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SUBJECT: City Seeks Public Input on Pedestrian Facilities

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[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 will be 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. The plan will be developed, reviewed by the public and then will require City Council approval.

The City is engaging the public and the Commission on Disabilities to conduct a self-evaluation process to review existing conditions, identify gaps, evaluate its compliance of pedestrian facilities to meet the needs of community members and determine priorities for improvements. The information gathered will be used to draft the ADA Transition Plan for Public Right of Ways, which is reviewed every five years by the Federal Highway Administration.

Several opportunities have been scheduled to allow for the public to hear from and share their input with City staff. An online survey is also available until August 15 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PZPJ9YS>. Paper copies of the survey will also be available at the Duluth Public Libraries.

Public meetings are set up for:

-June 6, City Center West (5830 Grand Ave) at 4:00 pm,

-June 7, (two meetings) Portman Community Center (4032 McCulloch St.) at 11:00 am and Transportation Planning Focus Group meeting in Duluth City Hall Room 303 at 5:00 pm.

-June 8, Central Hillside Community Center (12 East 4th St.) at 6:00 pm

Public feedback will be compiled to draft the plan and will be made available again for public comment on the following dates:

-August 29, City Center West, 10:00 am

-August 30, Central Hillside Community Center at 6:00 pm

-August 31, Portman Community Center at 2:00 pm

A Committee of the Whole presentation is planned with the Duluth City Council for September followed by a public hearing and City Council adoption of the final ADA Transition Plan prior to October 2017.

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