Coordinated Street Furniture RFP

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Agenda

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- Recommended Street Furniture Elements
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Purpose of Program

- Improve quality and design identity as existing contracts expire (2009)
- Manage and enhance public circulation and safety on right-of-way
- Achieve higher level of maintenance/ service at no cost to City
- Enhance and protect City revenues

Milestone Dates and Schedule

- Start Up / Pre Proposal Efforts (Dec 2006 - September 2007)
- Preparation, Issuance and Proposal Due (August 2007- Jan 2008)
- Proposal Evaluation and Preferred Vendor Negotiation (Feb-Sept 2008)
- Installation Commences in 2009

Recommended Street Furniture Elements

Allowed by Statutes

- Transit Shelters
- Benches
- Bicycle parking units

Currently Not Allowed by Statutes

- Litter Receptacles
- Information/ Wayfinding structures
- Multi-publication structures (newspaper corrals)
- Neighborhood information kiosks
- Public washrooms (if revenues allow)

Definitions

"Coordinated"

- Where the aesthetics of a series of objects are related through the use of common materials or forms.
- The result is a recognizable design identity found throughout the city, representing a unique Minneapolis character.

Other Cities' Examples

Toronto

Other Cities' Examples

Vancouver

Other Cities' Examples

New York City

Other Cities' Examples

Boston

Other Cities' Examples

Chicago

Design Criteria and Evaluation

- Design Style and Character Criteria
- General Design Criteria
- Technical, Functional and Maintenance Design Criteria

Design Considerations

- Customer Comfort
- System Design Identity
- Materials Durability
- Maintenance

Shelters and Public Toilets

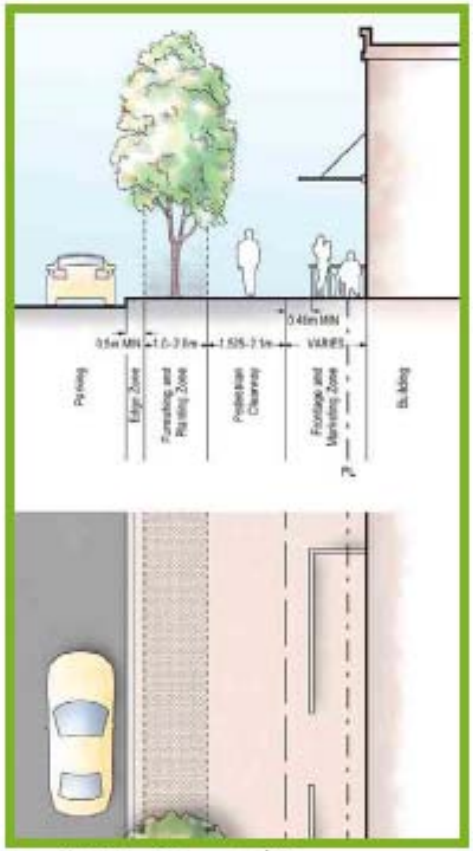
Benches and Receptacles

Other Elements

Defining the Right of Way (ROW)

Right of Way Differences:

- Transit Shelter Locations
- Curb Extensions, no transit shelter
- Constrained space, no transit shelter

