



CITY OF DULUTH
 Planning Division

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STAFF REPORT

File Number	PL 13-161	Contact	Jenn Reed Moses, jmoses@duluthmn.gov	
Application Type	Concurrent Use of Streets Permit	Planning Commission Date	January 14, 2014	
Deadline for Action	Application Date	December 5, 2013	60 Days	February 3, 2014
	Date Extension Letter Mailed	N/A	120 Days	April 4, 2014
Location of Subject	210 W Michigan Street			
Applicant	Duluth Transit Authority	Contact	jheilig@duluthtransit.com, 218-722-4426	
Agent	Jim Heilig	Contact	jheilig@duluthtransit.com, 218-623-4316	
Legal Description	010-0410-01200,01170,01150,01130,01110,01090			
Site Visit Date	N/A	Sign Notice Date	December 31, 2013	
Neighbor Letter Date	N/A	Number of Letters Sent	N/A	

Proposal

The DTA is applying for a Concurrent Use Permit for a slip ramp from the facility on 3rd Avenue W. The ramp allows the entire transit platform to be level rather than sloped by 5% to 8% as in the preliminary design. The buses can then exit up 3rd Avenue W.

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	MU-C	Parking Ramp/Commercial	Central Business Primary
North	F-8	Commercial/Office	Central Business Primary
South	MU-C	Parking Lot	Central Business Primary
East	MU-C	Parking Ramp	Central Business Primary
West	F-8	Commercial/Office	Central Business Primary

Summary of Code Requirements (reference section with a brief description):

UDC Section. 50-37.7C. The planning commission shall review the application, and council shall approve the application or approve it with modifications, if it determines that:

1. The proposed concurrent use will not harm or inconvenience the health, safety and general welfare of the city;
2. Any proposed skywalk will significantly improve the circulation of pedestrians in the city without exposure to weather conditions;
3. No portion of a public easement proposed for use is being physically used or occupied by the public.

Comprehensive Plan Findings (Governing Principle and/or Policies) and Current History (if applicable):

Governing Principle #7: Create and maintain connectivity. This includes transit systems.

Future Land Use - Central Business Primary: Encompasses a broad range of uses and intensities - Governmental campus, significant retail, entertainment and lodging, opportunities for high-density housing, central plaza, public/open space, public parking facilities.

Discussion (use numbered or bullet points; summarize and attach department, agency and citizen comments):

Staff finds that:

