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Dear Councilors,

The Duluth Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) understands that there is a group pushing for a dedicated bike lane to be created on Superior Street when it is reconstructed in 2017-2018. We represent over 3,500,000 square feet of office and retail space with in excess of 4,000 employees. Attached is a map showing the BOMA properties. BOMA adamantly opposes a dedicated bike lane on Superior Street.

A vibrant downtown Duluth includes many things, such as commercially successful businesses including retail and restaurants on Superior Street and Skywalk levels, convenient parking on Superior Street and in the ramps, a safe and well lit area, convenient walking access and attractive surroundings. We support bike lanes but not on Superior Street. That is why we have attended numerous informational and planning meetings and spent many hours working with the architectural firm and City planning to provide input for the new Superior Street.

BOMA is not opposed to bike lanes but believe they should be created on Michigan Street. Bike lanes along Railroad Street and the Lakewalk are already in place. Railroad Street could be used to connect to the newly constructed bike lanes in West Duluth to the Lakewalk and/or Michigan Street. Michigan Street would provide access to the new multimodal center that is under construction. These routes would provide easy, convenient access to downtown businesses as well as connect the bike lanes east of downtown to the bike lanes west of downtown without negatively impacting the downtown businesses. We support the fact that the GDC has offered to contribute \$10,000 for a feasibility study of creating the bike lanes on Michigan Street.

The downtown business owners have spent many years building their respective businesses and are a vital part of a successful downtown. Taking parking away yould have a major impact. Because of the logistics (width) on Superior Street we cannot



include traffic lanes, sidewalks, green space for people to enjoy and bike lanes. Moving the bike lanes to Michigan Street is the right decision.

Snow removal has always been an issue in Downtown Duluth. A designated bike lane with unsightly barriers protecting the bikers from traffic would only make it much more challenging. In addition, as proposed by bike advocates, creating a bike lane on Superior Street would result in the loss of approximately thirty (30) parking spaces.

We urge you to support the Superior Street Plan that does not incorporate bike lanes, but seeks to accommodate them on Michigan Street

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President, Business Owners and Managers Association



# DULUTH MARKET BOMA INVENTORY MICHIGAN STREET AND SUPERIOR STREET AUGUST 26, 2015

## Michigan Street

Depot Building 4th Avenue Parking Ramp DPS Building Medical Arts Annex Parking Harbor Center Building US Bank Parking Ramp

#### 5th Avenue West to 4th Avenue West

Ordean Building Northland Building Stanley Center Maurices Building

## 4th Avenue West to 3rd Avenue West

Providence Building Medical Arts Building Torrey Building 312 Building Alworth Building Lonsdale building Phoenix Building Frame Corner Building Duluth Camera Building India Palace Building Bagley Building Peterson Anderson Building Security Jewelers Building

#### **Beal Building**

## 3rd Avenue West to 2nd Avenue West

Wells Fargo Building Minnesota Bank Building Nicks Building Minnesota Surplus Building Ace Hardware Building Crescent Building Sellwood Building Holiday Center Building Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

#### 2nd Avenue West to 1st Avenue West

US Bank Building Sawmill Building Stewart Taylor Building Maurices Building Dodd Building North Shore Bank Building Winslow Building Cosmetology Building Dubhlinn Building Maurices Building Oneida Realty Company Oneida Realty Company Oneida Realty Company Oneida Realty Company Melhus Management US Bank

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#### 1st Avenue West to Lake Avenue

Lake Superior Plaza Bob Maki Building USA Fox & Fur Building Global Village Building Lake Superior Place Wirth Building Plasma Center Ragstock Building Zeppa Building Minnesota Power

Oneida Realty Company Oneida Realty Company Maurices

## Lake Avenue to 1st Avenue East

Electric Fetus Building Wieland-Hayes Building Duluth Technology Village

A&L Properties A&L Properties

## 1st Avenue East to 2nd Avenue East

Antique Building A & L Parking Lot Sheldon Architectural Resources Building Tycoons Building Fanny Rose Building Fon-Du-Luth Casino Building

## 2nd Avenue East to 3rd Avenue East

Center For Non Violence Bookstore Building Zeppa Building Temple Building Greysolon Plaza Parking Lot Greysolon Plaza Building

## 3rd Avenue East to 4th Avenue East

Bill Wilson Building Carmody's Building First Northern Building Arrowhead Hearing Building Lindor Piano Building Sheraton Hotel Voyageur Motel Building

# 4th Avenue East to 5th Avenue East

Amendola Building Swim Creative Building

## Other Non Superior Street Buildings

Arvig Building Center Building Binsfield Building Pioneer Building Board of Trade Building Missabe Building Advanstar Buildings Duluth Athletic Club First & First Parking Lot A&L Properties

Oneida Realty Company Sherman Associates Sherman Associates

AtWater Group

Sherman Associates

F. I. Salter

Oneida Realty Company Labovitz Enterprises

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