



MEETING NOTICE

MIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:30 pm
WisDOT – Lake Superior Room
Superior, WI

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 12.14.16
- Draft Area Wide Bike Plan – Approve opening of Public Comment Period

Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- Superior Area 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #1-3
- Duluth Areas 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #2

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- MIC Director's Report
- Canosia Township Trails Survey Results
- BPAC Bylaws Changes – Review for Comments
- Project Updates

♥ Please Note Date Change for February Meeting ♥

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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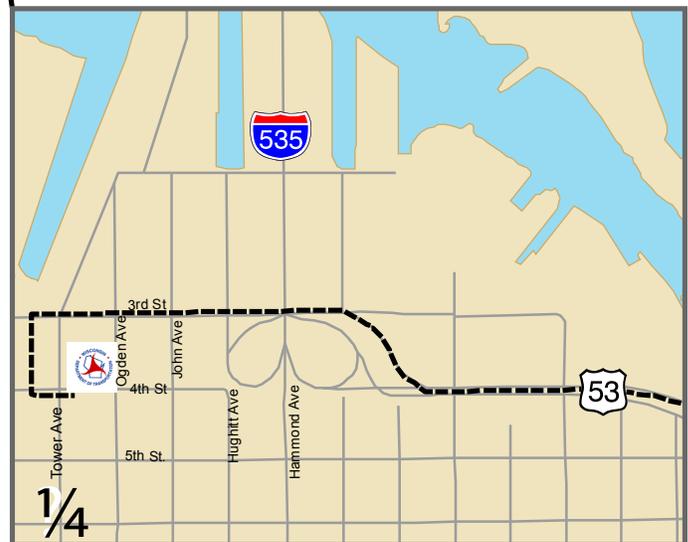
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 At stop, turn LEFT onto 3rd St
 Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave)
 Turn LEFT at 4th St (1st left)
 WisDOT will be on the left



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 Bear RIGHT at signs for **Superior Business District/ South 35 / Vehicle Registration Driver Licensing**
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- Meeting held in Lake Superior Conference Room

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(TAC)

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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:30 pm

WisDOT Lake Superior Room, Superior, WI

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions / Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting Summary of 12.13.16 (for approval)• MIC Director's Report	5 min
3. 2017-2020 Superior Area TIP Amendment #1-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review for approval w/ opportunity for public comment, <i>S Johnson</i>	10 min
4. 2017-2020 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2 & 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review for approval w/opportunity for public comment, <i>Chris Belden</i>	15 min
5. MIC Area Wide Bikeways Plan - DRAFT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve Release for Public Comment Period, <i>James Gittemeier</i>	10 min
6. Canosia Township Trail Survey Results <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and Discussion, <i>Chris Belden</i>	10 min
7. BPAC Bylaw Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and Discussion, <i>Chris Belden</i>	
8. Roundtable Discussion	5 min
9. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative Modifications, <i>Chris Belden</i>• Port Land Use Plan Exec Summary, <i>Mike Wenholz</i>• Superior/South Tower, <i>Ron Chicka</i>	5 min

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Please note date change



ARDC Conference Room

Duluth, MN

1:30pm – 3:00pm



TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Meeting Summary of 12.14.16 (separate attachment)

MIC Director Report

- **Transportation Research Board (TRB) - Small and Medium-sized Communities Committee:** In Washington D.C. this month for the annual TRB conference and my work as a member of the "small MPO" committee of TRB. Work this year focused on our own conference – held last September – and debriefing on evaluation plus setting in place the planning schedule for the next one in 2018. Committee work also includes putting together training materials for the smaller MPOs in the country and updates to the committee website.
- **Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO) Board:** Also, while in D.C., I connected with the staff based there to review a number of items including responses to the pending legislation that pertains to MPO boundary designation changes that may significantly alter the key products developed by the MPO. Board meetings with the USDOT and members of Congress will occur in our April meetings when together as a full Board. In addition, I am working with staff to assemble the AMPO Training Symposium agenda set for this May in St Louis.
- **Minnesota DOT – Freight Committee:** Meetings continue this month for the state committee that is charged with determination of funding allocation derived from the federal bill targeted at roadways across the state that may be improved to aid freight movement. This committee, consisting of public and private side representatives, is reviewing detailed data that will assist in road priority determination in moving freight. Besides the I-system, it is possible that other main state highways could be assigned to the network along with short segments to intermodal hubs such as to the port.

