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To: Council
Subject: Bike Lane Resolutions

Dear Councilors,

It is difficult not to agree with the vision of our historic downtown as forward-leaning, vibrant and economically thriving.

How best to make that reality? There are a philosophical differences driving the preferences for some design amenities.

On the one hand, is a vanguard vision of Duluth that caters to new trends. That trusts the benefits in the future will outweigh the difficulties of transition or actual loss of present businesses.

On the other hand, you have long-established operating businesses that know their clientele, and how best to serve them. For most of us in Downtown Duluth, that simply requires easily accessible, adjacent, parking.

I know how thoroughly and thoughtfully the council has addressed this issue. I ask for that continued approach, to take time for the best possible working design for the long term, to be created.

It seems the Michigan Street option has possibilities, but the Superior Street options, in total or split, do not appear viable from my perspective and that of my business cohorts.

We see our bright future built on the solid foundation of the past and feel we can only embrace as much change as we can afford.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Penny Perry