



**Public Notice of Intent to Sole Source to Sportworks for Bike Racks**

**Date: November 12, 2025**

**Item: Apex + 2 Bike Racks**

**Vendor: Sportworks Global LLC**

The DTA has endeavored to fit our fixed route fleet of buses with bike racks that accommodate a broad range of bike sizes. From childrens bikes with 16" tires to the larger fat tire bikes. In early 2025, the DTA solicited bids and awarded a contract for a product that claimed to meet these requirements. However, once the bike racks were installed, we discovered they did not accommodate smaller bikes and we cancelled the order.

Since then, we procured a demo unit from Sportworks for their Apex + which advertises working for a broad range of bike sizes. We have tested the demo unit with childrens bikes and fat tire bikes and the Apex + performs very well.

The Duluth Transit Authority plans to award a contract to Sportworks Global LLC to retro fit our entire fleet of fixed route buses with the Apex + bike rack.

This is **NOT** a request for quotes or proposals.

Any vendor, organization, or person that may refute the determination that the goods or services being procured are NOT a sole source shall send an email to DTA to [hborn@duluthtransit.com](mailto:hborn@duluthtransit.com), no later than 12:00 pm CST on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.