Miller Hill Corridor Plan (1979)
- (7) DTA Comprehensive Operations Analysis (Pending)

- (8) DTA Transit Development Plan (2017)
- (9) MnDOT ADA Group - Central Entrance Report (2021)
- (10) MnDOT - Pedestrian and Bicycle Recommendations Report (2020)
- (11) City of Duluth Retail Analysis (2015)

# History and Past Studies



## Recommendations from past plans include:

- Improving existing sidewalks and eliminating sidewalk gaps
- Pedestrian crossing improvements at existing intersections
- Adding mid-block crossings with advanced warning technology
- Intersection improvements (adding roundabouts or new signals)
- Locations of future bike routes and trails, including along Central Entrance
- Short segments of new roadway to create street grid connections
- Driveway access consolidation and closures and other improvements to access management
- Adding or removing turn lanes
- Creating right-in/right-out intersections
- Using Palm St and Myrtle St as backage roads
- Developing a streetscape plan and adding landscaping
- Coordinating traffic signals



## Project Timeline

- Visioning (**we are here**) Spring to Fall 2021
- Draft Plan October 2021
- Final Plan December 2021
- Project Design and Engineering 2022 – 2025
- Construction 2026

# Engagement & Outreach

- Better Central Entrance Event  
June 4 & 5
- Virtual Workshops June 24 & 29
- Steering Committee
- Community Advisory  
Committee
- Online Comment Opportunities
- Mailings



# Draft Concepts: Overview, Discussion & Feedback

# Draft Concepts

Overview - Polling Questions per Zone - Overall Feedback & Discussion

Items to consider:



# Next Steps

## Next Steps – Anticipated Schedule

- Refine concepts based on what we heard today
- Work with MIC subconsultants on traffic modeling
- Mid August: Steering Committee meeting
- Early September: Steering Committee meeting
- Mid-September: Community Advisory Committee meeting
- October: Draft report



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