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Getting to Scale: Planning in multi-scale, functionally integrated environments

# MOBILE WORKSHOPS

## 1. Cycling Infrastructure and Innovations in Minneapolis

Led by Greg Lindsey, Kris Hoff and local officials

The Twin Cities boasts some of the best cycling infrastructure in the United States and are home to a number of pilot projects and programmatic innovations to increase non-motorized transportation. Join Humphrey Institute Associate Dean Greg Lindsey and professional staff from the City of Minneapolis and Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) for an autumn ride on the historic Grand Rounds, the Stone Arch Bridge, the Midtown Greenway, and a few of the City's 43 miles of dedicated bicycle lands. Learn about the City of Minneapolis's bicycle master plan, TLC's FHWA-funded Bike-Walk Twin Cities program, and ongoing, university-based research initiatives to assess use of non-motorized infrastructure. Participation may be limited based on the number of rental bikes available – register early!

## 2. St. Paul Mayor's Tour

Led by St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Donna Drummond

Join St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman as he shares sights of the city and his thoughts about St. Paul's planning success stories. This tour will be co-led by St. Paul Planning Director – and Humphrey Institute alumna - Donna Drummond. Additional details and tour highlights to follow!

## 3. Minneapolis Riverfront Development

Led by Judith Martin, Director of the Urban Studies Program at the University of Minnesota, and past member of the Minneapolis Planning Commission

A lively center of commerce and river life in the last half of the 19th Century, by the 1970's the Minneapolis riverfront became a collection of decrepit buildings and a tangle of railroad tracks. Some thought the riverfront had run its full lifecycle. But a re-birth was just around the corner. In the four

decades since, the Minneapolis riverfront has blossomed into a city neighborhood boasting history, cultural offerings and new lofts in century-old buildings. How did this transformation occur?

Join us to discuss the social, industrial, architectural and political history of the Minneapolis riverfront, the many and often conflicting plans for its redevelopment, and the actions taken to create the successful urban district that exists.

#### **4. Innovative Approaches to Congestion Management in the Twin Cities: I35-W UPA Project**

Led by Professor Jason Cao, Senior Fellow Lee Munnich, and Craig Lamothe, Metro Transit UPA Project Manager

This tour will include the latest development of the Urban Partnership Agreement in congestion management including priced-dynamic shoulder lanes as well transit improvements such as the double-bus lanes in downtown Minneapolis, and efforts to promote telework. The project will be almost complete in October, with the Crosstown and 46th Street Transit Station scheduled to open in November 2010. We will also visit the intermodal transit hub at the new Twins stadium and the I-35W bridge.

#### **5. From Counter-Culture to Multi-Cultural: The Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood of Minneapolis**

Led by Humphrey Institute Professor Ryan Allen

This walking tour highlights the dramatic changes to the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis in the last 40 years. Once home to a variety of European immigrants at the turn of the 20th century, the neighborhood transitioned into the "Haight-Ashbury of the Midwest" by the late 1960s. Today, Cedar-Riverside is an immigrant neighborhood once again, boasting one of the largest immigrant populations of any neighborhood in the Twin Cities. The tour will begin with an overview of the major physical, social and economic changes to Cedar-Riverside in the past 40 years. We will visit Riverside Plaza, a group of high-rise residential towers originally conceived of as a utopian, mixed-income community and now predominately inhabited by immigrant households. Other stops on the tour include local immigrant-run businesses and the African Development Center, one of the newest and most successful community-based organizations in the Twin Cities. At the conclusion of the tour there will be time for a meal on your own at one of the fantastic restaurants in the neighborhood.

#### **6. Foreclosure Response Tour: Minneapolis Management of the Housing Crisis**

Led by Professor Ed Goetz and Tom Streitz, Director of Housing Policy and Development for the City of Minneapolis

This will be a tour of the Minneapolis northside, the hardest hit neighborhood in terms of foreclosures. We will view blocks where the City has implemented its targeting strategy in an attempt to turn around the neighborhood decline associated with vacant and foreclosed properties. The tour will be led by the City's Housing Director who will be explaining how the City has used its federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, and how those funds have leveraged other, local investments.

## 7. Arts and Planning

Led by Humphrey Alumna Anne Gadwa, student Casie Mazilly Moen, and former Professor Ann Markusen

The Twin Cities are arts rich, claiming both a high concentration of artists and elevated rates of arts participation. Through the tour we'll address the most pertinent arts and planning issues: the ways in which local government can support and impede the arts sector; how the arts can be harnessed to realize larger community and economic development objectives; and alternative spatial approaches. We'll see and contrast a new riverfront cultural district anchored by major architectural showpieces with diffuse culturally-rich community nodes that stabilize neighborhoods plagued by crime and economic decline. Tour highlights include: the Mill District's Guthrie Theater, Mill City Museum, and MacPhail Center for Music; and Lake Street's Midtown Global Market, Robert's Shoes' artist studios (where *Zen and The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* was penned), and In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre (a former porn theater). Plenty of opportunity will be offered for candid discussion of how and why the arts can be used to support broader community and economic development objectives, and how city policies can help or hinder development of a thriving arts sector.

## 8. Walking Tour of Downtown Minneapolis Architecture

Led by Tom Fischer, Dean of the University of Minnesota College of Architecture

Downtown Minneapolis has an unusual amount of private space dedicated to public purposes, and this tour of the center of the city will show the different ways this occurs. The tour will include the new Guthrie Theater, with its extensive public space open to anyone, whether you have a theater ticket or not; the new McPhail Center for Music, with a lobby and outdoor lawn that bring music to the masses; the new Minneapolis Public Library, with spaces that redefine the role of an urban library; and the downtown skyway system, with a variety of public venues along its length.

During the tour, we will examine what works and what doesn't in having private space serve public roles. We will also consider the relative lack of publicly owned and operated space in the downtown, and what that means for those who don't fit certain social norms. Finally, we will look at the inward nature of the privatized public space in downtown Minneapolis and what effect that has on street life in the city.

## 9. The River Runs Through All of Us

Led by Carissa Schively Slotterback, Humphrey Institute, University of Minneapolis

*The River Runs Through All of Us* will examine multiple institutional and cultural perspectives related to the Mississippi River and its historical and current role in the Twin Cities region. The tour will include stops along the river in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The tour will highlight approaches to integrating multiple perspectives on shared resources such as the river. Speakers will introduce the nature of community-university partnerships, including the University's River Life program.

Possible speakers include:

- Tim Griffin, St. Paul on the Mississippi Design Center (design and planning perspective)

- Lark Weller (HHH MURP alum), National Parks Service - Mississippi National River Recreation Area (natural resource perspective)
- David Wiggins, National Parks Service - Mississippi National River Recreation Area (historic resource perspective)
- Representative of Dakota Community - (indigenous community - cultural perspective)
- Pat Nunnally, River Life Program (institutional perspective - highlight community-university partnerships related to river)

## **10. Sustainable Center City Tour**

Led by Laura Musacchio, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Minneapolis

Urban neighborhood revitalization, which has been driven by environmental and social justice concerns, has been at the nexus of recent efforts for sustainable design and planning initiatives in Minneapolis. This tour will visit several neighborhoods like Seward and Phillips to examine their mid-century decline and their gradual rejuvenation through community activism and urban design for walkable neighborhoods, community gardens, and green building practices. Both neighborhoods have coped with the legacy of downwind issues from past industrial land uses, including one example which has been the focus of recent remediation efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.