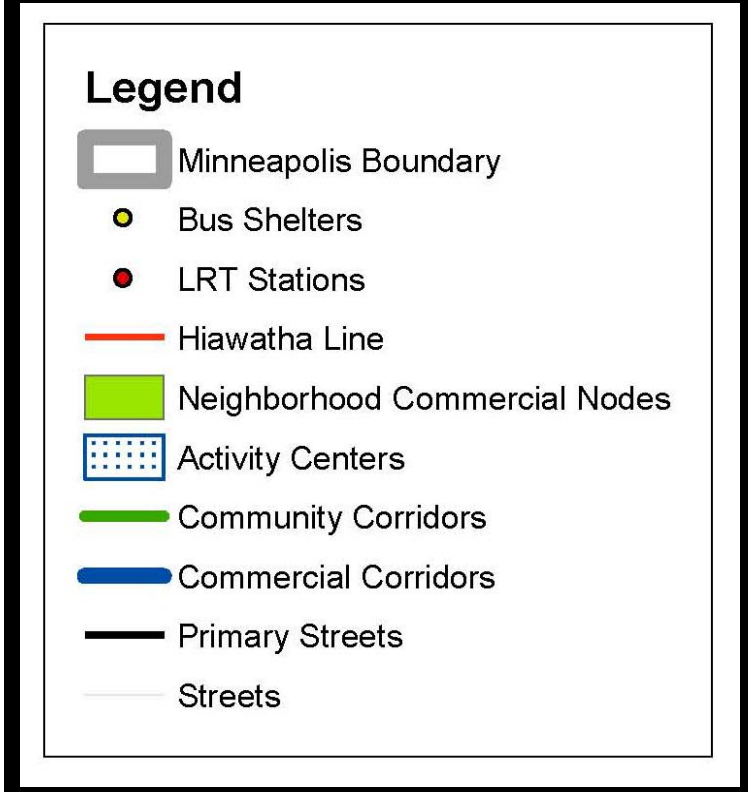


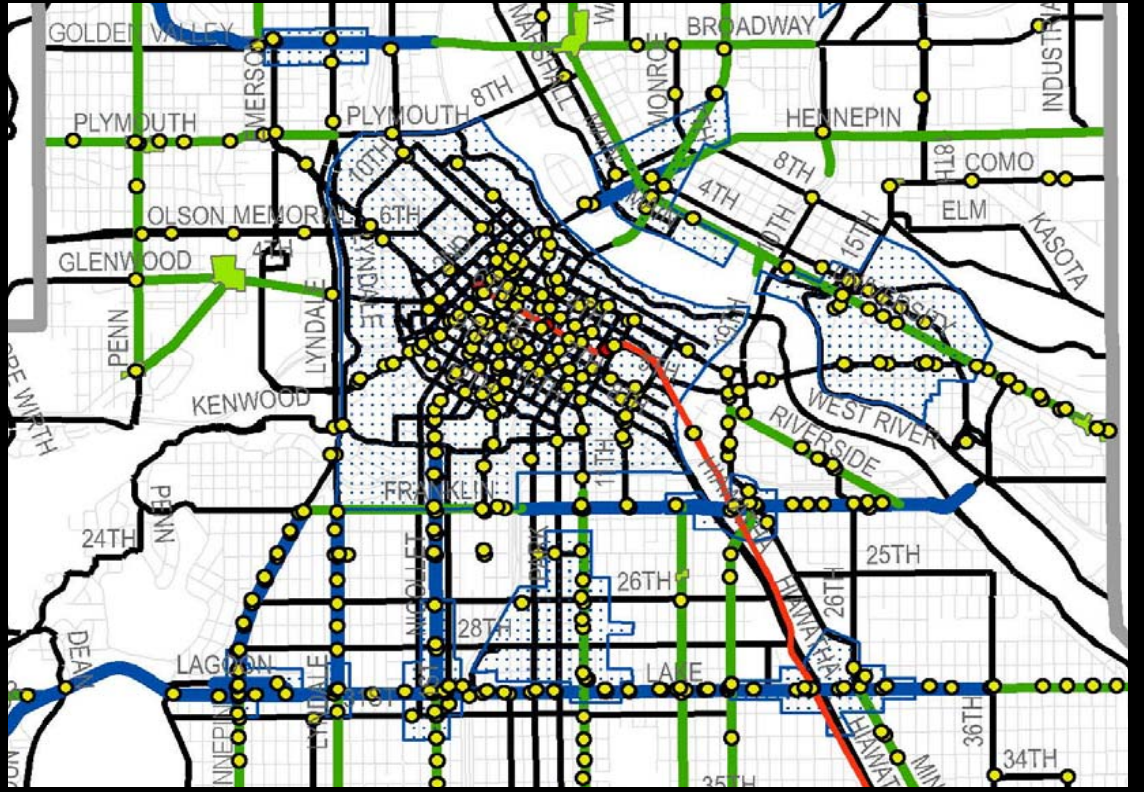
Main Street Zones

General Design Criteria: Furniture Placement Principles

- to establish a **pedestrian clearway**
- to specify furniture **size that is responsive to the** width of **pedestrian clearway**
- to select furnishings that reflects the use **patterns and placement opportunities**
- to make sidewalks and street furniture **accessible to all users**
- to maintain **clear sight lines at intersections** and respond to **surrounding context**

Use Patterns Across the City





Contract Terms

- Maintenance Service Plan
- Program Roll Out (locations and timelines)
- Financial Program (e.g. minimum revenues)
- Vendor’s Operations and Maintenance Track Record

Role of Advertising in CSF Program

Public Process

- Online Comment Tool
- Project Website: information and feedback channel
- Focus Groups and Interviews
- Design Jury Meetings
- Special Services District Meeting
- Community Meetings

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Project Team Meetings monthly through November
- Release November 2007
- Bids Due in January 2008
- Evaluation through April 2008
- Selection and Contract Negotiation through September 2008
- Installation in 2009