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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is pleased to announce that, beginning in February, there will be a one-block on-street trial installation of state-of-the-art parking payment technology downtown on Superior Street between 3rd Avenue West and 4th Avenue West. For the duration of the trial, the existing quarters-only meters will be replaced by parking space number signs, along with two automated pay stations on the upper side of the block and one automated pay station on the lower side of the block. Customers may pay for their parking at any of the three pay stations regardless of where they park.

This technology trial is a key facet of the City of Duluth's multi-year strategic parking plan as developed by the Duluth Parking Commission, the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee, and other downtown and citywide stakeholders.

This pilot project is anticipated to last for a minimum of four months and features a pay-by-space configuration similar to what is already deployed in the Twin Cities. The pay stations are equipped with thermostat-regulated internal heaters and will accept the following payment options:

- Dollar coins, quarters, dimes, and nickels
- \$1 bills
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards

he automated pay stations also provide customers with the opportunity to receive a receipt, which is entirely optional. As with the similar pay stations already installed in several off-street parking lots throughout downtown, no receipt ever needs to be displayed on any vehicle dashboard.

The 80-minute time limit and price to park will be unchanged through the duration of the trial. Prices are as follows:

- 20 minutes for 25 cents
- 40 minutes for 50 cents
- 60 minutes for 75 cents
- 80 minutes for \$1

Parking ambassadors will be on site during the first weeks of the trial to answer any questions.

More information about this pilot project may be found at www.duluthparking.com . Inquiries may be referred to City of Duluth Parking Manager Matthew Kennedy at mkennedy@duluthmn.gov or 218-730-5178.

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