Downtown Hopkins Commercial Historic District Nomination

SWLRT Project Team

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Today’s Topics

• Downtown Commercial Historic District Nomination
  ▪ Overview
  ▪ Property Owner Overview
  ▪ Next Steps
Why is the District nominated?

- Collaboration between City of Hopkins and Southwest LRT Project, including Minnesota Department of Transportation Cultural Resources

- A mitigation commitment from the Southwest LRT to prepare nomination paperwork
Purpose of listing on the National Register

• National program to recognize historically significant properties and incentivize preservation

• Access to grants and tax credits for historic properties
What does listing mean for property owners?

- No restrictions or requirements for private property owners
- Access to tax credit and grant programs for historic preservation, if they wish
- Owners will receive a letter from the State Historic Preservation Office in September/October
What does listing mean for the community?

- Listing on the National Register can add to community pride in historic properties
- Increase foot traffic in commercial areas
- Help keep historic main streets economically viable through tourism
Nominated District boundaries

Legend
- Historic District Boundary
- Contributing Status
  - Contributing
  - Non-contributing

HOPKINS DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT
Contributing vs Non-Contributing

• Contributing properties are buildings within the district that reflect the significance of the district (1890-1972)

• Non-contributing properties are within the district boundary, but do not reflect the significance of the district (newer buildings, or older buildings with significant alterations)
Next Steps
Timeline

**September**
- State Historic Preservation Office mails letters to property owners

**November**
- State Review Board Meeting

**Winter 2022**
- Federal review/listing
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