



MIC Transportation Advisory Committee May 16, 2017 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	Duluth Depot/2 nd Floor Classroom	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Warren Bender*	City of Superior Common Council
	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Mike Casey	DTA Board Representative
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Noah Hobbs	Duluth City Council
MN Co-Chair	Frank Jewell	St Louis County Board
	Phil Larson	City of Proctor
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
alternate	Gary Nowak	City of Proctor
	Dan Olson	Superior Common Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Dave Montgomery	City of Duluth
alternate	Wayne Nelson	Duluth Transit Authority
alternate	Beth Olson	St Louis County Board
	Barb Russ	Duluth City Council
alternate	John Werner	City of Rice Lake
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	Rolf Carlson	Duluth Township
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Sophia Parr	DTA
	Barb Peterson	MIC Administrative Assistant
	Diane Saunders	Duluth Resident
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenzholz	MIC Senior Planner



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1. Introductions

Chair Frank Jewell called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 4.19.17**

Chair Jewell 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	Nick Baker/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 4.19.17 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 10th Ave E)

Other improvements will include:

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

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 30th to August 4th 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.



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6. **Bike & Ped Update, James Gittemeier**

James briefly reviewed the events of the May 1st 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.

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 Belden*
- *Truck Route Study Update, Mike Wenholz*

9. **Adjournment**

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Jewell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.