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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth will be featured on a national webinar highlighting the move to close several roads to be used for pedestrian and bicycle use due to COVID-19 impacts. Jim Filby-Williams, director of parks, properties, and libraries, will participate on the Rails to Trails Conservancy webinar that will be at 1:00 p.m. today, April 2. Filby-Williams will join bicycle advocates from San Francisco and Philadelphia, in addition to the bicycle manager from the City of Bogota (Colombia).

The City closed a mile-long section of Seven Bridges Road in Lakeside/Lester Park, a half-mile part of Lincoln Park Drive, and a one-mile section of the Munger State Recreation Trail on March 26th in response to unsafe crowding happening on popular trails. The move was a way to disperse trail use throughout the city.

“Communities across the world are coming together to discuss ways to enable people to recreate outdoors safely during this pandemic,” Filby-Williams said. “We are pleased and proud to be a part of that conversation.”

The webinar is titled: Closing streets to create space for walking and biking during COVID-19. Those interested in joining the webinar can register at the following link: <https://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/webinars/> .

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