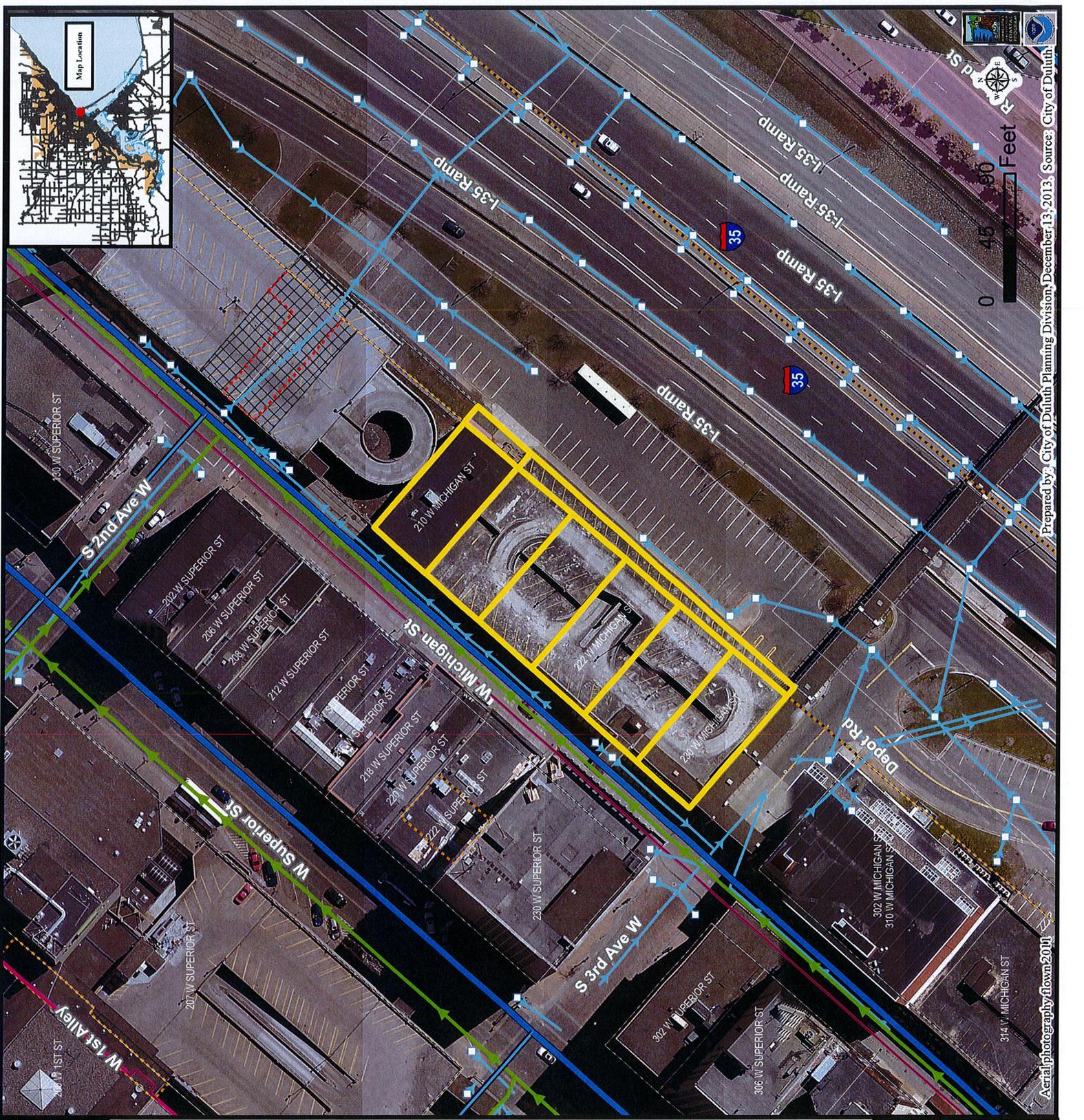
- 1.) The proposed ramp will extend 27.5 feet into the right of way of 3rd Avenue W, for 116 feet. The remaining width of 3rd Avenue W is 33.6 feet and will allow for two-way traffic. The ramp will allow buses at the new multimodal facility to have a level exit platform.
- 2.) Two parking spaces will need to be removed on 3rd Avenue W. The City Engineering department is working with City Council on removal of these spaces. There is no sidewalk on the east side of 3rd Avenue; the sidewalk on the west side will be unaffected.
- 3.) City Engineering is supportive of the concurrent use permit and of the multimodal facility.
- 4.) The City of Duluth requires Concurrent Use Permits to include liability insurance to indemnify the City against occurrences in the right of way.
- 5) No public, agency, or other City comments were received.

Staff Recommendation (include Planning Commission findings, i.e., recommend to approve):

Based on the above findings, Staff recommends that Planning Commission recommend approval of the Concurrent Use Permit for the following reasons:

- 1.) The proposed concurrent use will not harm or inconvenience the health, safety, and general welfare of the city.
- 2.) Although the area is currently used by the public, these uses can be accommodated in the remaining right of way.

Attachments (aerial photo with zoning; future land use map; site plan; copies of correspondence)



Legend

- Stream Type**
 - Trout Stream (GPS)
 - Other Stream (GPS)
- Water Distribution System**
 - 30 - 60" Water Pipe
 - 16 - 24" Water Pipe
 - 4 - 6" Water Pipe
- Sanitary Sewer Collection System**
 - Sanitary Sewer Collector
 - Sanitary Sewer Interceptor
 - Sanitary Sewer Forced Main
- Storage Basin**
- Pump Station**
- Gas Distribution Main**
 - 8" - 16" Gas Pipes
 - 4" - 6" Gas Pipes
 - 0" - 4" Gas Pipes
- Storm Sewer Collection System**
 - Storm Sewer Pipe
 - Storm Sewer Catch Basin
 - Discharge Points
- Right-of-Way Type**
 - Road or Alley ROW
 - Vacated ROW
- Easement Type**
 - Utility Easement
 - Other Easement
- Shoreland Overlay Zone**
 - Cold Water
 - Natural Environment
 - General Development
- Floodplain Type**
 - General Flood Plain
 - Flood Way
 - Flood Fringe

