



## MEETING NOTICE

### DULUTH-SUPERIOR MIC POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 6:30 pm

Holiday Inn Downtown

Duluth, MN

**Guest Speaker: Keith Hamre, City of Duluth**

**Director, Planning & Construction Services**

- City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan

#### Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 1.16.17
- MIC Resolution Adopting WisDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets

#### Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendments #4-6

#### Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Applications
- Project Updates

#### Attendance / Meeting Quorum

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, **please contact Barb Peterson at [bpeterson@ardc.org](mailto:bpeterson@ardc.org) or 218-529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

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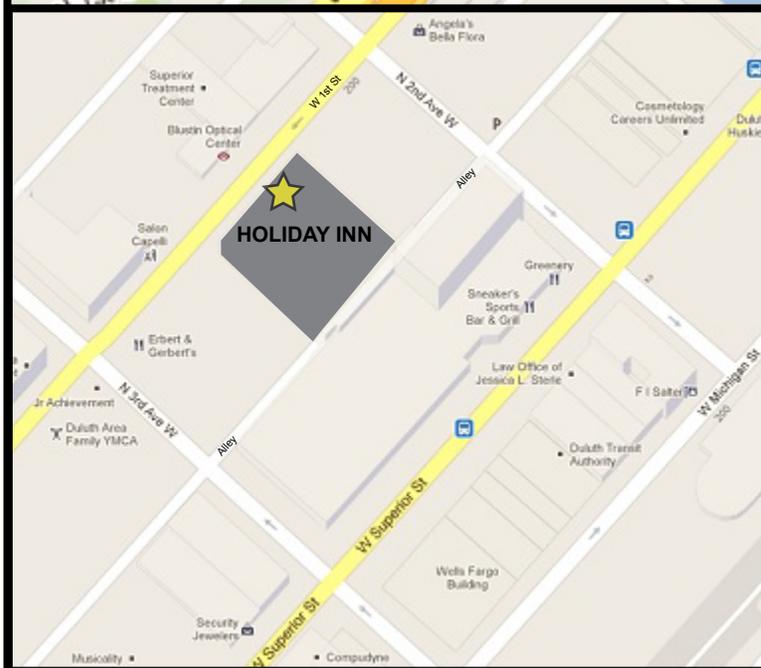
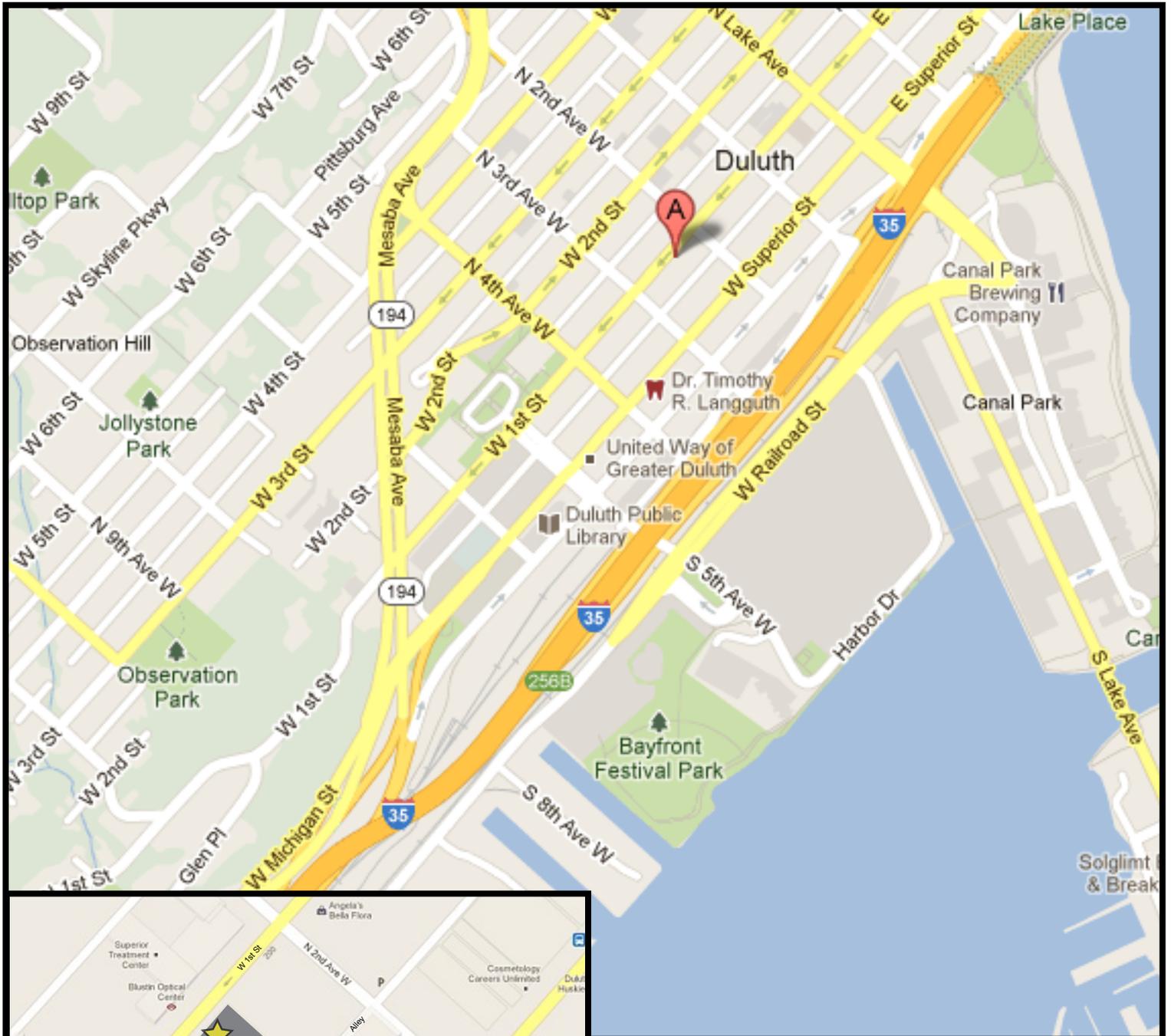
#### Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

