

Memo Exhibit II: Notes on Candidate Western Duluth ATV Routes

- **#1 DWP right-of-way in Midway Township:** Users have prioritized a connection from Duluth to the Buffalo House on the unimproved portion of the City-owned DWP railroad right-of-way that is located outside of the City in Midway Township. The City has no plans to use or improve this asset and does not wish to own an ATV trail located outside of the City. The City may wish to consider donating the asset to the regional ATV trail development effort provided that another entity is willing to own it. City donation of the asset could be a way to provide the prerequisite local match for state grants. *Lead City department(s): Property, Parks, and Libraries.*
- **#2 West Skyline Parkway/Becks Road intersection area:** Users have indicated their preference to reach this intersection by dropping down from West Skyline Parkway on a snowmobile trail to a portion of the DWP trail within City boundaries that is already an improved, wheelchair-accessible, multi-purpose non-motorized trail. The City and residents of the small West Skyline Parkway neighborhood may prefer to reach the intersection by keeping ATV's on West Skyline all the way to Becks Road. *Lead City department(s): Public Works, Planning and Economic Development, and Property, Parks, and Libraries.*
- #3 Becks Road corridor: Becks Road is a St Louis County road. It is presumed that study of potential ATV use on and/or next to Becks Road would be undertaken in close partnership with St Louis County and that St Louis County would have ultimate responsibility for construction, ownership, maintenance, and management of any ATV improvements in the Becks Road right-of-way. Lead City department(s): Public Works, Planning and Economic Development.
- #4 Gary New Duluth neighborhood connection: Whether, where, and how ATV use will be permitted on City streets within the Gary New Duluth neighborhood presents a complicated mix of challenges that span transportation planning, law enforcement, safety, and neighborhood engagement. Lead City department(s): Public Works, Planning and Economic Development.
- **#5 Paved West Skyline Parkway Bardon's Peak to Becks Road:** A portion of this segment of West Skyline Parkway is a paved road in poor condition. As such, this road segment represents a deferred maintenance burden for the City of Duluth and a safety hazard for ATV users. The City and ATV users may have a shared interest in using ATV grant funds to rebuild this segment as a gravel road. *Lead City department(s): Public Works, Planning and Economic Development, Property, Parks, and Libraries.*
- #6 Upper Spirit Mountain Snowmobile Trail: There is an opportunity to use ATV grant funds to improve this deteriorated trail for both snowmobiling and ATV's. If achievable using fill and culverts, this would be an opportunity to reduce the long-term maintenance burden on this infrastructure. To the extent that it may only be achievable with boardwalk and bridges, there is the risk of increasing the long-term maintenance burden. Lead City department(s): Property, Parks, and Libraries.
- #7 Spirit Mountain corridor: This is a densely developed, multi-trail recreational corridor between the Norton Park neighborhood and upper Spirit Mountain that already sees conflicts between pedestrians, bikers, and Spirit Mountain staff on motorized maintenance vehicles. Adding public ATV use to this mix is a complicated proposition especially where all users must use the same trail segment (as at bridges). *Lead City department(s): Property, Parks, and Libraries.*
- **#8 Thompson Hill corridor:** This is a densely developed multi-trail recreational corridor between the Fairmount neighborhood and upper Spirit Mountain that sees conflicts now and could see more with the addition of ATV's. Improving the existing snowmobile trail for ATV's could address deferred maintenance, improve use for snowmobiles, and reduce long-term maintenance. Bridges shared with pedestrian and bike trails are sites of potential conflict. *Lead City department(s): Property, Parks, and Libraries.*
- #8A City streets within the Norton Park and Fairmount neighborhoods Determining whether, where, and how ATV's can use streets within these neighborhoods to travel to ATV trail access points will need to be addressed by Public Works, Planning and Economic Development. Lead City department(s): Public Works, Planning and Economic Development.