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SUBJECT: Duluth Pedestrian Facilities Draft Plan Ready for Public Input, Public Meetings Scheduled

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Duluth Pedestrian Facilities Draft Plan Ready for Public Input
(Public Meetings Scheduled)

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is working to determine priorities and connect people with opportunities through compliant pedestrian facilities within the public right of way. The City is developing an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way according to standards developed by the Federal Highway Administration. The plan establishes guiding principles that encompasses accessibility, safety, equity, health, and environment. The right of way is defined as sidewalks, curb ramp/curb cuts, traffic signals (push buttons, pedestrian indications, audible indications), and public transit stops. A draft plan was developed with public input provided over the past two months and is now going to be available for public review.

The City engaged the public and the Duluth Commission on Disabilities to conduct a self-evaluation process to review existing conditions, evaluate our compliance with ADA in order to meet the needs of community members and determine priorities for improvements. The information gathered is being used to draft the ADA Transition Plan for Public Right of Ways, of which a final plan is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration.

Several opportunities for public input have already taken place this summer with more to follow in the coming weeks. These opportunities allow for the public to hear from and share their input with City staff. Paper copies of the draft plan will be provided at the meetings, on the City's website and at the Duluth Public Libraries. The draft plan will be discussed and made available at the following public meetings:

- August 29, City Center West/West Duluth Public Library, 10:00 am
- August 30, Central Hillside Community Center at 6:00 pm
- August 31, Portman Community Center (Lakeside) at 2:00 pm

A Committee of the Whole presentation is planned with the Duluth City Council for October 19 followed by City Council adoption of the final ADA Transition Plan in early November.

A map identifying pedestrian facilities and public comment form is available online at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/human-rights-office/>

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