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St. Paul Riverfront

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Architecture Minnesota Takes On Urban Design Opportunities

Minneapolis, Minnesota - Architecture Minnesota, the bimonthly magazine of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota), focuses its November/December 2007 issue on the Minneapolis and St. Paul Riverfronts. Urban design opportunities are sprouting up all around us. In this issue, *Architecture Minnesota* takes a closer look at several important, ongoing urban-design story lines in the Twin Cities and beyond. How these stories play out will shape our urban experience for decades to come.

With two cities so close in proximity, the developments of the two riverfronts have been vastly different. *Architecture Minnesota* explore why this is the case in the feature story on riverfront urban design. Also among the feature articles, Tom Fisher, Assoc, AIA, also contributes his thoughts on urban infrastructure and the I-35W bridge collapse. The new Greenway Pedestrian bridge is also featured, as well as the Twins Ballpark plans and a look at the new vision for the Central Corridor. *Architecture Minnesota* also looks at NW Arkansas' visioning for rail transit and how their plans could influence our own rail future.

"Speed Reading" this issue looks at photographer Chris Faust's new book, *Nocturnes*, and "Culture Crawl" explores several up and coming art exhibitions around the state. "Platform" features the Napkin Sketch exhibit which took place at the Soap Factory during the National AIA Committee On Design conference in September. "Fictio"n is a continuation of Philip Koski's, AIA, always entertaining column and Heather Beal shares a photo from her recent trip to London in *Architecture Minnesota's* newest column, "Wayfarer." AIA Minneapolis' collaboration with ULI and the North Loop neighborhood to promote parks on PARK(ing) Day (September 21) is featured in "Citizen Architect." Be sure not to miss "Place" as Brandon Stengel, Assoc. AIA, shares his skills as a talented architectural photographer.

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