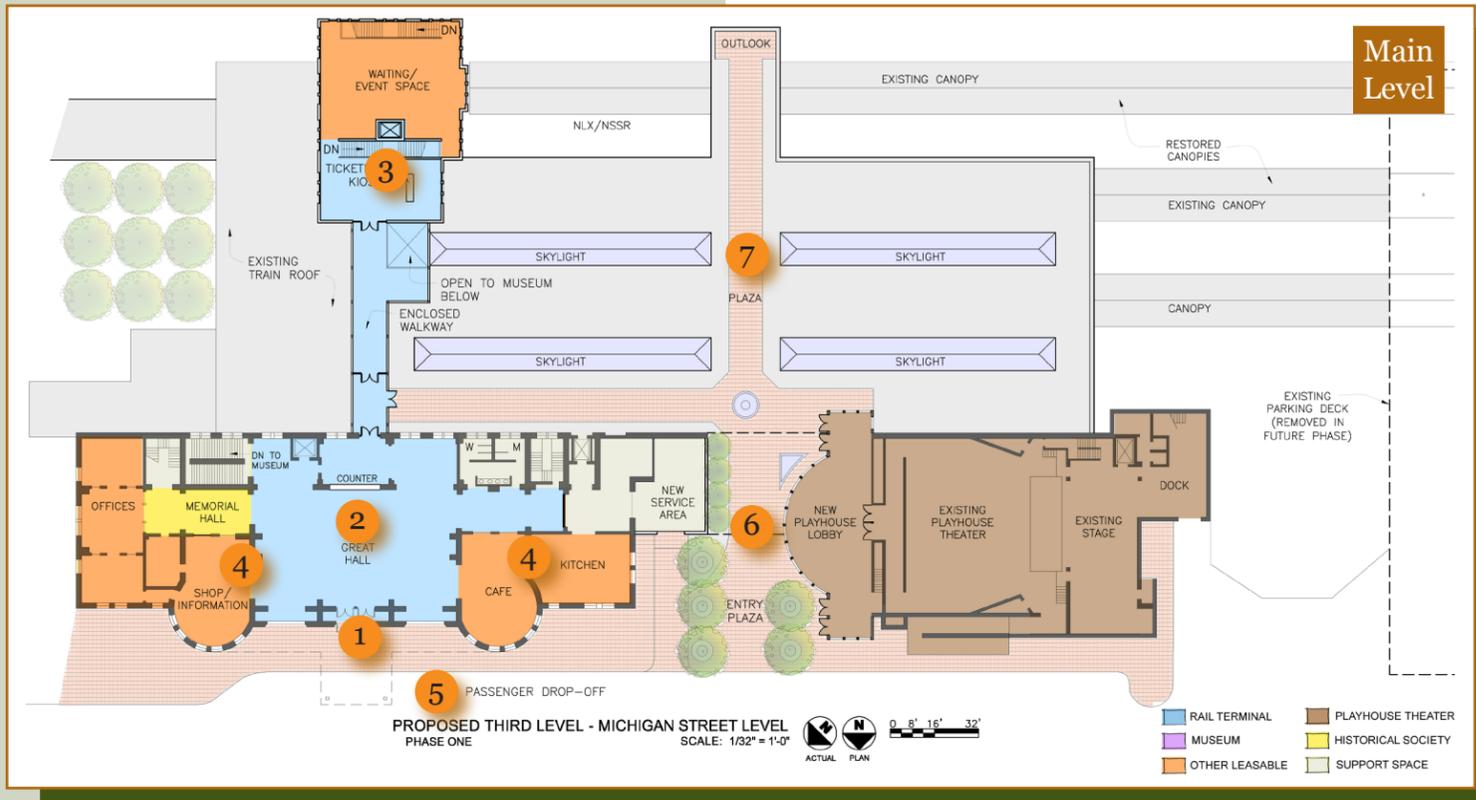


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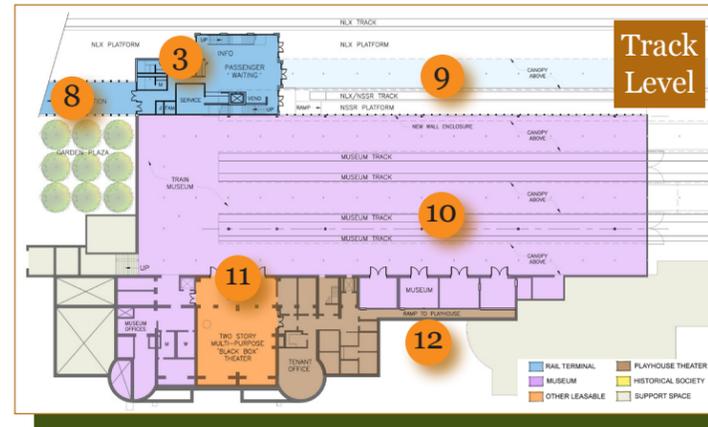
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PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Main Level