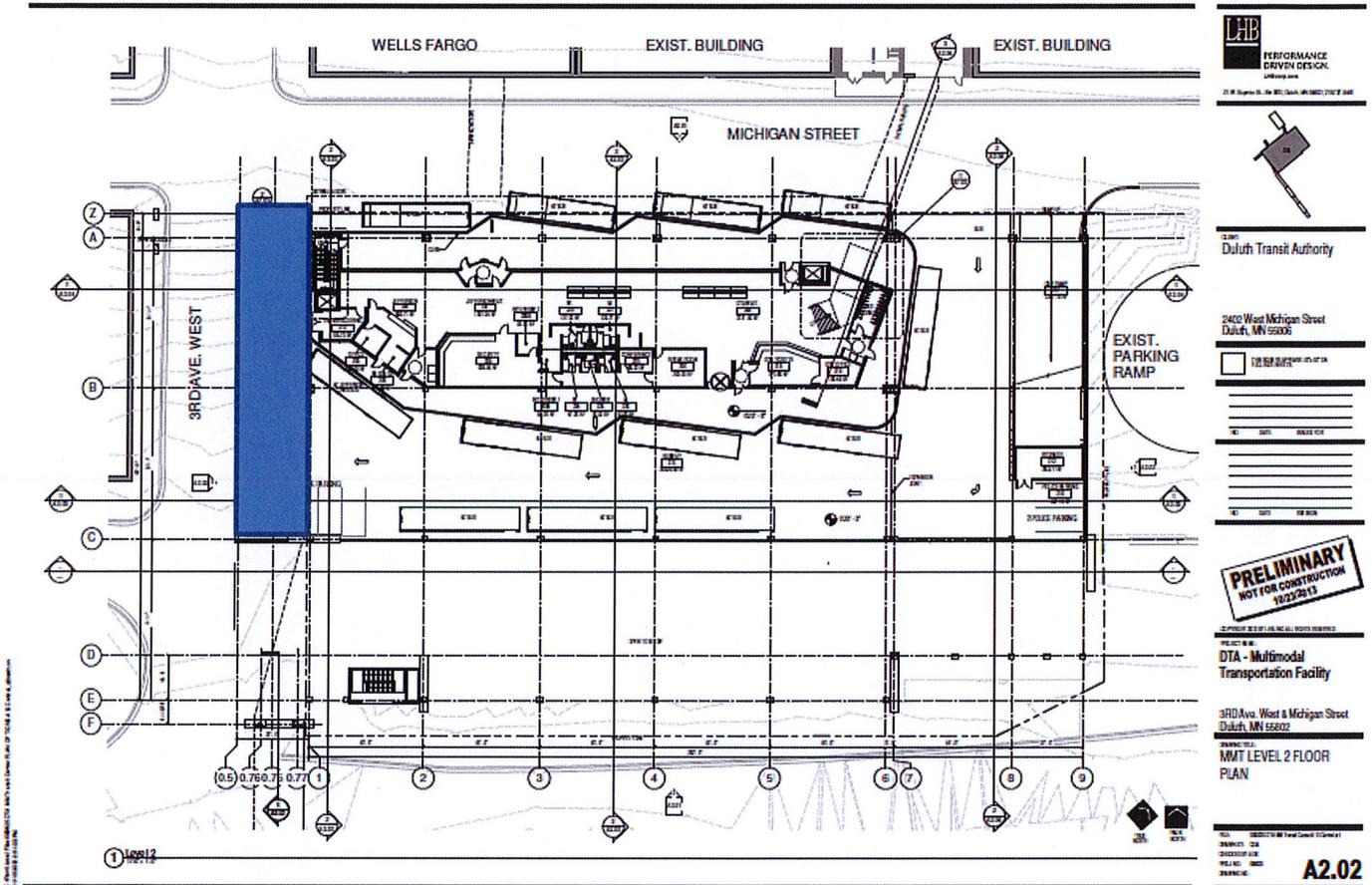
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Zoning Notice

Applicant: Duluth Transit Authority

Address: 213 W. Michigan Street

Slip Ramp for Buses



This Slip Ramp from the new facility will extend 27.5 feet into the right of way for 116 feet (from the Michigan St. curb line). This still allows for two way traffic on 3rd Ave. West. The DTA will be maintaining the area. The remaining width of 3rd Ave West will be 33.6 feet. The DTA will also be installing signalization at 3rs Ave. West and Michigan St. that will have a three phase setting. One phase will be for the buses and will be traffic actuated.

