

DOWNTOWN DULUTH MODAL CONNECTIONS STUDY (Duluth)

Objective: *Prepare a plan to fully connect all modes of travel (auto, bus, bike, pedestrian) within the greater Duluth Central Business District and Canal Park.*

Background

With the completion of the Duluth Comprehensive Plan and a focused plan centering on the CBD, the City of Duluth would like to examine a complete modal needs assessment focused on the downtown and Canal Park. The concept is to connect key traffic generators in the area via improved walkways, bikeways or bus service. An important issue will be to improve the two major crossover points between the downtown and Canal Park; at Lake Avenue and 5th Avenue West.

Major Work Activities

- Examine Duluth Comprehensive Plan and other recent local planning efforts in CBD to determine long term needs.
- Identify deficient movements in CBD of bus, bike and pedestrian traffic.
- Conduct public involvement process.
- Examine key corridors that could improve linkage between CBD and Canal Park.
- Examine improved modal links to the Duluth Lakewalk.
- Identify signage (wayfinding) needs in the study area.
- Conduct Community Impact Analysis and Environmental Justice Analysis.
- Provide series of recommendations for the City of Duluth and the Greater Downtown Council.

Final Product / Completion Date

Final product to consist of a plan to link bus, auto, bike and pedestrian movements in the Duluth downtown. Key infrastructure needs will be identified. Study initiation in 2008.

Budget

\$ 50,000 CY2008