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SUBJECT: Duluth Mayor to Host Additional State of our Streets Public Information Meetings

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[Duluth, MN] - Duluth Mayor Emily Larson designated the Street Improvement Program in early August and introduced a 1/2 percent transportation sales tax proposal which would dedicate collected funds exclusively to street improvements. The proposal will be listed as a referendum on the November 7 ballot and would then need legislative approval prior to implementation. The Mayor has been hosting "State of our Streets" public information meetings throughout the city and with various stakeholder groups. Additional public meetings are scheduled and residents are encouraged to attend, listen, ask questions and share input.

The proposal could generate about \$7 million in sales tax annually, tripling the current level of dedicated funding to a total of \$10 million for street and sidewalk improvements. The City is seeking long-term, reliable funding in order to make progress on street and sidewalk improvements to better serve residents, the 35,000 daily commuters into Duluth and the 6.7 million annual visitors.

The public has actively provided feedback in person and in writing. Additional opportunities to weigh in and ask questions are available at upcoming public meetings listed below:

Wednesday, September 20 – Morgan Park Community Center, 1242 88th Ave West @ 5:30-7 PM - following the "State of our Streets" presentation, the Mayor and Councilor Barb Russ will have opportunities to meet with individuals as part of the regularly scheduled City Hall in the City community listening session.

Monday, October 16, - Lakeside-Lester Park Community Center, 106 N. 54th Ave East @ 6:30-8 PM

Thursday, October 26 – Duluth Heights Community Center, 33 West Mulberry St. @ 5:30-7 PM

A website, www.duluthmn.gov/better-streets has also been created and includes Frequently Asked Questions, the Street Improvement Program details, and a comment form.

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