

# Hiawatha—Lake District Connectivity Project

## Overall Purpose:

*Improve aesthetics, public safety, economic vitality, and way-finding in the Hiawatha-Lake District.*

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## Basic Assumptions

- *Build on the goals of all of the previous planning processes for the site.*
- *Encourage flexibility to support future change.*
- *Engage and leverage public/private partners.*

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## Some Other Planning Processes

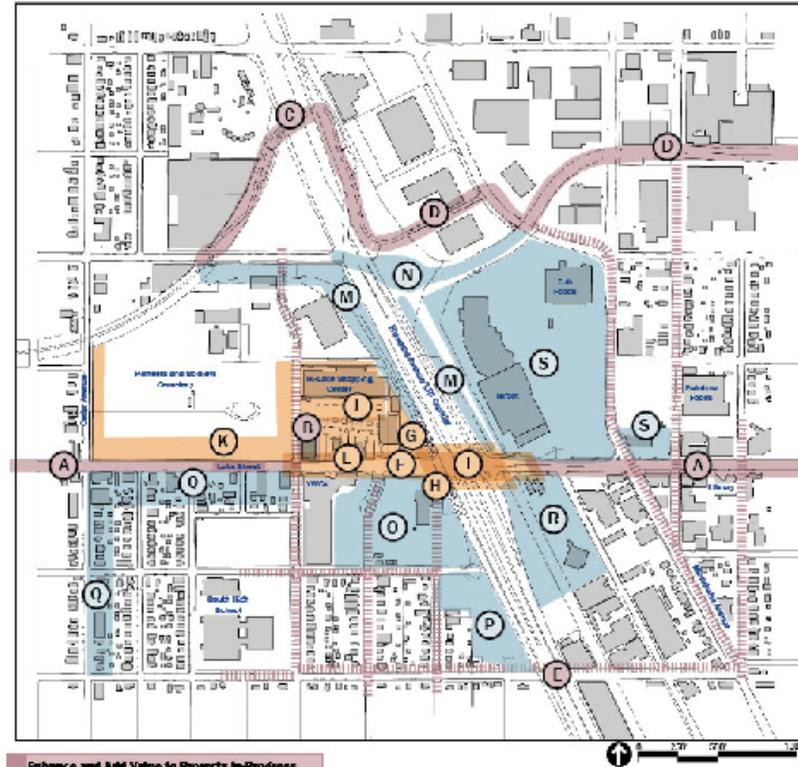
- *Lake Street Reconstruction and Streetscaping Project,*
- *Lake Street/Midtown Corridor Framework Plan,*
- *Resonant Journey,*
- *LRT station area plans,*
- *Hiawatha-Minnehaha Corridor Community Works Project.*

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## Midtown Community Works Partnership

### ● *Hi-Lake Action Plan, July 2005*

### Summary Plan: opportunities



#### Enhance and Add Value to Projects In-Progress

- A. Lake Street reconstruction and streetscaping
- B. Washington interchange (geometry and housing)
- C. Pedestrian bridge, 2006-2007 (ver. II)
- D. Midtown canopy phase III
- E. Hi-Lake Links - see Links Plan for various public realm improvements

#### Near-Term Opportunities

- F. Complete Lake Street special services districts (park street to canal) area
- G. River site development/transit facilities
- H. LRT stations - pedestrian environment improvements and maintenance
- I. Riverfront bridge-pedestrian environment improvements
- J. Northwest quadrant redevelopment
- K. Pioneer Cemetery pedestrian access
- L. Hi-Lake Shopping Center redevelopment - lake street frontage

#### Mid-Term & Long-Term Opportunities

- M. Transit/lake/pedestrian connections to LRT Lake Street and the station from the south shore/midtown canopy corridor
- N. Potential extension of 28th Street including sidewalks, street trees, bike lanes, lighting, etc. and potential plaza or open space
- O. Minneapolis public schools site redevelopment, recreation, and shared parking facilities
- P. 5th/32nd Street site redevelopment
- Q. Northwest quadrant transit redevelopment
- R. Southeast quadrant redevelopment
- S. Northeast quadrant redevelopment

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## Project Aesthetic and Public Art Goals

- *Begin to establish a district identity by identifying themes.*
- *Identify public art and design opportunities for expressing these themes.*
- *Connect key locations through appropriate way-finding strategies and a consistent design vocabulary.*

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## Connected with Project Transportation and Economic Development Goals

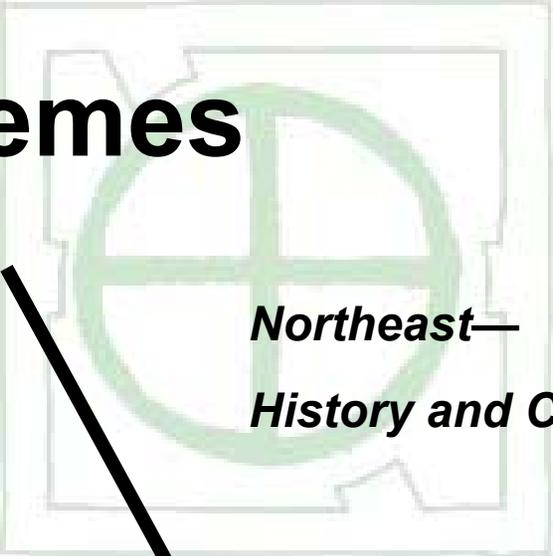
- *Complete a place-based, multi-modal transportation network that prioritizes pedestrians, bikes, and transit*
- *Green and Improve derelict land*
- *Integrate transportation improvements with transit oriented development sites and projects*