*Duluth and Superior Urban Area Communities Cooperating in Planning and Development through a Joint Venture of the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission*

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200 West 1st Street, Duluth, MN





# Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council - Policy Board

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 6:30 pm  
Holiday Inn Downtown, Duluth, MN  
**MEETING AGENDA**

## Minnesota Members

### City of Duluth

Barb Russ  
Noah Hobbs

### City of Duluth Citizen Rep

David Montgomery

### City of Hermantown

Wayne Boucher

### City of Proctor Phil Larson

### City of Rice Lake

Bob Quade

### Duluth Transit Authority

Mike Casey

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### St. Louis County Suburban Townships

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### City of Superior Citizen Rep

Ed Anderson

### Douglas County

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Rosemary L. Lear  
Sam Pomush  
Pete Clark

### Douglas County Suburban Townships

Broc Allen

### 1. Introductions / Agenda Review

### 2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 1.16.17 (for approval)
- Director's Report

10  
min

### 3. Guest Speaker: Keith Hamre, City of Duluth

Director, Planning & Construction Services

- City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan

30  
min

### 4. 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #4-6

- Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, Dena Ryan

10  
min

### 5. MIC Resolution Adopting WisDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets

- Review for approval, Dena Ryan & Ron Chicka

10  
min

### 6. 2019-2022 TIP Applications

- Presentation and Discussion, Chris Belden/MIC Team

20  
min

### 7. MIC Area Truck Route Study Update

- Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz

10  
min

### 8. Roundtable Discussion

10  
min

### 9. Project Updates (please read agenda item descriptions)

- SRTS/Congdon, James Gittemeier
- MIC Area Wide Bike Plan, James Gittemeier

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min

### Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
Douglas County Gov't Center, Rm 270  
Superior, WI  
6:30 pm



## MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

February 21, 2018 Meeting

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### Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

*\* = Approval Item*

#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW**

#### **2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- Meeting Summary of 1.17.18 (separate attachment)
- MIC Director's Report
  - 2018 Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Update – The MICs PIP has been submitted to state and federal agencies for their review and approval. The plan was finalized by the MIC at the January meeting.
  - MICs Freight Model – Discussions are now underway with both DOTs as we decide exactly the scope of work that can be put before WISDOTs consultant to conduct a freight stand-alone component of our travel demand model. To date, staff is documenting the extent of truck counts across the MIC area. A very thorough array of counts across the network is the main step in getting the model set. Then various scenarios can be run including ones that involve the Blatnik and Bong bridges and combinations of closures.
  - Administration and the Federal Transportation Bill – A lot of rumbling out of DC recently, as word gets out some as to the Administration's shot at an infrastructure package. A bipartisan agreement for 2018 and 2019 was reached that substantially increases spending for both defense and non-defense (one being transportation) programs. This large increase should eliminate the need to cut into transit, Amtrak and TIGER sections of the bill, as had been first proposed. The debt limit is suspended into 2019 thus allowing the spending. No further specifics at this time. Another Continuing Resolution (CR) moves decisions to March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - MNDOT and the Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Stakeholder Advisory Committee – A letter from the District was sent to me inviting my participation on a stakeholder committee that will meet over a 12-month period. I will commit to doing this and bring back information to the MIC and its committees.