3. 2017-2020 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1-3, *Sheldon Johnson*

PROPOSED 2017-2020 SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT(S) AMENDMENT

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TIP AMENDMENT #1

WisDOT has requested an amendment to CY 2017 rail projects listing for the inclusion of a safety improvement project located on BNSF Rail Crossing 082857M (Tower Avenue/STH 35 just south of STH 105). The project involves the installation of gates. Project activity is scheduled for fall 2017 with federal and local (BNSF) funding mix.

2017 Transportation Improvements Projects (Rail)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-17-012 Amended to TIP in January 2017	BNSF Rail Crossing 082857 on Tower Ave south of STH 105. Installation of gates. 8010-07-50 (const) Safety	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	25.25 25.25	 	25.25 25.25	50.5 50.5

TIP AMENDMENT #2

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to continue their transportation vouchers program to eligible clients throughout (eight county area including; Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn) northern Wisconsin. In the past, NCIL's voucher program anticipated providing 100 consumers with 5900 trips, totaling 125,000 miles. The project provides individuals with disabilities who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

2017 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-17-013 Amended to TIP in January 2017	Funding of a Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 8 NW Counties.	Voucher Program TOTAL	171,653 171,653	 	171,653 171,653	343,306 343,306

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TIP AMENDMENT #3

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to operate a mobility management program funding staff members who coordinate rides for the region's population seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

2017 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-17-014	Funding a mobility manager within NCIL	Mobility Manager	25,479		6,400	31,879
Amended to TIP in January 2017		TOTAL	25,479		6,400	31,879

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

4. 2017 – 2020 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #2 & 3, Chris Belden

AMENDMENT #2

MIC staff will be requesting approval of changes made to 2017 project #118-060-012 (Skyline Parkway.) The City of Duluth has requested that Project #118-060-012 (Skyline Parkway) amend its project funding levels to include additional funds from an unfulfilled project (SP# 069-090-031) and Fast Act funds. Changes below are shown in **RED**.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	LOCAL	Total
SP 118-060-012	Skyline Parkway:	2017	\$800,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
	SB Skyline Parkway: Restoration of historic rock retaining walls at various scenic overlook facilities.		<u>\$1,228,333</u>	<u>\$306,504</u>	<u>\$1,534,837</u>

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AMENDMENT #3

MIC staff will be requesting approval for several changes to Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) projects in 2017. Changes below are shown in **RED**.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	LOCAL	Total
TRF-0016-17A	SECT 5307: Dial-a-ride transit operating assistance.	2017	\$0	\$649,190 <u>\$985,000</u>	\$649,190 <u>\$985,000</u>
TRF-0016-17B	SECT 5307: Operating assistance.	2017	\$1,493,500 \$0	\$5,788,650 \$13,700,000	\$7,282,150 \$13,700,000
TRF-0016-17C	SECT 5307: Transit capital	2017	\$720,000 \$0	\$180,000 \$0	\$900,000 \$0
TRF-0016-17D	SECT 5307: Preventative maintenance	2017	\$0 \$0	\$4,084,000 \$0	\$4,084,000 \$0
TRF-0016-17E	Section 5307: DTA: Truck with Plow, Replacement gas fueling station equipment, Updated Electrical network and generator, Battery Replacement for one Hybrid bus, Remaining Door Replacements w/electronic locks, exterior bus door rehab, Replacement Air unit for computer server room	2017	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000	\$500,000
TRF-0016-17F	Section 5307: DTA: Supervisor Vehicle, Cellular Network for STRIDE, Enhanced Batteries for Electric Buses, exterior bus door rehab.	2017	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$400,000
TRF-0016-17G	Section 5307: Duluth Transit Authority Phase 1 Facility roof and PE for same	2017	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
TRF-0016-17H	Section 5307: DTA: Enhanced Real-Time Information with real-time signs, software, and Static LED signs with real-time information.	2017	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000

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TRF-0016-17I	Section 5307: DTA: PE and installation of TSP at 5 intersections. This includes Signal controllers	2017	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$400,000
TRF-0016-17J	Section 5307: The DTA is working with the City of Duluth and the Streetscape project to revitalize Superior Street. This is a multi-year project. The DTA portion will involve Passenger Amenities as well as pedestrian amenities.	2017	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$400,000
TRF-0016-17K	Section 5307: DTA is enhancing the Electric bus project with improved batteries.	2017	\$280,000	\$70,000	\$350,000
TRF-0016-17L	Section 5307: Duluth Transit Authority Purchase of one (1) 40 Ft. Electric Regular Route Bus us FY2016 5307 Funds	2017	\$700,000	\$265,000	\$965,000

5. DRAFT AREA WIDE BIKE PLAN/OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, *James Gittemeier*

This plan is being brought forth to the committee and board for their approval to open it up for final public comment. The Plan consists of draft recommendations and suggested actions that would guide bikeways planning in the Twin Ports for the next 20 years.

6. CANOSIA TOWNSHIP TRAILS SURVEY RESULTS, *Chris Belden*

The results of the Canosia Township Trails Survey are now available. The 12 question survey had 84 responses during the span of October 3rd to November 4th, 2016. The results of the survey will help guide the planning of trails within Canosia Township. Some of the highlights of the survey include:

- 93.8% of respondents reported that they were supportive or very supportive of trail development or enhancements
- 81% of respondents reported that they lived nearest to Pike Lake or Caribou Lake
- Those who currently walk or bicycle do so mostly on township roads and not on existing trails
- The three highest reasons for not currently walking or bicycling more often were a lack of trails/pathways, lack of awareness of existing trails, and destinations are too far apart
- One of the most important goals to respondents was to inform the community of already existing trails
- Majority of respondents would like to use trails mostly for walking, hiking, cross-country skiing, trail biking, and snowshoeing
- Majority of respondents would like paths to be off-street (not mixing with motorized vehicles) and prefer them to be natural surface or paved trails

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- Out of all the destinations, landmarks, and goals – the respondents didn’t have an overwhelming favorite. The responses indicated that they were in favor of almost any trail improvements or development within the township. There were a few ideas that seem to have a little more support than others – Connection to the Munger Spur Trail/Schools/Future Health and Wellness Center in Hermantown, utilizing existing trails and publicly owned lands, and connecting the lakes by trail.

7. BPAC BYLAWS CHANGES – REVIEW FOR COMMENTS, James Gittemeier

The BPAC has recommended a series of Bylaws changes. These changes include increasing the frequency of the regularly scheduled meetings from quarterly to monthly, a rule change regarding the term for chair, increasing the term to 2 years (from 1 year term), and adjusting the voting membership allowing for more flexibility in the number of BPAC members

8. Roundtable Discussion – Local Projects

9. PROJECT UPDATES

- **South Superior – South Tower Avenue Model, Ron Chicka**

Meetings are being held this month between the Wisconsin DOT and City to continue review of the modeling results developed by the MICs consultant AECOM. Discussion is now centered on the work the DOT needs to review that centers on possible signalization at the intersection of STH 35 and STH 105. We anticipate the consulting team attending in February to present the findings for the TAC and MIC Boards.

- **Administrative Modification, Chris Belden**

- St. Louis County has requested that Project #069-070-025 (Traffic Signal Confirmation Lights Project) modify:
- Project description from “Traffic Signal Confirmation Lights Project: Install red-light-running confirmation lights at 14 locations in Duluth and Hermantown” to “Traffic Signal Confirmation Lights Project: Install red-light-running confirmation lights at various locations in Duluth and Hermantown”
- Project cost from “\$75,600 federal funds, \$8,400 local funds, \$84,000 total project cost” to “\$71,100 federal funds, \$7,900 local funds, and \$79,000 total project cost.”
- Updates are shown in **RED**.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	LOCAL	Total
SP# 069-070-025	Traffic Signal Confirmation Lights Project: Install red-light-running confirmation lights at 14 various locations in Duluth and Hermantown	2017	\$75,600 \$71,100	\$8,400 \$7,900	\$84,000 \$79,000

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- **Port Land Use Plan Exec Summary**, *Mike Wenholtz*

As you know, the updated Duluth-Superior Port Land Use Plan that was approved by the MIC at the December meeting is a detailed document. The plan highlights the port as a significant and important part of the local economy, regional transportation systems, and larger Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Seaway System. The plan identifies 26 recommendations to meet the plan's four goals. In an effort to provide a concise and useful overview of the plan, an executive summary of the plan is being prepared.