



MEETING NOTICE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR MIC POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, April 21st, 6:30 pm

Hermantown Training Center

Hermantown, MN

Guest Speaker: Sophia Parr, DTA Planning & Grants Manager

- TDP & New Bus Service

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 3.21.18 & 4.2.18

Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #9
- 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #5
- 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6
- 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #7

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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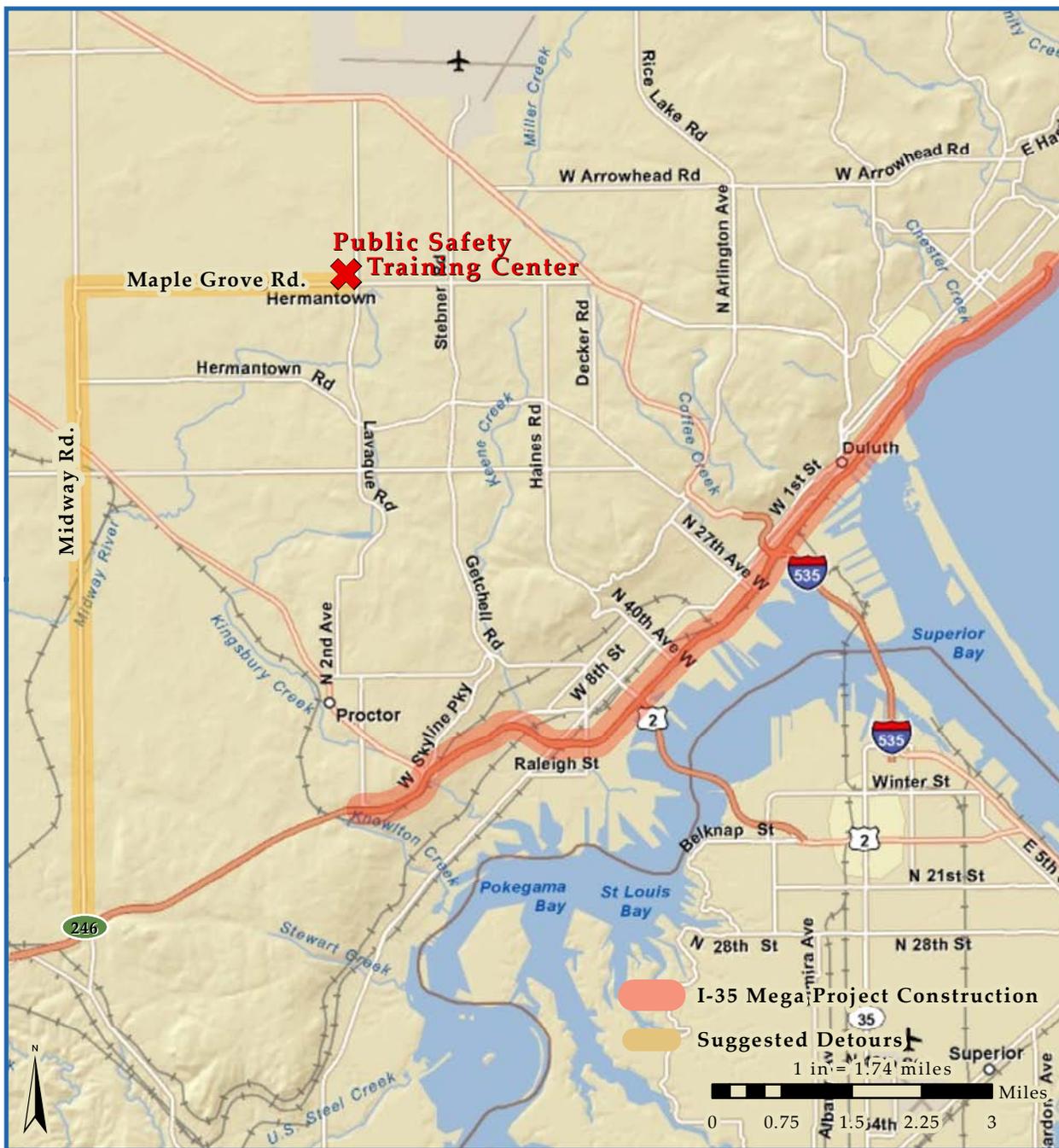
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Hermantown, MN

MEETING AGENDA

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- City of Duluth**
Barb Russ
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- City of Duluth
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Dave Montgomery
- City of Hermantown**
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- City of Proctor**
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- City of Rice Lake**
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- Duluth Transit Authority**
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Earl Elde

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Warren Bender
Dan Olson
Jenny VanSickle
- City of Superior
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- 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Summaries of 3.20.18 & 4.2.18 (for approval) • Director's Report 	10 min
3. Guest Speaker: Sophia Parr, DTA Planning & Grants Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDP & New Bus Service 	20 min
4. 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #9/Performance Measure #1	
5. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #5/Performance Measure #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, S Johnson/C Belden 	10 min
6. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6 (UDAC Busses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, Chris Belden 	10 min
7. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #7 (DTA Changes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for approval, Chris Belden 	10 min
8. Harbor Planning Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka 	10 min
9. MIC Area Wide Bike Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier 	15 min
10. Roundtable Discussion	10 min
11. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-2019 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #4, C Belden • 2018-2019 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #5, C Belden • Truck Route Study, Mike Wenholz • Congdon SRTS, James Gittemeier 	10 min

Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
WITC Conference Center
Superior, WI
6:30 pm



** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 3.21.18 & 4.2.18 (separate attachments)
- MIC Director's Report
 - MIC Support - MNDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program and Corridors of Commerce Program
 - a) State Highway Pedestrian Countdown Timers/US-53 and STH 194 Intersection Improvements/St Louis Co Edgelines – Funding is pending for a series of safety related improvements across the Mn side of the MIC area. Incorporated into the DOTs program are pedestrian countdown timers at 9 different intersections; mainly along USH 53 and STH 194 in the commercial core of Miller Hill in Duluth. Improved intersection geometrics at USH 53/STH 194 and Lindahl Road will make this intersection along a high-speed section safer. St Louis County is also adding edgeline marking (fog lines) to a number of county state-aid roads in Lakewood, Midway and Solway townships.
 - b) A letter of support has been forwarded to the DOTs Corridors of Commerce program regarding possible funding for MNDOTs and Duluth's efforts to augment the many components (safety, freight enhancements) of the USH 53/I-35/I-535 Twin Ports Interchange project. Also, under consideration for the program, is an intersection analysis – installation of roundabouts at the intersection of USH 2 and Midway Road, and USH 2 and STH 194. These were submitted by St Louis County.
 - Federal Bill Update – Late last month, Congress and President signed an omnibus appropriations bill for the remainder of fiscal year 2018 (Sept 30 – 2018). Various transportation programs did increase in dollars; simply per existing FAST ACT language. What is now of greatest importance is to work collaboratively and, hopefully in a bipartisan fashion, toward the drafting and approval of the subsequent federal transportation bill. The current bill is set to expire in two years and, by all accounts, will need to identify new funding sources in order to accommodate transportation needs across the country. As I have reported, the AMPO Board and staff in DC are working continuously toward this goal.
 - Northern Lights Express (NLX) Event March 26th – Many local and state officials/stakeholders attended an event at the Depot last month as the project attained a milestone of gaining a federal declaration of 'No Significant Impact'. This action is documented in the Tier 2 Level Environmental Assessment (EA) now officially finalized by the Federal Rail Administration. The NLX project is now in position to apply for funds



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toward full-scale operation. The operating plan and designs will be conducted via Amtrak and BNSF. All planning is now complete. A number of speakers discussed the NLX at the event including the Duluth Mayor, MNDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle and Derrick Jones (Amtrak Gov't Affairs Office out of Chicago).

- MN Governor's Council of Connected and Automated Vehicles – The Governor's office is establishing a broad spectrum statewide committee to submit a report by the end of this year aimed at policy development/testing and deployment of connected and automated vehicles. State commissioners, legislators and technicians in the field will comprise the group. MPOs have been asked to participate as well.

3. GUEST SPEAKER: SOPHIA PARR, DTA PLANNING & GRANTS DIRECTOR

- TDP & New Bus Service

4. 2018 – 2021 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #9/Performance Measure #1, *Sheldon Johnson*

2018 – 2021 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #5/Performance Measure #1, *Chris Belden*

Attached is proposed text to be amended into the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP & Superior Area TIP regarding Performance Measures. MAP-21 and FAST ACT requires incorporation of Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) in the development of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Plans (TIP). Final Rule further defined the TIP shall include, to the maximum extent practicable, a description of the anticipated effect of the TIP toward achieving the 23 CFR 490 performance measures targets identified in the metropolitan transportation plan, linking investment priorities to those performance targets (23 CFR 450.326(d)).

5. 2018-2021 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6 (UDAC BUS), *Chris Belden*

United Day Activity Center (UDAC) in Duluth has been awarded an FTA grant for the purchase of two busses in 2018. As a new project, it will need to be amended into the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP.

Below are the proposed additions.



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Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
TRF-0087-18	SECT 5310: UDAC, INC.; PURCHASE ONE (1) REPLACEMENT LESS THAN 30 FT. BUS (CLASS 400) AND ONE (1) EXPANSION LESS THAN 30 FT. BUS (CLASS 400)	2018	\$129,600 (FTA)	\$32,400	\$162,000

6. 2018-2021 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #7 (DTA CHANGES), *Chris Belden*

Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) has requested that their projects for 2018 be changed to reflect project scope and funding modifications. Also, the DTA was recently awarded FTA Section 5339 funds to upgrade their fare collection systems. These changes and additions are noted in the chart below.

