

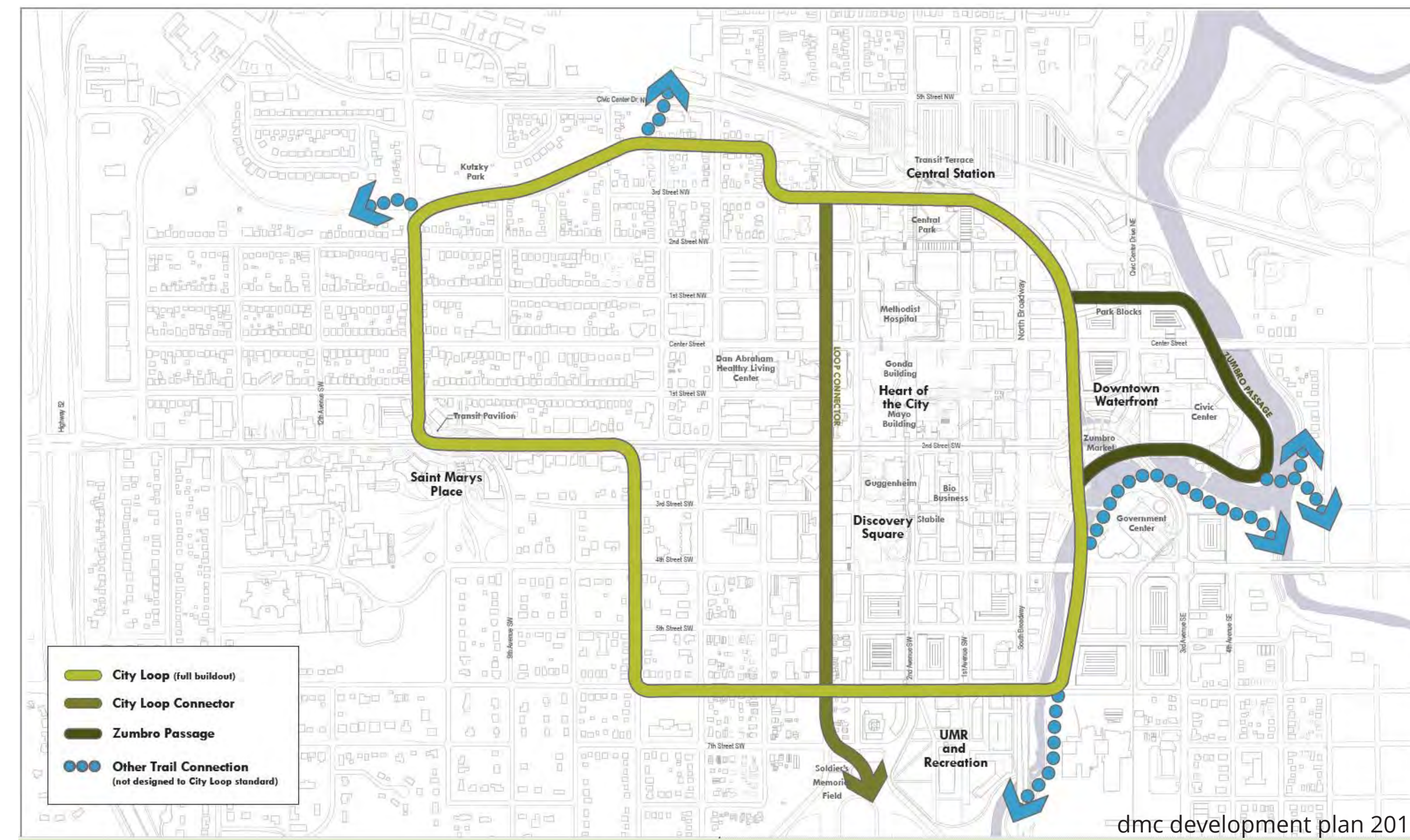
CITY LOOP: DEFINED

To better meet the transportation needs of current and future residents of Rochester, the DMC Transportation Plan recommends creating a world-class pedestrian and bicycle urban trail—the City Loop. The City Loop will create a safe, enjoyable, healthy way to move about the DMC Development District, experience the sights, visit local shops, and dine in local restaurants and eateries.

