



MIC Policy Board
September 20, 2017
Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	WITC	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
MN Co-Chair	Frank Jewell	St Louis County Board
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Pete Clark	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Dave Montgomery	City of Duluth
alternate	Wayne Nelson	Duluth Transit Authority
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Jenny VanSickle	City of Superior Common Council
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Warren Bender	City of Superior Common Council
	Mike Casey	DTA Board Representative
	Noah Hobbs	
	Phil Larson	City of Proctor
alternate	Gary Nowak	City of Proctor
alternate	Beth Olson	St Louis County Board
	Dan Olson*	Superior Common Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Barb Russ	Duluth City Council
alternate	John Werner	City of Rice Lake
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Administrative Assistant
	Ricky Sarran	GIS Technician
	Mike Simonson	MIC Intern



1. Introductions

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary – no meeting summary was available**

- **MIC Director Report:**

Ron Chicka reviewed the following:

- LOS for Waseca Industrial Blvd
- A Bike Sharrow on 28th from Elmira to Superior Sr High
- MN Freight Forum – abdicating for funding for an additional lock for the big ships going through the Sioux Locks
- CN/Cargo Connect – the numbers are substantially better than projected
- Announced that Roberta Dwyer, Project Mgr, MnDOT to be the speaker for the Oct MIC mtg (John McDonald at the TAC) discussing the Twin Ports Interchange

Then the subject of parking ramps in Canal Park sparked a substantial discussion about the Canal Park POP project. Most agreed that there was no need for more parking in Canal Park. Dave Montgomery then described what the actual project was going to be a series of Pop Up mini-projects to see what may work or not work in the area. More information will be up coming.

3. 2017-2018 UPWP Amendment #1, *Ron Chicka*

Ron explained that the reason for this amendment was to be able to begin the procurement process (RFP) for a consultant to assist with the Rice's Point (now being called the Twin Ports) Freight Model. There will be no funding associated with this amendment – it is just to start the process.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Broc Allen/Rosemary Lear moved to approve Amendment #1 to the 2017-2018 UPWP. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. 2017-2020 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #8, *Ron Chicka (in Sheldon's place)*

Ron briefly described that this amendment is for preliminary engineering and analysis work planned for the existing Blatnik Bridge which is a MnDOT lead project.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dave Montgomery/Broc Allen moved to approve Amendment #8 to the 2017-2020 Superior Area TIP as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2018-2019 UPWP Draft, *Ron Chicka*

This will not be an approval item this month. Ron briefly shared that the Work Program remains a work in progress. The budget is also in flux. He will try to keep everyone updated as final plans are made.

6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – MnDOT/DTA/MIC

Ron briefly described that this was an update to an outdated one. It described the working relationships between the parties. The MIC co-chairs signed and it will now be forwarded to the DTA for a signature and then onto MnDOT.

7. Canosia Township Trails, *Chris Belden*

Chris described an overview of the document which is now open for public comments until Oct 4th which at that time the township board will meet and hopefully approve the plan.

8. HTAC Update, *Mike Wenholz*

Mike reviewed the meeting's agenda and the diverse subject matter and presentations.

Ron described his participation in the "Mega Group" of regional stakeholders in Chicago looking to work towards approaching area issues together and hope to be able to combine some of the funding as well.

9. Roundtable Discussion (please see agenda item descriptions included in the meeting materials)

- *L RTP Timeline, Mike Wenholz*
- *Transit Development Plan Update, Dennis Jensen*

Jenny VanSickle commented that parking is a domineering factor in the Planning Commission. Something is terribly wrong with that.

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

- *Truck Route Study, Mike Wenholz*
- *Bike & Ped Update, James Gittemeier*

11. Adjournment

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