#### **3. GUEST SPEAKER: KEITH HAMRE, City of Duluth, Director, Planning & Construction Services**

- City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan



**4. 2018 – 2021 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #4 – 6, Sheldon Johnson**

**TIP Amendments #4 - 6**

WisDOT has requested a TIP amendment for work planned for the installation of signals at the intersection of STH 35/105, locally know as Tower Avenue and Central Ave/61<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Signals are being installed due to increased traffic and movements in proximity to the intersection. Engineering work is scheduled to begin in CY 2018 with construction to occur in CY 2019-2020.

**New Project TIP Amendment #4**

**2018 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT  113-18-013  Amended to TIP in February 2018	Intersection Signal Install at STH 35 and STH 105 (Tower & Central Ave)  3700-50-50 Design	PE		\$63		\$63
		ROW				
		CONST				
		TOTAL		\$63		\$63

**New Project TIP Amendment #5**

**2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT  113-18-014  Amended to TIP in February 2018	Intersection Signal Install at STH 35 and STH 105 (Tower & Central Ave)  3700-50-55 Const.	PE				
		ROW				
		CONST		\$45	\$5	\$50
		TOTAL		\$45	\$5	\$50



**New Project TIP Amendment #6**

**2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT  113-18-015	Intersection Signal Install at STH 35 and STH 105 (Tower & Central Ave)	PE ROW CONST		\$667.8	\$74.2	\$742
Amended to TIP in February 2018	3700-50-54 Const.	TOTAL		\$667.8	\$74.2	\$742

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

**5. MIC RESOLUTION ADOPTING WISDOT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE, Dena Ryan/Ron Chicka**

As per federal law, each MPO must adopt at least 5 safety performance measure targets by a given deadline. The MPO has the option to simply adopt and use safety performance measure targets adopted by the state, or develop their own safety performance measure targets. The MIC has chosen to simply adopt the 5 safety performance measure targets set by the State of Minnesota (MnDOT) and now, the State of Wisconsin (WisDOT). WisDOT received approval regarding the safety performance measure targets they generated. Their calendar year 2018 targets are:

- ⊙ Traffic fatalities = 556.1
- ⊙ Fatality rate = 0.917/100MVMT
- ⊙ Serious injuries = 3,023.9
- ⊙ Serious injury rate = 4.997/100MVMT
- ⊙ Non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries = 343.3

The MIC proposes to adopt these same target values. The deadline to adopt these targets is February 27, 2018. Thus, we are bringing the values to the TAC to be familiar with, and the MIC Board for adoption. The MIC will be required to report on these targets annually. How this is to be done has not been determined, and is part of ongoing discussion and training between MnDOT, WisDOT and the MPOs.

Please see the US DOT FHWA *Metropolitan Planning Organization Safety Performance Measures Fact Sheet* that is again included in your packet.



6. MIC AREA TRUCK ROUTE STUDY, *Mike Wenholz*

The Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study continues to move forward. The Study Committee had a meeting on January 23, and covered the following agenda items:

- Truck Route Study Survey
- Update on Truck Counts
- Update on the Truck Route Study GIS
- Next Steps / Action Items
- Roundtable

Additionally, new truck counts on federal highways were obtained from MN DOT and will be added to the GIS. There are already potential uses for the GIS we are building, including assisting with the Twin Ports Freight Model project.

The Truck Route Study Survey was finalized and is live through April 30. It is available in paper copy, or online. A corresponding interactive mapping function is also available as a part of the survey. Information and links are posted on the MIC website. The survey will be announced at the February Duluth Superior Transportation Association (DSTA) meeting.

7. 2019-2022 TIP APPLICATIONS, *Chris Belden*

2022 Duluth Area TIP Applications:

The 2022 TIP project solicitation for federal funding in the Duluth area closed on Monday, February 5th. The MIC received applications for a joint project from St. Louis County and the City of Duluth. The project is broken into three parts but is anticipated to go for bid as one project. Applications were also submitted by MnDOT and the DTA for their proposed projects within the MIC Planning Area. The details of these requests are shown in the table below. Full applications will be attached with meeting materials and can also be found at <https://dsmic.org>. MIC staff will begin various public involvement activities regarding the proposed projects. The TAC and MIC policy board will see these projects again in March, where the projects will be considered for prioritization/approval. An approved project list will then be forwarded to the Northeast MN Area Transportation Partnership (NEMNATP) for final approvals. For more information on the NEMNATP visit - <https://nemnatp.org/>