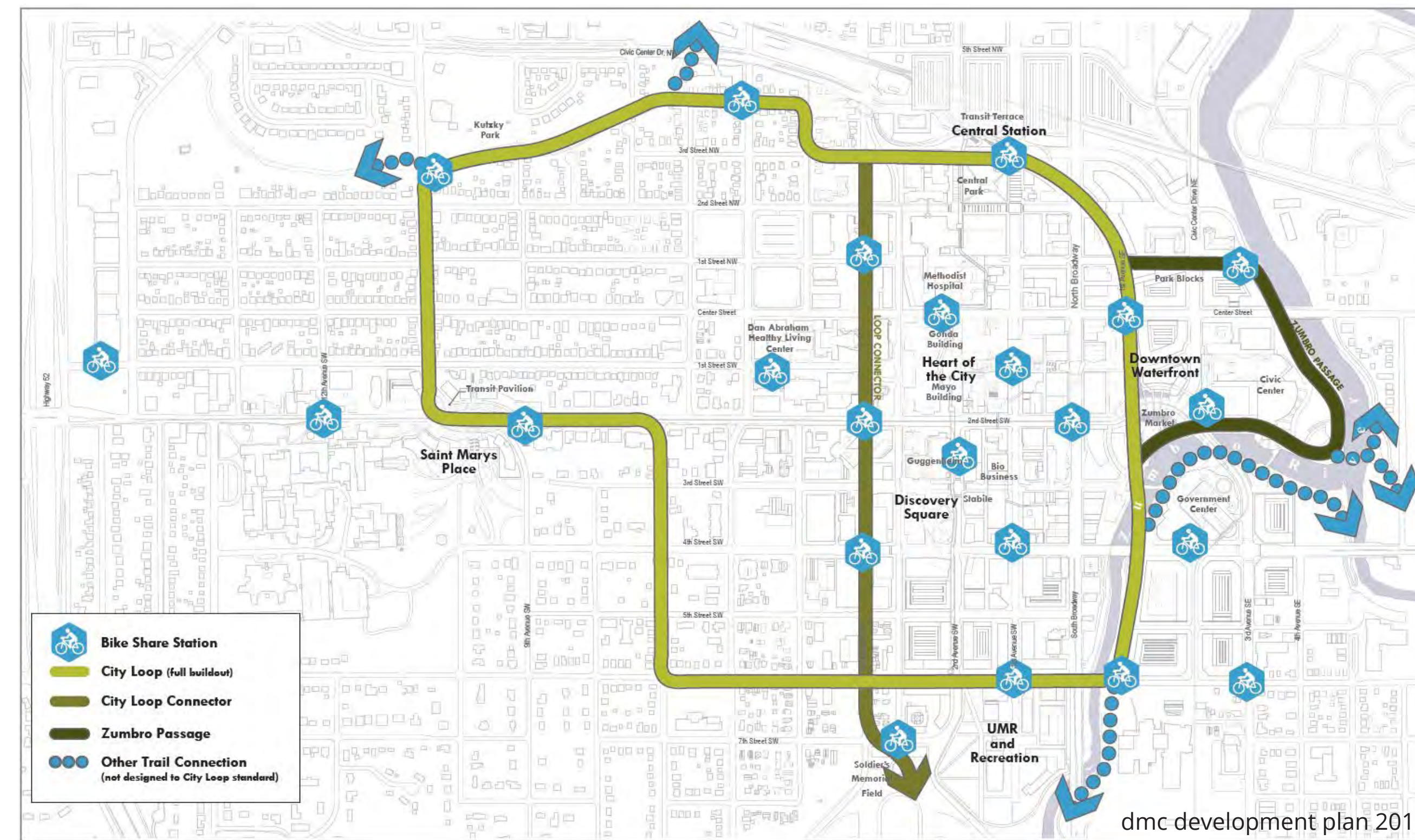
The City Loop will:

- Directly satisfy 6 of the 8 DMC Core Areas, including Livable City, Retail & Dining; Sports, Recreation & Nature; Hotel & Hospitality; Health & Wellness; Entertainment, Arts and Culture, & Civic; and Transportation.
- Improve both the physical and mental health of employees, visitors, patients, and patient companions through walking and biking instead of driving.
- Act as a physical extension of the regional trail and open space system.
- Support Mayo Clinic strategic initiatives including the expansion of Sports Medicine, Executive Health, and the Healthy Living Program.
- Offer year-round transportation and recreation utility. During winter months, the City Loop could be maintained to allow for snow shoeing and cross country skiing.
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle connections to each DMC sub-district, linking visitors, residents, and workers to nature, culture, and entertainment—serving users of all ages, interests, and abilities.
- The City Loop is one of the defining iconic investments that will prove its value long after DMC funding is fully expended. It will catalyze development along its alignment, offer visitors an attractive recreational and mobility option, and extend the City's existing trail and open space systems into the downtown core.

When people travel along the City Loop it will feel different from other streets in Rochester. Unique textured pavement materials, landscaping, branding/wayfinding, and intersection treatments will all contribute to an exceptional walking and biking experience. This is an experience that has been established in some of the world's great urban trails. The most successful model for this type of facility is the Indianapolis Cultural Trail which has been an unprecedented success.



CITY LOOP ALIGNMENT AT FINAL BUILDOUT



RECOMMENDED BIKE SHARE SYSTEM INTEGRATED WITH CITY LOOP



Pictured above is the design of the Nice Ride Bemidji bike share bicycles that were rolled out in 2014. The Bemidji bike share application is similar to the Nice Ride Centers concept recommended for the DMC Development District. These bicycles would be lighter than station-based bike share bicycles provided by Nice Ride.

Image from Nice Ride MN

Design Elements of the CITY LOOP



Place | Sights | Experiences



Walkable | Bikeable | Rollable



Fully Accessible | Patient-Friendly



- 1 Widened sidewalk space with decorative pavers
- 2 Two-way separated bikeway with decorative pavers
- 3 Nice Ride bike share stations
- 4 Maintained two travel lanes
- 5 Stormwater bioswales with lush landscaping
- 6 Dense coverage of street trees
- 7 Clearly marked conflict zones at driveways, intersections, and transit stops
- 8 Clear wayfinding and advisory signs
- 9 New drainage systems with sleek design
- 10 Decorative and City Loop-branded pedestrian lighting

FIGURE 7.5-40 - CITY LOOP EXPERIENCES

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WHAT IS THE CITY LOOP PROJECT?

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