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## Goal I: Themes



**Northwest—**  
*Lifecycle and Renewal*

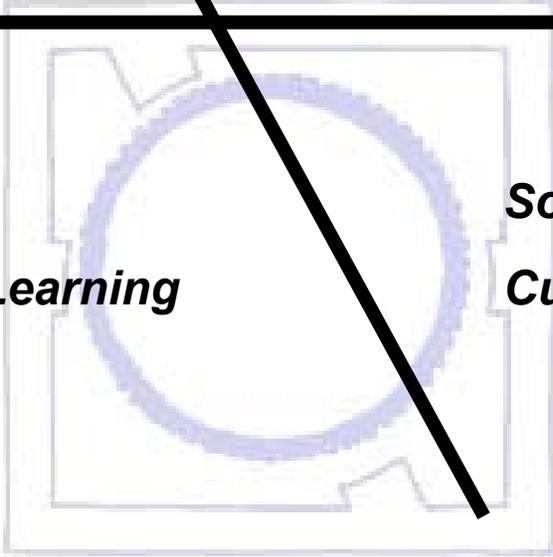


**Northeast—**  
*History and Commerce*

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**Southwest—**  
*Wellness and Learning*



**Southeast—**  
*Culture, Food and Nightlife*

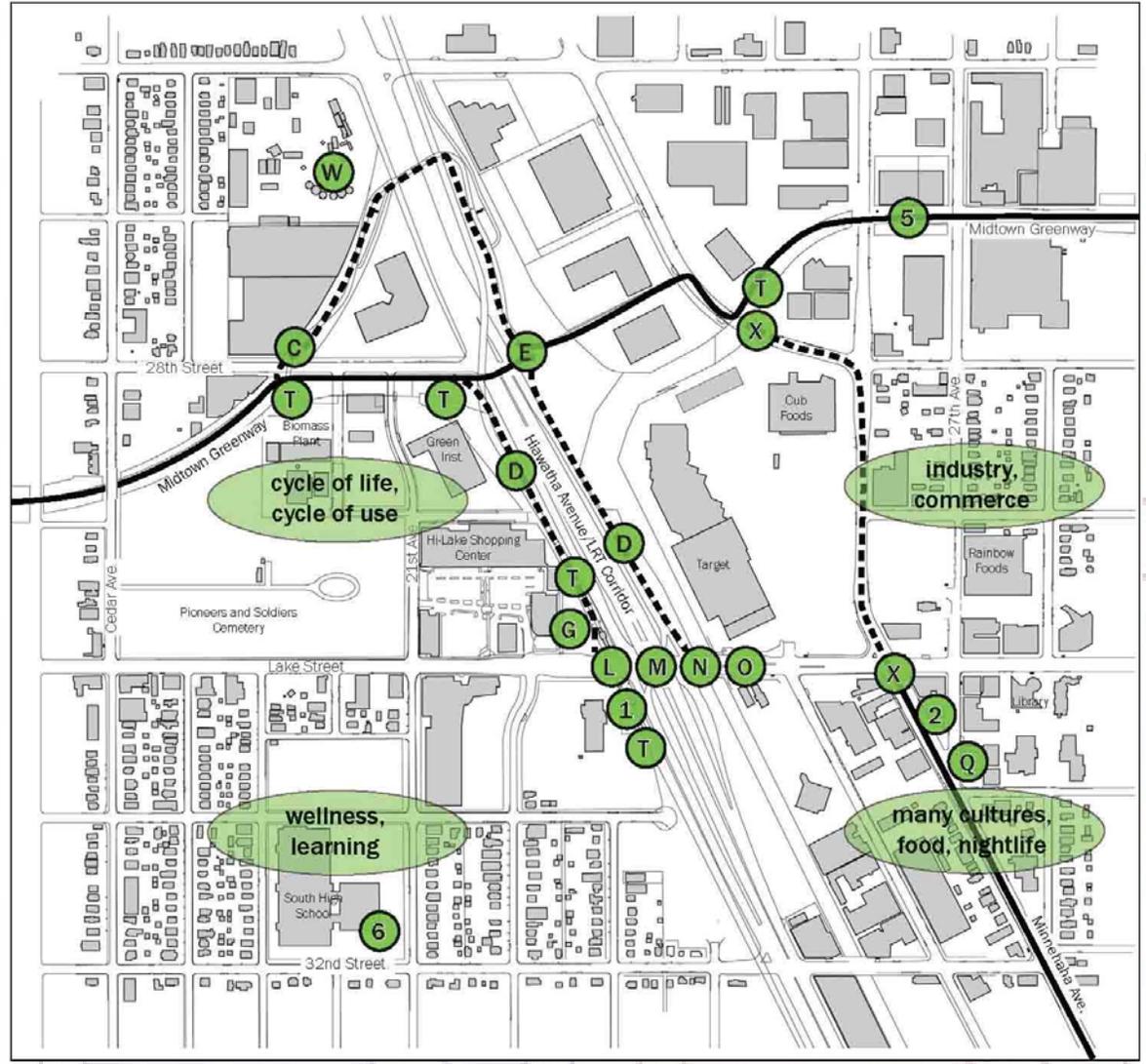
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## Goal II: Identify public art and design opportunities

- *Existing Public Art*
- *Permanent Priorities*
- *Temporary Opportunities*

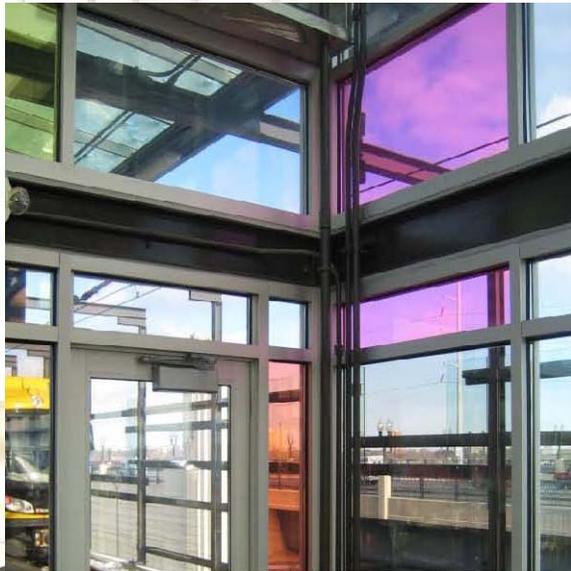
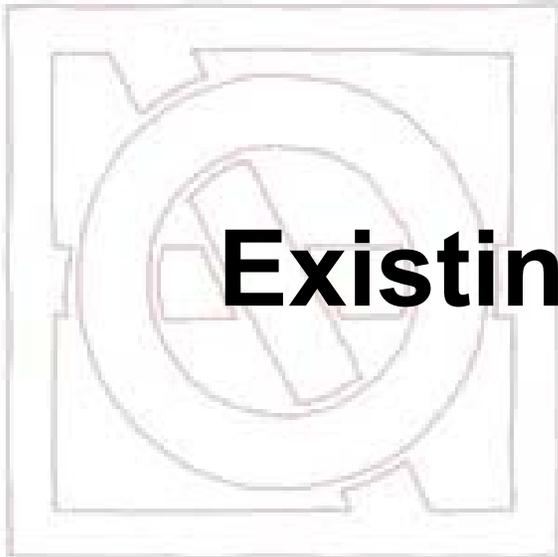
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**Existing Art  
and  
Permanent  
Priorities**



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## Existing Art



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## Permanent Priorities



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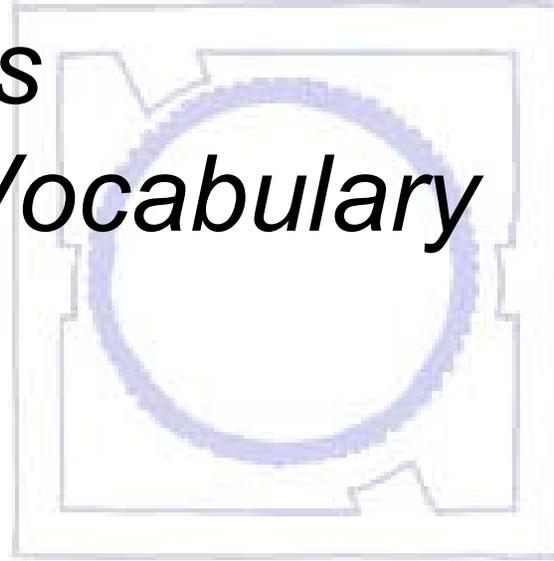
## Some Examples of Temporary Opportunities (of 21 total)

- *Artist-designed banners along Lake Street*
- *Wind-activated whirligigs, solar-powered self-lighting projects*
- *Projects using organic materials or recycled materials*
- *27th Avenue--a block-long “venue”*
- *Partnerships with Anishinabe Academy, South High and the YWCA*

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## Goal III: Wayfinding Strategies

- *Connections to be Made*
- *Locations*
- *Design Vocabulary*



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## Connections to be Made

- *Businesses and services along Lake Street*
- *Roads: Hiawatha, Lake and Minnehaha*
- *Transit services, including the light rail transit shelter and bus transit shelters*
- *Bike paths: a) light rail, b) Minnehaha, c) 27th Avenue, d) Cedar Avenue, e) Midtown Greenway and f) 32nd Street*
- *Sidewalks on Lake Street*

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## Ideas for Design Vocabulary

