



MEETING NOTICE

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 6:30 pm

Holiday Inn Downtown

Duluth, MN

Guest Speakers: Jeff Sandberg, AECOM

- Superior – South Tower Study

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 1.18.17
- MIC Area Wide Bikeways Plan (Open 30-day Public Comment Period)

Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- Superior Area 2017-2020 TIP Amendment #4 & 5

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- MIC Director's Report
- 2021 TIP Applications
- SRTS
- Truck Route Study
- 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.

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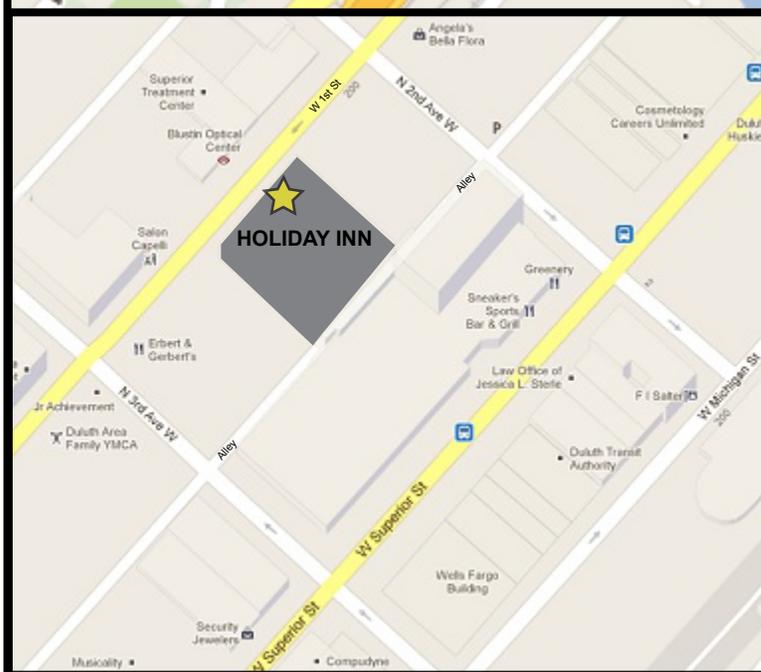
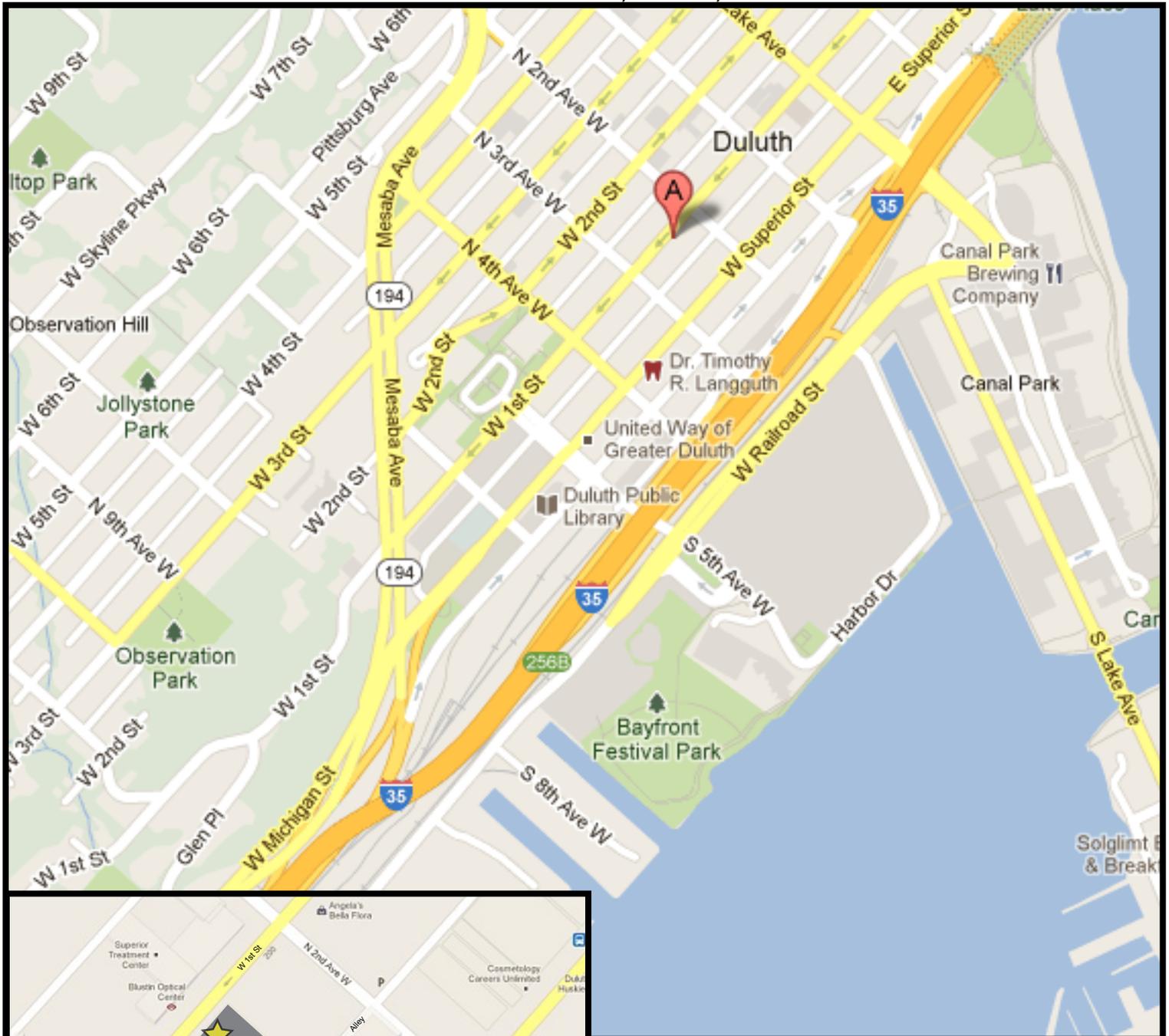
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Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Meeting

Holiday Inn - Great Lakes Ballroom

200 West 1st Street, Duluth, MN





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AGENDA

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Douglas County

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Broc Allen

1. Introductions / Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Summary of 1.15.17 (for approval) • MIC Director's Report • MIC Director Performance Review 	5 min
3. Guest Speaker: Jeff Sandberg, AECOM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior - South Tower Study 	20 min
4. 2017-2020 Superior Area TIP Amendment #4 & 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for approval w/ opportunity for public comment, <i>S Johnson</i> 	10 min
5. MIC Area Wide Bikeways Plan - DRAFT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Opening of 30-day Public Comment Period, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	30 min
6. BPAC Revised Bylaws Resolution	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for approval, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	10 min
7. 2021 TIP Application Process Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Chris Belden</i> 	15 min
8. Truck Route Study Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Mike Wenholz</i> 	10 min
9. SRTS Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Chris Belden</i> 	10 min
10. Roundtable Discussion	5 min
11. Project Updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTAC – Dredging Subcommittee Mtg, <i>Mike Wenholz</i> • SRTS, <i>Chris Belden</i> • BPAC Bylaw Revisions, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> • Northern Lights Express (NLX) Status, <i>Ron Chicka</i> 	5 min

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

WITC Conference Center

Superior, WI

6:30 pm



MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Meeting Summary of 01.17.17 (separate attachment)

MIC Director Report

- **Wisconsin DOT** – Rail and Harbors Meeting, Madison – I was recently able to brief staff at the Central Office in Madison (Planning and Rails/Harbors) on the tasks of the HTAC and our recently completed Port Land Use Plan. Though not able to attend this meeting, the Secretary's office is also on the list to receive a briefing since there has been a turnover in staffing – both a new Secretary (former Superior Mayor Dave Ross and Deputy Secretary Bob Seitz. There has been a change in staffing within the Harbors division as well. I am having these briefings in advance of a scheduled tour/presentation set for our June HTAC of the central office staff coming to Superior. The DOT region office is working to conduct this tour along with Jason Serck at the City. Tentatively, the Deputy Secretary is set to address the HTAC at the June 7 meeting. At the meeting recently in Madison, I discussed the HTAC and its unique role in maritime planning in the Great Lakes and how MIC staff leads and coordinates this group. I was also able to give a quick overview of the Duluth – Superior Port Land Use plan.
- **Duluth-Superior Port Land Use Plan** – Mike Wenholtz along with Rondi Watson have completed a very thorough and “reader friendly” an Executive Summary of this document. I was able to provide copies of this at my recent meeting with the DOT staff in Madison. They were quite impressed with this work piece. This will be handed out to all members of the HTAC and its working subcommittee. Additionally, I will be using this summary in the many presentations to come for this plan to the City Councils of the area.
- **USDOT** – Confirmation of Secretary Elaine Chao – By a vote of 93 to 6, the Senate confirmed Elaine Chao as the incoming Secretary of Transportation in President's cabinet. A brief email was sent to all MPOs last week from the Secretary's office looking to establish a working relationship and appreciative of our support. Elaine Chao has served in prior Administrations' cabinets (in other roles); she has experience in transportation.

3. 2017-2020 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #4 & 5, Sheldon Johnson

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

TIP AMENDMENT #4

WisDOT has requested an amendment to CY 2017 roadway projects listing for the inclusion of a design phase for a future roadway improvement project located along STH 35/Tower Avenue from 69th Street to 64th Street. Design is scheduled for 2017 with the activity state funded.

2017 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-17-015	STH 35/Tower Avenue 69 th Street to 64 th Street	PE ROW CONST			25	25
Amended to TIP in February 2017	8010-00-00 (PE)	TOTAL			25	25

TIP AMENDMENT #5

WisDOT has requested an amendment to CY 2020 roadway projects listing for the inclusion of a roadway improvement project located along STH 35/Tower Avenue from 69th Street to 64th Street. Project activity is scheduled for 2020.

2020 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-17-016	STH 35/Tower Avenue 69 th Street to 64 th Street	PE ROW CONST	400	100		500
Amended to TIP in February 2017	8010-00-70 (CONST)	TOTAL	400	100		500

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

TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates, continued

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4. MIC AREA WIDE BIKEWAYS PLAN – DRAFT (OPEN COMMENT PERIOD), *James Gittemeier*

The MIC will present the Draft Bikeways Plan to the MIC and TAC. This plan is a culmination of over 5 years of intensive bikeways planning efforts. This bikeways modal plan has taken into account national and statewide bikeway plans, research, best practices and local agency staff and citizen inputs. It is being asked to open the plan for a formal public comment process.

5. 2021 TIP APPLICATION PROCESS UPDATE, *Chris Belden*

2021 Duluth Area TIP Applications:

The project solicitation for 2021 TIP projects in the Duluth area closed on Friday, January 13. The MIC received six applications from local highway jurisdictions - MnDOT, St. Louis County and the City of Duluth. It also received applications from the DTA (FTA funds for operations and capital improvements, as well as a request for FHWA dollars for a transit vehicle order.) The details of these requests are shown in the table below. MIC staff will also begin various public involvement activities regarding the proposed projects.

Agency	Description	Federal \$	State \$	Other \$	Total \$
St Louis Co.	Lismore Road (CSAH 43): Pavement resurfacing from CR 293 (North Tischer Rd.) to CSAH 50 (Ryan Rd.) (5.58 miles)	\$1,285,000	--	\$1,858,825 State Aid	\$3,143,825
City of Duluth	Railroad Street: Reclamation and paving between Canal Park Drive and Garfield Ave; repairs to storm water system, curb and gutter, and sidewalk as necessary. (1.6 miles)	\$1,285,000	\$415,000	--	\$1,700,000
MnDOT	27 th Ave West bridge: Demo old deck & replace with new concrete with approach grading	\$1,849,500	\$205,000	--	\$2,055,000

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MnDOT	Lakewalk culvert repair: I-25 in Duluth 0.2 Mi. N. Jct. Lake Ave. repair drainage system under Lakewalk to outlet at Lake Superior	\$800,000	\$200,000	--	\$1,000,000
MnDOT	Gogebic Creek Culvert Replacement: MN 23 in Duluth 0.16 Mi. S. Spring Street Gogebic Creek culvert repair	\$800,000	\$200,000	--	\$1,000,000
MnDOT	U.S. Steel Creek Culvert Repair: MN 23 in Duluth 0.1 Mi. S. JCT CSAH 3 Becks Road US Steel culvert repair	\$800,000	\$200,000	--	\$1,000,000
DTA	Bus Purchase: Replace 10 Regular Route buses	\$4,019,430	--	\$1,004,859 Local	\$5,024,290
DTA	Section 5307: Facility rehabs, shelter replacements, and TSP	\$760,000 FTA funds	--	\$190,000 Local	\$950,000
DTA	Section 5307: Expansion or enhancement of the DTA's ITS system	\$40,000 FTA funds	--	\$10,000 Local	\$50,000
DTA	Section 5307: Operation of the Regular Route system and bus maintenance	\$2,500,000 FTA funds	\$16,500,000 MnDOT	\$4,000,000 Local	\$23,000,000

6. TRUCK ROUTE STUDY UPDATE, Mike Wenholz

Initial internal meetings have occurred to commence the update to the Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study, which was last updated in 2001. An information sheet and a new version of the Duluth-Superior Area Truck Routes map have been prepared. Steps to reform a Truck Route Study Advisory Committee and development of a study timeline are underway.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – LOCAL PROJECTS

8. PROJECT UPDATES

- **HTAC – Dredging Subcommittee Mtg**, *Mike Wenholz*

This subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb 10th. Mike will be bring a brief summary of the topics covered.

- **SRTS Update**, *Chris Belden*

- **BPAC Bylaw Revisions**, *James Gittemeier*

In January, the MIC Policy Board recommended a number of additional changes to the BPAC bylaws. While some were minor in nature, including some language clarifications, other changes, including the number of meetings and the membership structure, led to a larger discussion. These items were sent back to the BPAC and were discussed in depth. However, the BPAC requested more time to work through alternatives and bring forward a recommendation to the MIC Policy Board. The BPAC is working to meet the objective of providing timely input on bicycle and pedestrian projects as well as being inclusive to make sure the voices of stakeholders and citizens are heard, while being flexible and not overstressing any one organization or agencies staff. Therefore, BPAC will move forward in 2017 with the original quarterly meeting schedule and membership structure and will plan for the revised bylaws to go into effect in 2018.

- **Northern Lights Express (NLX) Status**, *Ron Chicka*

At a recent meeting of the MN Rail Forum, Frank Loetterle at the MNDOT Rail Office, provided a briefing on the status of the NLX. Attached is a schedule and next steps. The final environmental review items will be complete by the Spring of this year. Routing and infrastructure items for the route have been completed. Assuming a negative 'Finding of No Significant Impact' (FONSI) from the Federal Rail Administration, all things are moving forward properly to be ready for capital acquisition, pending federal funding assistance.