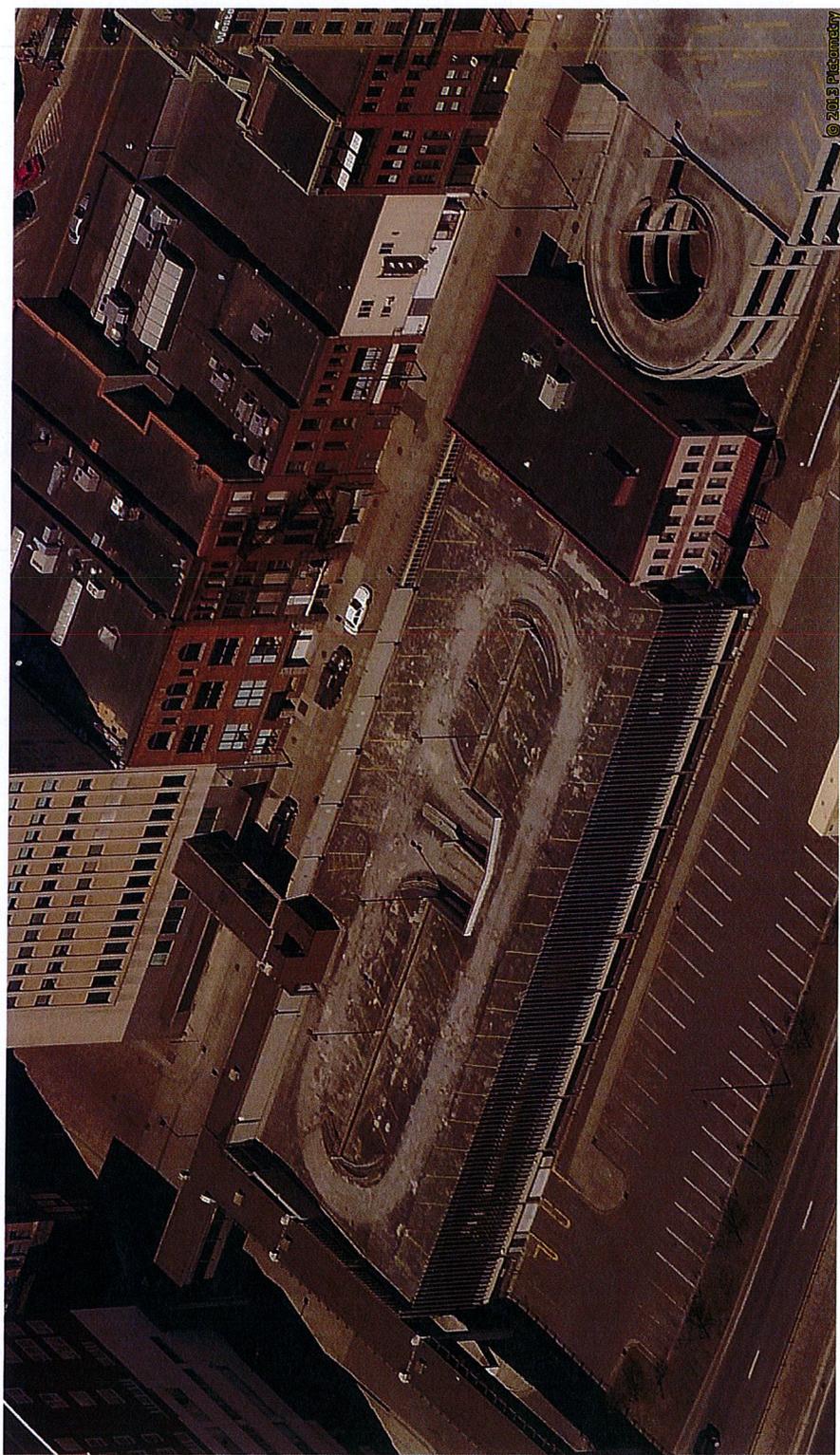
Concurrent Use Permit City Project # PL14-

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Public Hearing: January 14, 2014 5:00 PM City Council Chambers; Duluth, MN



210 W Michigan St.

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