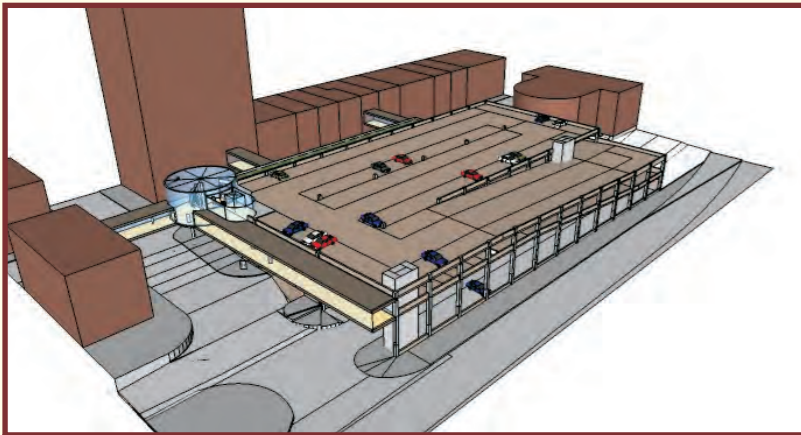


DULUTH MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER

The Duluth Multimodal Transportation Center includes the following program elements:

- Passenger waiting station (lobby, seating area and restrooms)
- Passenger/transit/transportation ticketing and information center
- 8-bus bay interior passenger boarding platform
- Indoor bus layover parking areas
- Bicycle concession (bike storage, restrooms, bike maintenance area)
- Pedestrian access to the Depot and proposed passenger rail station
- Station for Jefferson and Indian Trails inter-city bus lines; Arrowhead Transit and LCS Coaches
- Package express storage and service counter
- Police substation and security enhancements
- Skywalk connections to Superior Street and DECC
- Northwest Passage pedestrian/bike walkway access to Canal Park, Amsoil Arena and Bayfront Park
- Public/private parking including van and car pools
- Wells Fargo drive through banking services



DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) is one of the most technologically sophisticated transit systems in the country. The DTA, which provides service in Duluth, Proctor and Hermantown, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin, maintains a modern fleet of 65 transit buses, including six Hybrid electric buses. In addition to regular route services, the DTA operates curb-to-curb STRIDE (Special Transit Ride) services for disabled riders and the Port Town Trolley seasonal circulator during the summer months. The DTA operates 20 routes and transported over 3.3 million passengers in 2011. DTA buses are wheelchair accessible and equipped with bike racks on a year round basis. For the safety and security of its passengers, all buses and the downtown Transit Center are monitored by security cameras. The DTA was legislatively created by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1969 and is governed by a nine member board of directors, which regulate all policy matters for the Authority.



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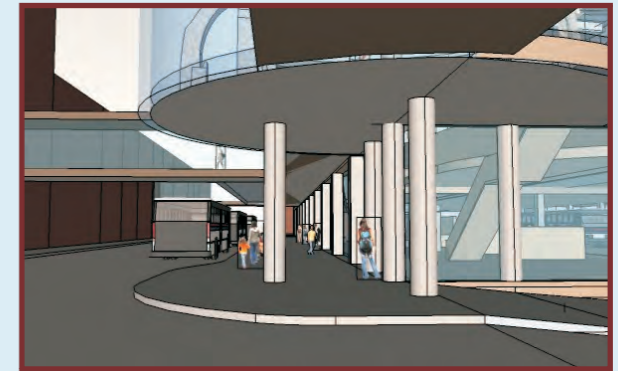
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DULUTH MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER



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Duluth, Minnesota

Providing public transit services that are safe, convenient, efficient and affordable.

PROJECT

The existing on-street Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) Downtown Transit Center requires improvements to:

- Increase the safety and security of DTA patrons.
- Improve the effectiveness of the current and future transportation demand.
- Provide connectivity to the overall transportation system.



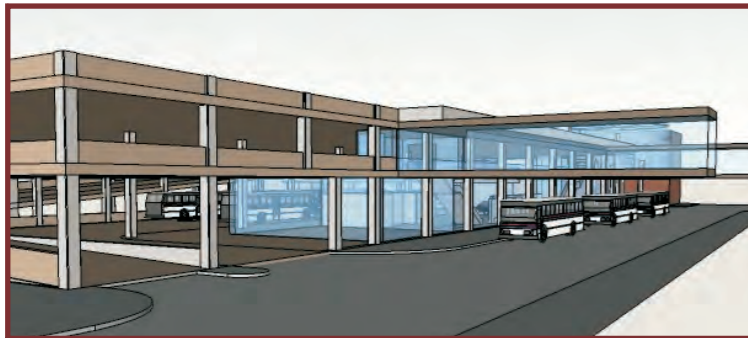
In response to these required improvements, the DTA will construct an off-street Downtown Multi-modal Transportation Center that:

- Provides over 12,000 passengers per day with an indoor waiting lobby, along with safe and convenient access to public transit services;
- Is located and designed to effectively combine multi-modal operations (bus, car, taxi, trolley, bicycle and pedestrian), multiple public/private

users: DTA, Jefferson and Indian Trails intercity bus lines, LCS Coaches, Arrowhead Transit, office/retail and public/private parking (including van and car pools);

- Eliminates safety hazards for riders crossing Superior Street to make directional transfers between the Downtown Transit Center and Holiday Center bus stop across the street; and sidewalk congestion of pedestrians waiting for buses at both transfer locations.
- Provides joint development opportunities within the facility.

The centralized location and state of the art design of the downtown Multimodal Transportation Center provides the City of Duluth and the region with improved economic competitiveness, safety, livability, sustainability and accessibility.



FUNDING

Project Costs:

Demolition	\$1,500,000
Multimodal Center	\$9,000,000
Parking Replacement	\$8,000,000
NW Passage, Pedestrian/Bicycle Walkways, Skywalk Bridges and Street Adjustments	\$7,500,000
TOTAL	\$26,000,000

Project Funding Sources:

Federal Funding	\$16,000,000
Local Funding	\$4,000,000
State Bond Request	\$6,000,000
Total Project Cost	\$26,000,000

The DTA has received a \$16 million dollar grant from the Federal Transit Administration for this project. The grant was awarded through the Innovative Section of the State of Good Repair Program.

The DTA anticipates doing a public-private partnership agreement with the current owner of the project site.



PARTNERSHIP

• The Duluth Multimodal Transportation Center is the result of a strong collaboration between the following stakeholders: City of Duluth, St. Louis County, Metropolitan Interstate Commission, Local Initiatives Support Coalition, Arrowhead Regional Development Council, St. Louis and Lake County Regional Rail Authority, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Greater Downtown Council, Canal Park Business Association, Duluth Planning Commission, downtown building owners, medical community, transit users and the DTA.

• The DTA is also working closely with St. Louis County so that this project has direct connectivity to the future terminal for Northern Lights Express passenger rail service.

• The project has engaged parties that are not traditionally involved in transportation projects throughout the planning process. For example, private businesses have been included in site location and preliminary design with the goal of joint development being a primary component of the facility. In addition, the DTA will pursue a public-private partnership, under the provisions of the Public Private Partnership Program set for by SAFETEA-LU 49 U.S.C. 5309 (c) (6), as a mechanism to provide economic and schedule advantages to the project.

