



MIC Policy Board
February 15, 2017 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	Holiday Inn Downtown	
Meeting Chair	Nick Baker	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Graham Garfield	City of Superior Common Council
	Noah Hobbs	Duluth City Council
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Phil Larson	City of Proctor
	Wayne Nelson	Duluth Transit Authority
alternate	Gary Nowak	City of Proctor
	Dan Olson	Superior Common Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Barb Russ	Duluth City Council
alternate	John Werner	City of Rice Lake
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Warren Bender*	City of Superior Common Council
Co-Chair	Frank Jewell*	St Louis County Board
	Dave Montgomery	City of Duluth – Citizen Rep
	Jim Paine	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	ARDC/MIC Director
	Chris Belden	ARDC/MIC Planner
	James Gittlemeier	ARDC/MIC Principal Planner
	Clem Larson	NWRPC
	Barb Peterson	ARDC/MIC Administrative Assistant
	Jeff Sandberg	AECOM
	Mike Wenholz	ARDC/MIC Senior Planner



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1. Introductions

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 1.18.17**

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.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Broc Allen/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 1.18.17 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- MIC Director Report:

Ron briefly reviewed the items mentioned in the agenda item description and added that the NLX project is moving along and is almost shovel ready when funding is made available; New Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao; Ron will be heading to DC in April for the National MPO meeting and hope to visit those on the hill; Ron will be participating in a transportation forum at Hermantown City Hall on Sat, 2/18.

3. Guest Speaker: Jeff Sandberg, AECOM

- Superior/South Tower Study

Jeff discussed the traffic analysis of Tower Ave from 56th St to 61st that AECOM has been working on over the last several months. He reviewed the agenda of his presentation and provided an overview of the area. Jeff then shared the crash statistics and the scoring of the Level of Service (LOS) in the area. Crash stats were highest at 61st and all intersections in the study area are failing in the LOS. The current results show that the intersection at Tower & 61st St meets the warrants for a signal installation, where 58th & 56th do not.

Jeff proceeded to review the recommendations AECOM has determined which include:

- Complete WisDOT intersection control evaluation for the tower Ave & 61st St intersection
- Consider installing activated pedestrian beacons and/or pedestrian refuge islands to improve pedestrian safety

Jeff wrapped up his presentation noting that the next steps are gathering new traffic data and to complete an Intersection Control evaluation at the Tower & 61st intersection.

4. 2017 – 2020 Superior Area TIP Amendments #4 & 5, *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.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Broc Allen/Sam Pomush moved to approve Amendments #4 & 5 to the 2017-2020 Superior Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. MIC Area Wide Bikeways Plan

James stated that he is working to try to write this plan so that anyone could pick up and determine what the recommendations are for a specific area or roadway. He reviewed the layout for the plan starting back with the goals and recommendations of the 1975 Duluth Bikeways Plan and working the way up to the most recent plans available. James stated that the vision is to look at what might be in 10, 15 and 20 years. Starting at the anchors in the region seems to make the most sense and look to where the current trails and bikeways are and recommend ways to connect them. Anchors such as schools and campuses, grocery stores, job locations, and shopping. James is looking for volunteers to be part of a focus group to review the currently evolving plan along with members of the BPAC to make sure the widest range of ridership needs are met. He noted that performance measures need to be included to meet FAST Act requirements. More information to follow.

6. 2021 TIP Applications Process Update, *Chris Belden*

Chris Belden shared a brief overview of the applications from St Louis County, City of Duluth, MnDOT with 4 and the DTA with 4 showing their need. Watch for details of the public involvement activities being scheduled regarding the proposed projects. Approval for these applications will be sought in March.

7. Truck Route Study,

Mike Wenholz reiterated where we are in the process of this update. The Scope of work has been prepared and approved. Work is being done to put together a proposed timeline starting with the formation of an advisory committee to include representation from local County & City Jurisdictions, state jurisdictions (MN DOT, WI DOT), State & City Enforcement, multiple aspects of the trucking industry as well as other Stakeholders.

8. Round Table Discussions

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

- HTAC – Dredging Subcommittee Mtg, *Mike Wenholz*
The meeting covered an extensive agenda but the group touched on all agenda items during a lengthy 3-hour meeting. A couple of the items discussed include efforts to find beneficial ways/projects for the reuse of dredge material and the potential update of the Erie Pier Management Plan to begin at the end of the year.
- SRTS, *Chris Belden*
Work will be finishing up at Laura Mac and Piedmont. Work will begin at Proctor starting Friday; then the last one will be Marshall.
- BPAC Bylaw Revisions, *James Gittermeier*
The BPAC is going to be taking another look at the recommended changes and bring them before the committees at a later date.

10. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm