



MIC Policy Board  
January 18, 2017 Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Location</b>	Douglas County Gov't Center	
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	David Bolf	
<b>Note Taker(s)</b>	Barb Peterson	
<b>Members Present</b>		
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Frank Jewell	St Louis County Board
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Warren Bender	City of Superior Common Council
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Noah Hobbs	Duluth City Council
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Dave Montgomery	City of Duluth – Citizen Rep
	Wayne Nelson	Duluth Transit Authority
	Dan Olson	Superior Common Council
	Jim Paine	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
<b>Members Absent</b>		* Excused Absence
	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Graham Garfield	City of Superior Common Council
	Dewey Johnson	St Louis County Suburban Townships
	Barb Russ	Duluth City Council
<b>Others Present</b>		
	Ron Chicka	ARDC/MIC Director
	Chris Belden	ARDC/MIC Planner
	James Gittemeier	ARDC/MIC Principal Planner
	Clem Larson	NWRPC
	Barb Peterson	ARDC/MIC Administrative Assistant
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Mike Wenholz	ARDC/MIC Senior Planner



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### 1. Introductions

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### 2. Committee Business

- **Agenda change – adding a 2nd Administrative Modification to the Project Updates.**

Chair Baker asked if there were any objections; hearing none he asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Warren Bender/Broc Allen moved to amend the agenda adding a 2nd Administrative Modification to the Project Updates. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Meeting Summary of 12.14.16**

Chair Baker asked for any changes or corrections to the previous month's meeting summary. Hearing no objections, he asked for a motion to approve.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Dave Montgomery/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 12.14.16 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Director Report:**

Ron Chicka asked to check the agenda item descriptions from meeting materials for updates. He did note Elaine Chao has been confirmed as the new Transportation Secretary. Ron continued stating he will be going back to DC for an AMPO Board meeting and will also be talking to the US DOT staff.

### 3. Guest Speaker: Clem Larson – NWRPC

Douglas County Gov't Center Parking Study (Part 2-Recommendations)

Clem reviewed the background of the study and then proceeded to show the recommendations that they have come up with.

- \* a lottery system for employees parking in the lot for a fee instead of first come first serve
- \* those living close by walking instead of driving
- \* an additional parking lot several blocks away

Even meters were suggested.

### 4. 2017 – 2020 Superior Area TIP Amendments #1-3, Sheldon Johnson

Sheldon briefly reviewed the changes that can be found in the agenda item descriptions. There were no comments from the public so he asked for a motion to approve the amendments.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Ed Johnson/Rosemary Lear moved to approve Amendments #1 – 3 to the 2017-2020 Superior Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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## 5. 2017-2020 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #2 & 3, *Chris Belden*

Chris reviewed the changes for the retaining wall repairs at various scenic overlook facilities along Skyline Parkway in Amendment #2. There were no public comments so he asked for a motion to approve the amendments.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Broc Allen/Warren Bender moved to approve the Amendments #2 to the 2017-2020 Duluth Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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Chris then reviewed several changes to DTA projects for 2017 in Amendment #3.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Sam Pomush/Dave Montgomery moved to approve the Amendments #3 to the 2017-2020 Duluth Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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## 6. Draft Area Wide Bike Plan, *James Gittemeier*

James stated that we will not be voting to open the 30-day window for public comment at this time due to the fact that the BPAC has not yet had a chance to review it.

James went on to explain that there will be some repetition of the Downtown Duluth Bikeways plan. The plan will most likely be amended after the completion of the Active Transportation efforts in Superior. Some of the questions/recommendations included are:

- Connectivity of current trails with new ones to make a cohesive overall system.
- Connections to external routes such as Bike Route 41 which is part of the State system as well as the one from the State of WI
- Who is maintaining these trails?
- What types of educational venues could be considered?

James is hoping to have it ready for the February meeting.

## 7. Canosia Township Trails – Survey Results, *Chris Belden*

Chris briefly reviewed the outcomes which are included in the Agenda Item Descriptions received with your meeting packets.

## 8. BPAC Bylaw Changes, *James Gittemeier*

James reviewed the changes that the BPAC has asked to be brought before the Policy Board for approval. There were many questions concerning the lack of clarity for the changes. Policy Board in general felt that there was no need for monthly meeting and suggested may every other month could be tried or to form subcommittees which could meet more often and report back to the group at large like the HTAC. There was no approval and ask that there be more clarity in many sections of the bylaws.

## 9. Round Table Discussions



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Dave Montgomery shared that he is working on application for a grant from the Knight Foundation. The application required a project that can be completed with a tight time frame. His choice was how to highlight Canal Park. How to revitalize this area of town. Including more business opportunities/less parking lot/using transit to park in the ramps and get to the area. Application deadline is Jan 31, 2017.

### 10. Project Updates – (please see agenda item descriptions included in the meeting materials)

- Superior/S Tower, Ron Chicka  
Ron quickly noted that the traffic modeling is complete and is hoping to share the results very soon.
- Administrative Modifications #1 & 2  
Chris briefly reviewed the modifications being made to the St Louis County Traffic Signal Confirmation Light Project.

Secondly, the City of Duluth requested that the Decker Rd Project is modifying the funding levels to reflect the shuffling of Federal funds. As well as, the North Shore Scenic Drive to reflect changes from repurposed and undelivered projects and FAST Act funds.

- Port Land Use Plan Exec Summary  
Mike briefly gave an update as to the progress he is making.

### 11. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm