



MIC Transportation Advisory Committee August 15, 2017 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	Duluth International Airport	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
Vice-Chair	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	Dennis Jensen	DTA
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Shawna Mullen	BPAC Rep /HDAC
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth Engineering
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Bryan Anderson*	Mn/DOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Lisa Austin*	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
	Josh Gorham	BPAC Rep/St Louis County SHIP
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	John Kelley	City of Duluth Planning
<i>alternate</i>	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
<i>alternate</i>	Sophia Parr	DTA
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Jim Sharrow	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	vacant	MN DEED Office
Others Present		
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Ethan Claassen	MIC Intern
	Jason DiPiazza	MSA
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff	MnDOT
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communication Coordinator
	Emilie Voight	City of Duluth
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Planner



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1. Introductions

Vice-Chair Todd Janigo called the meeting to order at 1:39 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 6.20.17**

Vice-Chair Janigo 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	Jeff Foldesi/Cindy Voigt moved to approve the 6.20.17 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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3. 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP/Start 30-Day Public Comment Period, *Sheldon Johnson*

Sheldon briefly described the 8 projects submitted to 2021. Of these projects 1 was a roadway project for the Blatnik Bridge and 7 were rail projects mainly for gates and lights at intersections.

Sheldon asked if there were any public comments.

Shawna Mullen asked about Bike & Ped facilities on the Blatnik when reconstruction begins to be discussed – the consensus was that the replacement of the bridge is considered and is nowhere near any type of design discussions. Shawna also asked about how does the public find out the “when and where” for public input into upcoming projects. There was no response.

With no further questions or comments Sheldon asked for a motion to approve the start of the 30-day Public Comment Period for the 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dena Ryan/Dennis Jensen moved to approve the start of the 30-day Public Comment Period for the 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. SRTS – HERMANTOWN & PROCTOR, *Chris Belden*

Chris gave an overview about what Safe Routes to School programs are all about. He then gave the highlights of the plans for both the Hermantown and Proctor schools. At the end of each of the plans is a list of recommendations to make it a safer environment for kids to be able to walk and bike to school.

With no questions or comments Chris asked for a motion to approve the SRTS Plans for both Hermantown and Proctor.

Motion Discussion and Vote	John McDonald/Tom Werner moved to approve the SRTS Plans for Hermantown & Proctor as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP, *Chris Belden*

Chris reviewed the timeline of the TIP, the projects included and the comments that have been made. He asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Hearing no questions or further comments he asked for motion to approve the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cari Pedersen/Jim Foldesi moved to approval the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. Michigan St PBL Demonstration Project, *James Gittemeier*

James began his presentation showing what was on the ground during this project including the fact that it connected the gap from the Cross City Trail Downtown Connector to the DTA's new Multi-modal Transit Center. James also reviewed the installation process, the signage used and the events around the protected bike lane. This demonstration seemed to draw a lot of media attention both inside and outside of Duluth.

James then shared the types of data that was collected during the project as well as the feedback received from multiple sources. There was an almost overwhelming response to the survey both online and in paper form. The MIC staff is working on reviewing and summarizing all of the feedback.

In conclusion, James listed the next steps and some of the initial take-aways from the demonstration. A full report will be available in the near future.

7. 2018 – 2019 UPWP DRAFT, *Ron Chicka*

Ron gave a very brief review of the work included in the 2018-2019 Work Program. He stated that we have plenty of work to keep us busy but that there may be room for 1 or 2 more projects if anyone has ideas. There are no budget numbers yet but will be working on them for the final version to be presented in Sept.

8. Roundtable Discussion

- **LRTP Timeline, *Mike Wenholz***

Mike stated that work is starting on the LRTP, *Connections 2045*. Mike stated that the TAC members have been the study committee for this undertaking and asked if they would be willing to do it again. There was then a discussion as to when these study committee sessions would take place and it was determined that right after the TAC meetings might be the best time.



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- **Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update**, *Dennis Jensen*

Dennis stated that the TDP is nearing completion. He also announced that his last day at the DTA was going to be November 3rd – he is retiring after 37 years at the DTA.

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

- Canosia Township Trails Plan, *Chris Belden*
- MIC Area-wide Bike Plan, *James Gittemeier*
- Cindy Voigt, City of Duluth took a moment to ask that everyone complete the Resident Survey she distributed and return it to her. You can also find it on line at: [Duluth's Pedestrian Needs](#)
The survey results will be made part of the ADA Transition Plan.

10. Adjournment

With no further agenda items or discussions, Vice-Chair Janigo adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.