



MIC Transportation Advisory Committee April 18, 2017 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	ARDC	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
<i>alternate</i>	Lisa Austin	Mn/DOT District 1
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
	Josh Gorham	BPAC Rep/St Louis County SHIP
Vice-Chair	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	John Kelley	City of Duluth Planning
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Shawna Mullen	BPAC Rep /HDAC
<i>alternate</i>	Sophia Parr	DTA
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth Engineering
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		
	Bryan Anderson	Mn/DOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Brian Boder	St Louis County
Committee Chair	Dave Bolf*	City of Hermantown
	Mark Casey	City of Proctor
<i>alternate</i>	Jeff Emerson	WisDOT
<i>alternate</i>	Rod Fournier	DTA
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Dennis Jensen	DTA
<i>alternate</i>	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Jim Sharrow	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	VACANT	MN DEED Office
		* Excused Absence
Others Present		
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	Earl Elde	St Louis Cnty Sub Twنشps/MIC
	James Gittemeier	MIC Senior Planner
	Bobbi Retzlaff	MnDOT Central Office
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Jenny VanSickle	Community Action
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communication Coordinator
	Mike Wenholtz	MIC Planner



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1. Introductions

Vice Chair Todd Janigo called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 3.21.17**

Chair Bolf 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	John McDonald/Dena Ryan moved to approve the 3.21.17 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Director Report:**

Ron briefly discussed a few of the items included in the agenda item descriptions. He highlighted the Belknap St ground breaking ceremony where David Ross, the WI Transportation Secretary and former mayor of Superior. Todd Janigo added that the upgrade to the storm sewer system will have a positive effect when completed.

Ron also shared the excitement of the opening of the "Cargo Connect" project which is a "train to truck" facility. "This is a great asset for the port" it will open trade opportunities to the west coast and Asian markets.

- **RTAC 101**

Russell Habermann, planner in the Regional division of ARDC, spoke to the need for a representative from the MIC on the RTAC committee. This usually falls on someone who is a member of the TAC. Russell also explained that RTAC is similar to the TAC except that they cover the entire 7 county area of North Eastern MN.

Ron Chicka explained that the Chair of the TAC, David Bolf had volunteered to take on this role. After a brief discussion, even in David absences and with no other volunteers or nominations a motion was requested by Vice-Chair Janigo.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Cindy Voigt moved that David Bolf would be the RTAC representative from the MIC. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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3. Guest Speakers: Jenn Moses & John Kelley, City of Duluth

- **City of Duluth Com Plan Summary of Transportation Focus Group Mtgs**

Jenn Moses opened the discussion by reviewing the timeline and what is upcoming. The City of Duluth, through their public input gathering from June 2016 through October 2016 has a great deal of information and ideas.



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From November 2016 through May 2017 have been working on the policy development portion of the Comp plan along with issues concerning safety and the poor condition of the streets in Duluth. Through the data collection they have been working on they discovered that an approximate cost to maintain the services of the city amounts to about \$23.43 per linear foot, looking at the data alone. The city is also working with the DTA and their TDP to incorporate into the transit section of the Comp Plan. They are looking toward another round of focus groups to begin sometime in June.

4. Downtown Avenues Changes, Cindy Voigt

Cindy stated that the one-way Avenues (1st, 2nd and 3rd Ave W) will be changing to 2-way over several phases.

Phase 1 – mid-May the signals will be covered and stop signs will be put in place at W 3rd St & N 3rd Ave W and W 4th St and N 3rd Ave W; W 3rd St & N 1st Ave W.

Phase 2 – sometime shortly after Gramma’s Marathon – the avenues will be re-stripped and 2-way driving will begin.

Phase 3/Pt 1 – will distribute surveys, review operations and public comments on the change and determine the traffic control configuration. Completion by mid-September 2017.

Phase 3/Pt 2 – Based on final determinations made on the optimal traffic control configuration, final field work to be complete by mid-October 2017.

5. Implementation Strategy-Port Land Use Plan Recommendations, Mike Wenzholz

Mike reviewed the process that the sub-committee had taken to address each of the 26 recommendations and they can now be found as Appendix III to the Duluth-Superior Port Land Use Plan. The committee also decided that in order to stay on top of these actions they will provide an extensive update at the first HTAC meeting of the year with brief updates at the other 3 meetings.

6. Walkability Action Institute Plan, James Gittermeier

James gave a recap of the activities of the this conference. The Surgeon General has challenged us all to “Step It Up” and make a healthy change toward making our communities/neighborhoods more walkable. This attitude was the biggest take away that communities and individuals do have the power to change how walkability can be incorporated back into our daily lives.

Watch for more details to come from the conference team.



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7. Roundtable Discussion

- Cindy Voigt announced that she will be working closely with Chris Belden, MIC and the DTA to update the city's ADA plan over the coming months.
- tonight there will be a public meeting addressing the round-a-bout at the intersection of Midway Rd and Maple Grove Rd.
- a stakeholder group will be meeting soon to develop an Active Transportation Plan for Superior.

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

- DTA Administrative Modification, *Chris Belden*
- MnDOT Administrative Modification, *Chris Belden*
- NHS Intermodal Connectors, *Mike Wenholz*
- Bus Bike Walk Month, *James Gittemeier*
watch for upcoming events during the month of May
- SRTS, *Chris Belden*
- Area-wide Truck Route Study, *Mike Wenholz*
A stakeholder meeting is being scheduled early in May
- MIC Areawide Bike Plan Update, *James Gittemeier*
- TDP Update, *Chris Belden#4*

9. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice Chair Janigo adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm.