

Cross City Trail

The vision is for the Duluth Cross City Trail to be a one of a kind, off-road trail for non-motorized trail users of all ages and abilities. The trail will provide a connection from the Munger State Trail to the Duluth Lakewalk, offer safe access to distinctive natural areas in West Duluth, present exceptional views of the St. Louis River Corridor and estuary, and fill a gap in a significant state trail route from central Minnesota to the North Shore of Lake Superior. The Cross City Trail will become part of over 80 miles of continuous trail.



Project Timeline

Planning

Design

Permitting

Construction

Safety & Connectivity

The Cross City Trail will provide a 10 foot wide bituminous year-round trail, which will be designed for and used by pedestrians and cyclists. This paved multimodal path will separate the trail users from vehicular traffic. It will provide a safe connection between the existing Munger Trail and Lakewalk Trail systems. It also provides connections to neighborhoods, business districts and tourism destinations near and along the new trail system.

Guiding Principles

1. Connect the community
2. Provide a high quality user experience that is unique to Duluth
3. Provide a safe trail experience for users of all ages and abilities
4. Ensure technical and economic feasibility
5. Be environmentally sustainable
6. Promote economic development

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Overview

2004-2009

Oberstar sponsors Federal Transportation Bill that makes funding available for trail construction.

Rough alignments considered.

Funding allocation was not fully available until 2009, so planning was put on hold until then.

2010-2012

Planning and design for the trail begins.

Vision was referred to as, "a central spine running the length of the city"

Goal: To connect the Willard Munger State Trail at 75th Avenue to the Lakewalk (about 7 miles)

Progress halted by Flood of 2012.

2013

Planning and design resumes

Phase 1 construction begins from Lakewalk to 30th Avenue West

2014

After two community meetings on route options for Phase 2, community demand for a more in-depth analysis of trail alignment alternatives postponed the construction of Phase 2. The City of Duluth returned \$500,000 in federal grant funds.

Phase 1 is completed from Lakewalk to 30th Avenue West.

2015 Mini Master Plan Process

The City begins a Mini Master Plan process for the Cross City Trail which will extend from the western end of the Lakewalk to Becks Road.

The Mini Master Plan will guide trail development over the next 25+ years and will allow the City to seek Regional Trail Designation from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission. This will allow the City to apply for Legacy Grant funding.

The Mini Master Plan process began in May 2015 and is expected to be complete by the summer of 2016.

Project Goal

Identification of an alignment to connect the Lakewalk to the Munger Trail with a paved, non-motorized trail for walking and general biking, as well as connecting Spirit Mountain to Becks Road along the former Duluth Winnipeg Pacific (DWP) rail corridor with a natural surface, non-motorized trail for walking and general biking.

Cross City Trail Phases

PHASE I – Constructed in 2014 *

PHASE II – Alignment to be determined through Mini Master Planning process

PHASE III – Under construction 2015-2016

PHASE IV – Construction anticipated 2017

PHASE V – Feasibility Study

* PHASE I of the Cross City Trail is complete and runs from Carlton Street in Lincoln Park to the Duluth Sister Cities Park (Canal Park).

Project Partner