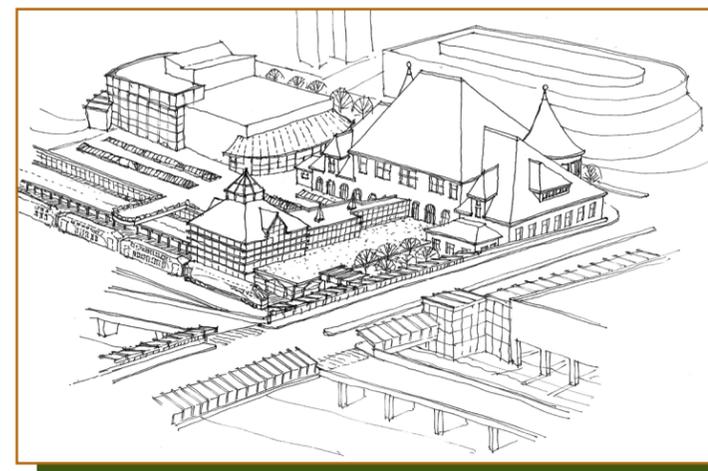
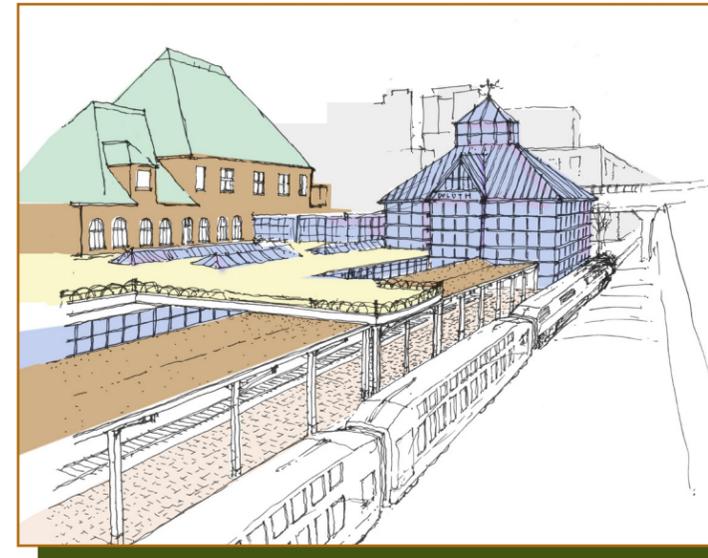
- Reopen Historic Entrance** | The historic front entrance once again becomes the main entry to the Depot for building patrons and NLX passengers
- Improved Signage and Wayfinding** | With the reopening of the historic front entrance, the Great Hall will serve as the focal point of the building; improved signage and wayfinding will improve the visitor experience
- New Head House** | A contemporary head house addition will improve access to rail platforms and adjacent DTA facility and potentially provide new event space
- New Dining & Retail** | With new rail service increasing building patronage, there may be new opportunities for retail and dining establishments
- Pick-up/Drop-off Area** | A boulevard in the center of Michigan Street separates through traffic from a pick-up/drop-off area for passengers and other building patrons
- Separate Depot and Playhouse** | Separation of the Playhouse addition from historic Depot allows better access to both building and public space opportunities
- Public Plaza** | New rooftop plaza (built on the railroad museum roof) provides dramatic views of the waterfront, harbor, and historic railyard



PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Track Level

- New Head House** | A contemporary head house addition will improve access to rail platforms and potentially provide new event space
- Transit Center Connection** | a weather-protected connection to the DTA transit facility creates a true multimodal transportation facility and extends access to the skyway system
- Rail Platforms** | A new 1,000 foot platform provides level boarding to NLX trains on two tracks while a second, smaller platform provides access to North Shore Scenic Railroad trains
- Railroad Museum Roof** | A new roof and skylights over the railroad museum collection improves energy efficiency and increases the availability of natural light; a glass wall separates the museum space for active rail platforms; existing historic butterfly canopies are preserved
- Adaptive Reuse** | New performance space for Duluth Playhouse is a possible reuse for former Children's Museum space
- Track Level Playhouse Connection** | Though the main level connection between the Depot and Playhouse is removed, a track level connection is maintained



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Build a Complete Community** with transit as an amenity, and historic preservation and sustainability as touchstones for new additions to the Depot area
- Encourage Incremental Evolution** in the Depot area, with additions flexible enough to accommodate uses that today might not be envisioned, much like the ways the Depot itself has housed a number of activities within its walls during its lifetime
- Create a Gateway** district for Duluth and downtown, announcing to visitors and residents their arrival with buildings that honor Duluth's character, streetscapes that encourage compatibility between vehicles and pedestrians, and attractions that signal the vitality of the Depot area
- Accommodate and Celebrate** the Northern Lights Express and the North Shore Scenic Railroad as unique transportation features for Duluth, while extending the multi-modal nature of the Depot area to buses, boats, bicycles, and other forms of transportation
- Provide Engaging Public Spaces** and active pedestrian experiences to encourage street life, enhance the livability of the Depot area, and make the streets comfortable for visitors and residents
- Accentuate the Character** and function-defining features of Duluth's natural landform, historic grid, and signature views and vistas to shape development in the Depot area
- Establish Self-sufficiency**, functionally and economically, on development sites, or demonstrate the benefits of interrelationships between sites for the district or city as a whole
- Recognize the Need for Partnerships** to create beneficial patterns of change in the Depot area, as well as the very real possibility that no single entity can deliver a truly compelling project to the Depot area on its own

The St. Louis County Union Depot has been a defining feature of Duluth's cityscape since its completion in 1892. The possible return of Northern Lights Express (NLX) passenger rail service to Duluth, terminating at the Depot, provides an excellent opportunity to rethink development of this National Register historic landmark. A design team led by Miller Dunwiddie Architecture completed a site plan designed to take advantage of new opportunities at the Depot. With significant input from community members, civic leaders, and other stakeholders, the plan recommends a series of improvements and additions to the building designed to make it a unique facility combining an active transportation terminal with an important cultural center.