



MEETING NOTICE

MIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 1:30 pm
WisDOT/Lake Superior Room
Superior, WI

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 5.17.17
- 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP/Start of 30-Day Public Comment Period
- LRTP 2045 – Scope of Work
- 2017-2018 UPWP Amendment

Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- 2017-2020 Superior Urbanized Area TIP Amendments #6 & #7

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- MIC Director's Report
- HTAC Update
- New Trolley Map
- Truck Route Study Update
- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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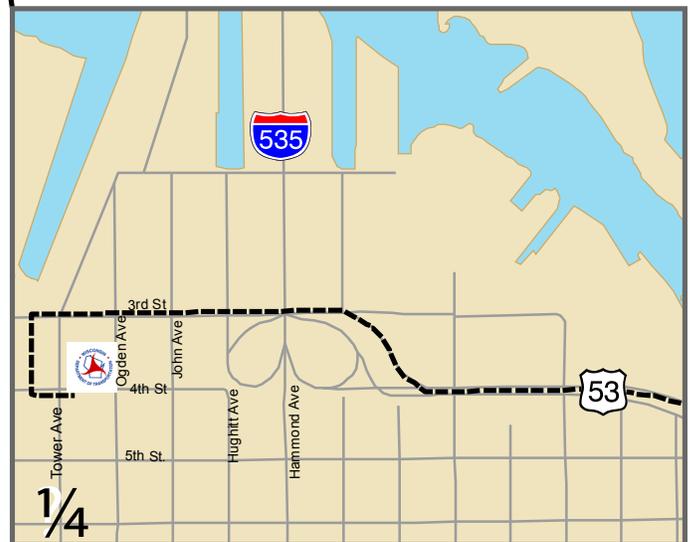
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 Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave)
 Turn LEFT at 4th St (1st left)
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- Parking lot in front of building
- Meeting held in Lake Superior Conference Room

**TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(TAC)**

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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:30 pm

WisDOT/Lake Superior Rm, Superior, WI

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions / Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 5.16.17 (for approval) MIC Director's Report 	
3. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP-Approval for Start of the 30-Day Public Comment Period	20 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, Chris Belden 	
4. LRTP 2045 – Scope of Work	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, Mike Wenzholz 	
5. 2017-2018 UPWP Amendment	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Contingent Approval, Ron Chicka 	
6. 2017-2020 Superior Urbanized Area TIP Amendments #6 & #7	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson 	
7. HTAC Update	15 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	
8. New Trolley Map	10 min
Presentation and Discussion, Eric Miller	
9. Truck Route Study Update	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	
10. Roundtable Discussion	5 min
11. Project Updates	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Duluth Administrative Modification, Chris Belden Michigan Street Protected Bikeways Demonstration, Rondi/James 	

Upcoming Events/Meetings

Annual Appreciation Dinner

July 12, 2017 @ 5pm

Michigan St Walking Workshop

July 18, 2017 @ 1:30 pm

Tuesday, August 15, 2017
Duluth International Airport
Duluth, MN
1:30 pm



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** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Meeting Summary of 5.16.17 (separate attachment)

MIC Director Report

- Washington Update – The Presidents first budget has been sent to Congress with various components involving transportation that are not entirely clear, nor may ever be fully realized. It does discuss a \$200 Billion investment, over a ten year timeframe (the \$1T initiative), but it does not indicate funding sources. A combination of new federal funding (not detailed) incentivized non-federal funding and expedited projects that would not have happened but for the new Administration (Keystone Pipeline) are mentioned as the funding mechanisms. Whether this latter issue counts toward the “\$1T amount” is unclear. Contract authority per the federal FAST Act is attained, but emphasis areas are altered – such as federal transit dollars becoming more discretionary and subject to spending caps. Also, the TIGER grant program is zeroed out completely. The Army Corps of Engineers budget is cut by more than 16% potentially impacting maritime movements. These are just some quick “highlights”; Congress may or may not agree with these budget components.
- Wisconsin DOT Secretary’s Office – Superior Port Tour – A very pleasant and informative time was had by all our visiting Madison DOT staff (Sec Dave Ross and Deputy Sec Bob Seitz – plus others) on June 7th as we toured three industries on the Superior side of the harbor. Prior to the tour arranged by Jason Serck (City Planning/Port Dir) the Secretary and a large group of DOT staff out of the Planning and Harbor/Rail division of the central office also attended our HTAC meeting at the Duluth Airport. Both Sec. Ross and the Bob Seitz spoke to the group. After lunch, a group of about 25 – including Mayor Paine and a few members from the MIC Board (Warren Bender, Ed Anderson and Sam Pomush) gathered to see firsthand the operations at Hallet Dock, MERC (coal facility) and Fraser Shipyards. We de-boarded our DTA bus at each locale for a narrated tour by from a person at each business. I think our Madison contingent – those not familiar with the goods moved here – came away quite impressed with the scale of each operation and could see the importance of maritime goods movement to the local economy and understand the need to fund infrastructure (dock walls for example) that makes this movement possible.



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- Duluth – Superior Port Land Use Plan – The MICs unique port plan will be getting quite a bit of “air time” over the next 30 days as we are set to present it to the Superior City Council and two national maritime/port associations. Mike Wenholz and I will present to the City Council in June. I will be presenting the plan along with the equally unique work/setup of the entire HTAC in July to the American Great Lakes Port Association Board plus a larger national audience of the Transportation Research Board – Natural Resources, Sustainability and Intermodal Connections committee. This national group is having its annual workshop in Duluth with a focus on our port and the many planning and environmental groups that are active locally.
- DOT and Federal Staff Mid-Year Review of the MIC – July 12th will be our annual review of many aspects of the MIC with federal and state agencies – such as the Long Range Plan, TIP and the Work Program/Budget.

3. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP-Approval for Start of the 30-Day Public Comment Period, *Chris Belden*
(To Begin 7/10 through 8/10, 2017)

We will be seeking approval for the start of the required 30 day Public Comment Period of the Draft 2018-2021 TIP beginning July 10st and running until August 10th, 2017 (A copy to be distributed to members prior to the start). The draft 2018-2021 TIP includes additions and modifications to the 4-year program of federally-funded projects scheduled to occur within the Minnesota side of the MIC planning area. It includes new projects being programmed for fiscal year 2021. The TIP also includes assessments of the potential impacts that such projects may have on low-income or minority neighborhoods.

The MIC will be seeking public comment during the 30-day comment period via its website and social media tools. It will also be advertising two open houses planned for August 8th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and August 10th From 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM during which members of the public are encouraged to visit with MIC staff to discuss the draft TIP and its constituent projects.

4. LRTP 2045 – Scope of Work, *Mike Wenholz*

The update of the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan (*Connections 2045*) must be adopted by the MIC Board no later than October 2019. The MIC has already started preparations to begin work on this effort. The first substantial work product is the preparation of the *Connections 2045* Scope of Work, which is being presented during these June meetings. The *Connections 2045* Scope of Work includes the list of planning factors required under 23 CFR 450.306(b) that will be addressed in the LRTP, a general list of planned work activities, estimated timeline for completing the work, deliverables, and proposed budget. The MIC is seeking MIC Board approval of the *Connections 2045* Scope of Work.



5. 2017-2018 UPWP Amendment, *Ron Chicka*

I am putting before the TAC and MIC a request to amend the current Work Program to add an estimated \$100,000 to add a freight component to our current travel demand model that covers the entire MIC area. The funding sources – also an estimate – are for an added \$60,000 in federal planning funds (CPG) to be accompanied by \$40,000 in State (MN) dollars. It needs to be noted, that this approval from the MIC is completely on a contingent basis. Forms and approvals will move forward from both the MIC, FHWA and the State seeking these funds and gaining approval for the entire RFP and consultant selection process. I am asking for approval at this time in order to keep this item moving along at some reasonable pace; in particular, due to the fact that the MIC does not meet formally again for two months, and that time could be valuable in the approval process for all concerned. Given the complexity of this modeling effort, I expect the work to start in 2017 and carry into 2018 as well (estimate through the 1st quarter of next year). (NOTE: No ARDC funds as a match are anticipated at this time.)

This work item has been discussed with key members to date in gaining their desire to move ahead with the detailed freight modeling work – focused in on the Rice's Point area of the port on the Duluth side. These key members include the District DOT, Seaway Port Authority staff and City of Duluth Engineering staff. We will be looking at the potential new and increasing truck volumes out of the port as a result of the new train to truck intermodal terminal start-up (Duluth Cargo Connect). This will have a large impact on traffic flows in the port area impacting not only I-35/I-535, but also nearby locally owned roadways. Our model, with very detailed data and analysis, will document roadway needs now and into the future.

6. 2017-2020 Superior Urbanized Area TIP Amendments #6 & 7, *Sheldon Johnson*

**PROPOSED 2017-2020
SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT(S) AMENDMENT**

TIP Administrative Amendment and TIP Amendment #6 & #7

WisDOT has requested to split TIP projects 113-16-002 and 113-16-013 found in the 2017-2020 Superior TIP for preliminary engineering (2017) and construction repairs (2020) to USH 2/USH 53 from 53rd Avenue E to 2nd Avenue E. Due to the length of the project and extent of repairs, it has been determined the project should be split for constructability. As a result, the north project will have construction limits of 31st Avenue E to 2nd Avenue E and is now scheduled for construction in 2019 and the southern project limits will be 53rd Avenue E to 31st Avenue E and scheduled for preliminary engineering in 2017 and construction in 2021.

In order to split the project, the following is recommended:



Administrative Amendment

WisDOT 113-16-013 Change project limits to 2nd Avenue E to 31st Avenue E.

WisDOT 113-16-002 Change project limits to 2nd Avenue E to 31st Avenue E, advance project work from 2020 to 2019, and lower budget line to \$7,096,000 (\$5,254,000 federal and \$1,842,000 state funding).

New Project TIP Amendment #6

2017 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-17-017 Amended to TIP in June 2017	USH 2/USH 53 53 rd Ave E - 31 st Ave E 1198-03-08 (PE)	PE ROW CONST	280	70		350
		TOTAL	280	70		350

New Project TIP Amendment #7

2021 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway-Illustrative)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-17-018 Amended to TIP in February 2017	USH 2/USH 53 53 rd Ave E - 31 st Ave E 1198-03-78 (CONST)	PE ROW CONST	4,782	1,195		5,977
		TOTAL	4,782	1,195		5,977

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

7. HTAC Update, Mike Wenholtz

The Harbor Technical Advisory Committee held its most recent meeting on June 7, with a very full agenda. WisDOT Secretary Dave Ross and several other top ranking WisDOT officials introduced themselves and participated in the meeting. Other highlights of the meeting included presentations regarding:

- Seeking national water trail designation on portions of the St Louis River upstream of the Highway 2 Bong Bridge
- An introduction to and overview of Duluth Cargo Connect – the new CN intermodal operation on Rice’s Point



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- An update of the plans and construction at Sky Harbor Airport
- An update on St Lawrence Seaway and Great Lakes shipping construction and trade issues
- An introduction to and overview of the American Society of Civil Engineers national 2017 Infrastructure Report Card
- An introduction to the Port Land Use Plan implementation strategy
- St Louis Estuary AOC updates from both Minnesota and Wisconsin

Following the meeting, approximately 20 people, including Secretary Ross and his staff, participated in a bus tour of three significant City of Superior port businesses: Hallett Dock #8, Midwest Energy Resources Company, and Fraser Shipyard/Lake Assault Boats LLC.

8. New Trolley Map, *Eric Miller*

Starting on June 4th, the Duluth Transit Authority started operating an expanded Port Town Trolley route that now runs between Canal Park, Bayfront, The Historic Arts & Theater District, Fitger's and Downtown that will run through Labor Day. This service expansion led to a need for a map of the route. MIC GIS staff created the Port Town Trolley service map which features a 3-D oblique view of Canal Park to assist those unfamiliar with the area in wayfinding to popular destinations.

9. Truck Route Study Update, *Mike Wenholz*

An update of the Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study has begun. The first meeting of the newly-formed STUDY COMMITTEE was held May 4, with 14 participants. Several STUDY COMMITTEE members could not attend the meeting. The STUDY COMMITTEE is comprised of members that represent a diversity of stakeholders, including State, County, and City governments; many different types of trucking companies; the Port, and community advocacy. In summary, following an introductory portion of the meeting that included sharing primary concerns, the STUDY COMMITTEE provided input on a list of topics for the STUDY COMMITTEE to work through during the study, and then started addressing some of those topics. Key discussion points included:

- finalizing the study area to be the entire MIC boundary
- collecting and using as much truck count data as feasible, and considering which road segments to use for this
- identifying primary truck regulations in each jurisdiction within the MIC area and considering ways to streamline them, as necessary for efficiency and consistency
- ensuring oversize/heavy haul and hazardous materials hauling routes are identified and considered in this study
- considering whether or not a survey would be valuable to help guide this study, and issues related to this.

Numerous action items from the STUDY COMMITTEE meeting are currently being worked on. The second of **three** planned STUDY COMMITTEE meetings is tentatively planned for some time in July.



10. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

11. PROJECT UPDATES

- **City of Duluth Administrative Modification, Chris Belden**

2017-2020 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #7 (City of Duluth) 5/16/17

The City of Duluth has requested that Project #118-090-018 (Cross City Trail - Phase 2) – modify its project year to 2018.

The City of Duluth has requested that Project #118-090-019 (Cross City Trail) – modify its project year to 2018.

Changes are shown in **RED**.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	LOCAL	Total
SP 118-090-018	Cross City Trail: **MN146** Cross City Trail Phase 2: Construct trail from Kingsbury Creek to Munger Trail. 2 miles.	2017 2018	\$1,030,551	\$561,934	\$1,592,485
SP 118-090-019	Cross City Trail: **MN146** Cross City Trail: Construct trail and rehab 2 bridges from Duluth Zoo to Knowlton Creek. 1.2 miles.	2017 2018	\$334,400	\$200,000	\$534,400

- **Michigan St Protected Bikeways Demonstration, James Gittemeier**

The protected bike lane demonstration project on Michigan Street is moving quickly towards implementation. The design layout has been determined, business and property owner/manager outreach is taking place, and materials are being purchased. Please look for further information on events and activities that will taking place throughout the duration of the project.