Agency	Description	Federal \$	State \$	Other \$	Total \$
St Louis Co. & City of Duluth	Pt 1/3: Snively Rd - Mill and Overlay W/Roundabout:	\$1,290,000 \$690,000 – SLC	\$510,000 \$360,000 – SLC	--	\$1,800,000



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	Mill & overlay of Snively Rd. between Woodland Ave. and Glenwood St. with a roundabout at Snively Rd./Glenwood St. Intersection	\$600,00 - <i>Duluth</i>	\$150,000 - <i>Duluth</i>		
<b>St Louis Co. &amp; City of Duluth</b>	<b>Pt 2/3: Woodland Ave – Mill &amp; Overlay W/Traffic Signals:</b>  Mill & overlay of Woodland Ave. between Arrowhead Rd. and Anoka St. with replacement signals at the intersections of Woodland Ave. & Snively Rd. and Woodland Ave. & Arrowhead Rd.	<b>\$800,000</b> \$650,000 – <i>SLC</i> \$150,000 - <i>Duluth</i>	<b>\$606,250</b> \$568,750 – <i>SLC</i> \$37,500 - <i>Duluth</i>	<b>\$93,750</b> <i>Total = Duluth</i>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>City of Duluth</b>	<b>Pt 3/3: Arrowhead Rd Preservation:</b> Mill & overlay of Arrowhead Rd. between Woodland Ave. and Dodge St. ADA upgrades & spot repair to curb, gutter, and sidewalks as well.	<b>\$590,000</b>	<b>\$147,500</b>	--	<b>\$737,500</b>
<b>MnDOT</b>	<b>Thompson Hill Reconstruction:</b> Reconstruction of north and south bound lanes on I-35 from the bridge over DMIR Railway to the north end of bridge 69879 over Trunk Highway 23	<b>\$11,700,000</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>	--	<b>\$13,000,000</b>
<b>MnDOT</b>	<b>TH 194 Mill &amp; Overlay:</b> Medium Mill & Overlay of TH 194 from the intersection of TH 2 to the west junction of TH 53.	<b>\$3,634,479</b>	<b>\$908,620</b>	--	<b>\$4,543,099</b>



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Duluth Transit Authority	Section 5307: Duluth Operating	\$1,000,000	--	\$1,004,859	\$5,024,290
Duluth Transit Authority	State/Local Funds: STRIDE Operations	--	\$950,000	\$500,000	\$1,450,000
Duluth Transit Authority	Section 5307: Operating and Preventive Maintenance	\$1,000,000 FTA funds	--	?	\$1,000,000
Duluth Transit Authority	Section 5307: Bus Support Equipment/Facility Rehabilitation	\$120,000 FTA funds	--	\$30,000	\$150,000
Duluth Transit Authority	Section 5307: Technology Updates	\$80,000 FTA funds	--	\$20,000	\$100,000
Duluth Transit Authority	Section 5307: Bus Stop/Stations/Terminal Updates	\$60,000 FTA funds	--	\$15,000	\$75,000

## 8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

## 9. PROJECT UPDATES

- **SRTS/Congdon Park Elementary**, *James Gittemeier*

The MIC is assisting ARDC Regional Planning with the Congdon Park Elementary Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan. A steering committee has been formed and the first introductory and issue identification meeting took place on February 8<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that Congdon Park was one of the five schools included in the Duluth SRTS Plan from 2006, which contains both district-wide recommendations as well as school specific ones for the five urban, walkable schools in Duluth at the time. In the 12 years since the Duluth SRTS Plan was approved, a number of significant changes have been made to this school site, including the creation of a new parking lot separating parent pick up/drop off from the school buses. In addition, the recommendations for this school have largely been implemented, including the school hosting a number of SRTS encouragement and education activities each school year. With the energy and enthusiasm within the school community to continue to make Congdon Park more walkable



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and bikeable, and persistent concerns over existing barriers, this plan will further examine and recommend potential solutions over the next year.

- **MIC Area Wide Bike Plan Update**, *James Gittemeier*

MIC staff has proposed a series of bikeway route improvements. These bikeways have been reviewed by staff based on previous planning efforts, including the 1994 Bikeways Plan, the Connecting Duluth Report, the 2014 Duluth Bikeways Plan and the latest guidance from FHWA and NACTO. MIC staff collected ideas for the proposed Bikeways Map revisions from Duluth Bikes and by citizens at a public Open House. The early public engagement phase of the Bikeways Plan update has been completed. MIC staff is now reviewing all comments and making revisions to the proposed map. The next step, is to undertake a formal review process of the Bikeways map with each jurisdiction.