



## MIC Transportation Advisory Committee May 16, 2017 Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Location</b>	Duluth Depot/Ruth Maney Room	
<b>Note Taker(s)</b>	Barb Peterson	
<b>Members Present</b>		
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Dave Bolf	City of Hermantown
<i>alternate</i>	Lisa Austin	Mn/DOT District 1
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	Dennis Jensen	DTA
	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
<b>Members Absent</b>		
	Bryan Anderson	Mn/DOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Brian Boder	St Louis County
	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
<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
<b>Others Present</b>		
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	James Gittermeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Andre Oliver	MIC Intern
	Eric Miller	MIC Senior GIS Specialist
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communication Coordinator
	Mike Wenzholz	MIC Planner



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### 1. Introductions

Chair David Bolf called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### 2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 4.19.17**

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.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Jim Foldesi/Todd Janigo moved to approve the 4.18.17 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Director Report:** Please review the Agenda Item Descriptions sent in the Mtg Packet.

### 3. Guest Speakers: Dennis Jensen/Sophia Parr, DTA

- Pilot Projects – New Service Overview

Dennis and Sophia shared the funding sources for the upcoming route additions and changes to give better coverage. They also stated that they had contracted with SRF Consulting to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the connectivity, performance and efficiency of the DTA's existing services. The preliminary results included Access outside of Downtown / London Road / United Healthcare / Service to West Duluth.

Dennis and Sophia then described the following additions and or changes in routes:

- Route 20: United Healthcare to Airpark (which will also add service to North Star Academy)
- Route 21: Lakeside to the Mall via UMD
- Route 22: Lincoln Park to Lakeside (adds new service to Lincoln Park Middle School)
- Route 23: UMD Circulator (schedule will coincide with class times in hopes to reduce campus parking)
- Trolley Route Expansion (now there will be 2 trolleys running to cover the expansion to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E)

Other improvements will include:

- STRIDE service increase
- Website redevelopment
- Mobile Trip Planning Application

### 4. Michigan St Protected Bikeways Demonstration, Rondi Watson & James Gittemeier

Rondi and James reviewed the 4 types of bicyclists (also known as the Portland Scale) and how each is different. The types include:

- No Way No How
- Interested but Concerned
- Enthused & Confident
- Strong & Fearless



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They then asked the TAC members to vote for the type that described themselves best. The results were then compared to the “Duluth Draft Meetup” where they also did this quick survey as well as the results from a study done by the Portland Bureau of Transportation in 2006, a phone survey by the City of Portland in 2011 and a National Study done by the Portland State University and TRB in 2013. The results of all showed that the largest group was the “Interested but Concerned” from 50 – 60% among the studies/surveys. There was this same consistency within the other types as well.

James and Rondi then gave an update on the upcoming Protected Bikeways Demonstration which will be taking place on Michigan St from June 30<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> as part of the Blue Cross’ long-term commitment to tackling the leading causes of preventable disease: tobacco use, lack of physical activity and unhealthy eating.

### 5. TDP/Bus Shelter Inventory, *Chris Belden*

Chris began by describing the “idea” which included:

- Take an in-depth look at shelters to supplement the Transit Development Plan
- Create an interactive map including each shelter in the MIC area
- Click on any transit shelter and find out
- What amenities are at the stop
- If it is ADA compliant
- and explore other existing conditions
- Used by local jurisdictions to aid in upcoming projects and decision making

He then described the resources used to determine the criteria for a master checklist which would be used when visiting each of the shelters within the MIC area. He then shared the initial findings of the survey of each of the shelters and demonstrated the interactive map.

### 6. Bike & Ped Update, *James Gittermeier*

James briefly reviewed the events of the May 1<sup>st</sup> BPAC meeting. He continued reporting the success of the Bike to School Day at Congdon Elementary where there were approximately:

-  120+ Student Bicyclists
-  40+ Parent Bicyclists
-  200+ walkers

Incredible for a school which until recently didn’t allow students to ride their bikes to school.

James continued discussing some of the events during May’s Bus, Bike Walk Month. He showed highlights of the Mayor’s Bike Ride which started in 2007 with only 3 riders to the 90 cyclists this year. He also shared the success of the Mayor’s Luncheon after the ride. The speaker, Jason Hall of Slow Roll Detroit was a hit. He described starting the “Slow Roll” ride around Detroit which chose a destination in the city to highlight each week and how little by little a crowd of 10,000 or so were riding with him weekly.

James then reported that the annual DTA bike ridership has steadily grown since the year 2000 and also covered the success of Bike to Work day.



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### 7. Roundtable Discussion

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

- *City of Duluth Administrative Modification, Chris Belden*
- *2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Update, Chris*
- *Truck Route Study Update, Mike Wenholz*

### 9. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Bolf adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm.