Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 6:30 pm
Douglas County Gov't Center, Rm 270
Superior, WI

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 10.19.16
- 2017 MIC Policy Board Officer Election
- Dave Brenna Appreciation Certificate
- MIC Bylaws Resolution
- ARDC Shared Leadership

Guest Speakers: PLACES FOR PEOPLE

Josh Gorham & Shawna Mullen

Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- Duluth-Superior Port Land Use Plan
- Duluth Area 2017-2020 TIP Admin Modification & Amendment

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- MIC Director's Report
- Website/dsmic Roll out
- MIC Area Wide Bike Plan
- Transportation Alternatives Update
- Superior/South Tower
- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, please contact Barb Peterson at bpeterson@ardc.org or 218-529-7541 to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

Driving Directions & Parking Information

See map on reverse. This facility is ADA accessible.

This facility is on a DTA bus line.

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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:30 pm
Douglas County Gov't Ctr, Rm 270
Superior, WI

AGENDA

1. Introductions / Agenda Review • New MIC Senior Planner – Mike Wenholz **2. Committee Business** • Meeting Summary of 10.19.16 (for approval) • 2017 MIC Policy Board Officer Election • Dave Brenna Appreciation Certificate • MIC Bylaws Resolution • ARDC Shared Leadership • MIC Director's Report	*15 min*
3. Guest Speakers: Places For People • Josh Gorham & Shawna Mullen	*15 min*
4. Duluth-Superior Port Land Use Plan • Review for approval, *Andy McDonald*	*10 min*
5. 2017-20 Duluth Area TIP ◦ Administrative Modification (City of Duluth) ◦ Amendment #5 (DTA) • Review for approval w/opportunity for public comment, *Chris Belden*	*15 min*
6. Website (dsmic.org) Roll Out • Presentation and Discussion, *Rondi Watson*	*10 min*
7. MIC Area Wide Bike Plan • Presentation and Discussion, *James Gittemeier*	*10 min*
8. Transportation Alternatives Update • Presentation and Discussion, *Chris Belden*	*10 min*
9. Superior/South Tower • Presentation and Discussion, *Ron Chicka*	*10 min*
10. Roundtable Discussion – End of year Project Updates	*5 min*
11. Project Updates • Transit Development Plan (TDP), *Ron Chicka* • Freight Planning, *Ron Chicka*	*5 min*

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, February 21, 2017
Hampton Inn, Canal Park, Duluth MN
6:30 pm

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season

MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

December 14, 2016 Meeting

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

* = *Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Meeting Summary of 10-20-16 (separate attachment)
Volunteers for Chair & Vice Chair
ARDC Shared Leadership

MIC Director Report

- **AMPO Conference and Board** – Fort Worth, Texas – I attended the annual national MPO conference in Texas at the end of October. For a second three year term, I have been elected to serve on the national nine member Board of Directors for AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization). The national AMPO staff is housed in Washington and they plan for and advocate for MPOs across the nation. A key aspect of the DC staff is oversight of federal legislation that impacts MPOs. The AMPO Board works with several subcommittees in our mission of assistance to MPOs. The Board meets in person at least twice a year and holds conference calls throughout the year. In addition to Board functions at the recent conference, I took part in several sessions and moderated sessions as well.

- **Transportation Research Board** – Transportation Asset Management (TAM) Peer Review – Washington DC – On the heels of the AMPO Conference, I was asked to participate in a group discussion of MPO peers across the country on the issue of asset management and how MPOs (along the state DOTs) are responding to this federal legislative requirement in the project selection (road/capital) process. This peer review was sponsored by (and fully reimbursed) by the national Association of State Highway Transportation Officials and the Transportation Research Board (technical level agency in DC). The three day event brought together MPOs and State DOT staff to chart a better course toward attaining the goals of asset management that revolve primarily around using federal dollars in a proper way to preserve the existing infrastructure of an urban area while also allowing for some limited expansion of a transportation network. The Duluth-Superior MPO was the sole one invited representing an urbanized area of less than 200,000 in population.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS – PLACES FOR PEOPLE, *Josh Gorham & Shawna Mullen*

Places for People is a campaign in the Hillside Neighborhood of Duluth organized jointly by St Louis County Public Health and the Zeitgeist Center for Arts & Community. As part of the campaign, two on-street temporary projects were implemented to demonstrate a reconfiguration of street intersections. Pedestrian features were added as traffic calming and to increase safety measures for people using the street corridors, and were based on the recommendations of the Myers-Wilkins Safe Routes to School Plan.

4. DULUTH –SUPERIOR PORT LAND USE PLAN, *Ron Chicka*

The final draft of the Port Land Use Plan was presented to the HTAC on Dec 7th and the membership approved it to be sent forward to the MIC Policy Board for their approval.

5. 2017 – 2020 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1 AND 2 ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS, *Chris Belden*

DTA TIP Amendment

The DTA has an amendment that is still being worked out. The requested Amendment will be sent before the TAC and MIC Policy Board meetings.

DTA TIP Administrative Modification

The DTA has an Administrative Modification that is still being worked out. MIC staff will summarize the changes at the TAC and MIC Policy Board. The TAC and MIC Policy Board is not required to take formal action on Administrative Modifications.

City of Duluth TIP Modifications

The City of Duluth has requested that the North Shore Scenic Drive Project Modify its project description to include "**MN178**MN179".

The City of Duluth has requested that the Cross City Trail Project - Phase 2 – modify its funding levels to reflect what is shown in the 2017-2020 STIP.
Changes are shown in RED.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	LOCAL	Total
SP 118-060-011	**Northshore Scenic Drive:** **MN178**MN179 **SB** Northshore Scenic Drive, From Brighton Beach BLVD. To Mcquade Safe Harbor (NE Duluth City Limit), Shoulder Widening and Rehabilitation	2017	$2,014,534	$1,200,466	$3,215,000
SP 118-090-018	**Cross City Trail:** **MN146** Cross City Trail Phase 2: Construct trail from Kingsbury Creek to Munger Trail. 2 miles.	2017	$950,551 $1,030,551	$635,000 $561,934	$1,585,551 $1,592,485

6. WEBSITE (dsmic.org) ROLL OUT, *Rondi Watson*

Our new, improved website (dsmic.org) will be launched on Monday, December 12! We will take a look at its new design and navigation at the TAC and MIC meetings that week.

7. MIC Area Wide Bike Plan, *James Gittemeier*

A series of efforts to improve bicycling as a viable mode of transportation in the Twin Ports has taken place in the Duluth-Superior Region over the past 10 years. These efforts included public engagement sessions, bike route mapping exercises, specific route approvals and governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations cooperatively coordinating and collaborating on projects and initiatives. As the landscape changes for bicycling in the Twin Ports, as well as across the U.S., the latest best practices and research on urban bikeway design is evolving rapidly. MIC staff will be presenting the culmination of these efforts, the progress that has been made over the last 20 years, the changed environment when it comes to planning and implementing urban bikeway facilities, and a series of proposed bicycle-specific recommendations to create a seamless, interconnected multimodal transportation systems for all users of all ages.

8. Transportation Alternatives Update, *Chris Belden*

Solicitation for Transportation Alternatives (TA) 2021 funds has begun with 5 letters of intent submitted from MIC area jurisdictions.

- Saint Louis County - French River Wayside, CSAH 32(W Arrowhead Rd.) and CSAH 91(Haines Rd.) Sidewalk, and Stoney Point Wayside.
- Duluth - Bardon's Peak Overlook
- Proctor (withdrawn from consideration) - Munger Trail Spur

TA projects are community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by integrating modes and improving the cultural, historic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. TA provides for the implementation of a variety of projects, with examples of projects that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities for non-drivers, scenic turnouts and overlooks, mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff, and improvements to historic transportation facilities. The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) provides facilitation and staff services to the ATP TA Task Force, which is a working group that recommends projects for funding under the TA. Full Applications are due from the remaining jurisdictions by January 13, 2017 and will be notified of awards on April 17, 2017.

For more details visit - http://www.nemnatp.org/

9. Superior/South Tower, *Ron Chicka*

10. Roundtable Discussion – Local Projects

11. Project Updates

- Transit Development Plan (TDP), *Ron Chicka*
- Freight Planning, *Ron Chicka*