RED text is proposed deletions from the original project listing. Black text is what the amended TIP would show (either new or unchanged).

Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
TRF-0016-18A	DULUTH DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE	2018	\$0	\$990,000	\$990,000
TRF-0016-18C	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL FACILITY REHAB SECT 5307: BUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT/FACILITY REHABILITATION	2018	\$240,000	\$60,000	\$300,000
TRF-0016-18D	DULUTH PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SECT 5307: DULUTH PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	2018	\$0 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 \$0	\$1,000,000
TRF-0016-18E	SECT 5307: DULUTH OPERATING ASSISTANCE	2018	\$1,500,000	\$12,270,000	\$13,770,000



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TRF-0016-18F	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL SUPPORT/FACILITIES EQUIPMENT SECT 5307: ADMIN/MAINT FACILITY ROOF REHABILITATION	2018	\$320,000 \$240,000	\$80,000 \$60,000	\$400,000 \$300,000
TRF-0016-18G	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL SUPPORT/FACILITIES EQUIPMENT SECT 5307: TECHNOLOGY UPDATES	2018	\$40,000 \$192,000	\$10,000 \$48,000	\$50,000 \$240,000
TRF-0016-18H	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL SUPPORT/FACILITIES EQUIPMENT SECT 5307: BUS STOP/STATION/TERMINAL UPDATES	2018	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
TBD	SECT 5339: FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM	2018	\$1,800,000	\$440,000	\$2,240,000
TRF-0016-18I	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL SURVEILLANCE/SECURITY	2018	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
TRF-0016-18T	SECT 5339: DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY- PURCHASE (6) REPLACEMENT STRIDE BUSES.	2018	\$652,800	\$163,200	\$816,000
TRF-0016-18J	SECT 5307: DULUTH TRANSIT CAPITAL (SUPERIOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS)	2018	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$400,000
TRF-0016-18ZO	DULUTH; SFY 2018 GREATER MN NEW SERVICE EXPANSION OPERATING (7/1/17-6/30/18)	2018	\$0	\$1,616,000	\$1,616,000
TRF-0016-18ZC	DULUTH; SFY 2018 GREATER MN NEW SERVICE EXPANSION CAPITAL FUNDS (7/1/17-6/30/18)	2018	\$0	\$1,318,000	\$1,318,000
	TOTAL DTA FUNDING	2018	\$3,152,800 \$5,664,800	\$17,607,200 \$16,975,200	\$20,760,000 \$22,640,000



7. BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN UPDATE, *James Gittemeier*

○ **Bus, Bike, Walk Month**

The month of May is “Bus, Bike, Walk” Month in the Duluth-Superior area. The MIC has participated in and helped this event grow over the last decade. Throughout May, the events encompass a variety of educational and encouragement activities. This year will have a focus on the connection between building a better environment for walking, bicycling and taking transit and the return in economic benefits to the local economy.

○ **Duluth-Superior Metro Bikeways Plan Update**

The proposed bikeways map for the Duluth-Superior Metro Bikeways Plan has been released to the TAC for their technical review. Individual meetings with the roadway jurisdictions and stakeholder groups will be scheduled in order to take into consideration any issues or concerns that may arise.

○ **BPAC Project Review – Woodland Ave & Rice Lake/Arrowhead Rd Projects**

The BPAC is holding a special meeting to conduct a formal review of the bicycle and pedestrian elements for two St. Louis County roadway projects, Woodland Avenue and Rice Lake/Arrowhead Rd. Representatives from St. Louis County Public Works will be attending to provide a project overview and answer questions during the review process. This is part of an effort in 2018 to formalize a project review process.

8. HARBOR PLANNING UPDATE, *Ron Chicka*

The HTAC met on March 7th at Barker’s Island for their quarterly meeting. The MIC presented Jim Sharrow of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority a plaque recognizing his many years of contributions and service not only to the HTAC but also as a member of the TAC as well. Jim retired at the end of March but does still have a couple sticks in the fire. Also announced at this meeting is that Nelson French of the MPCA is retiring as of May 1st and Barb Huberty will be replacing him at the HTAC.

The other topics covered were as follows:

- Subcommittee Updates: The Dredging Subcommittee met 2/18 and the Navigation Subcommittee met in January. Updates were provided for each.
- MN Dock Wall Maintenance General Permit – has finally been approved. This will hopefully take out a little of the “red” tape during a harbor project.
- “Landscape Conservation Design” is a concept being spearheaded by the MN Land Trust. This is intended to be a long-range effort to conserve, protect and continue the work in the estuary after the AOC projects are complete.



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- “Propeller Club” Ted Smith of Marine Tech briefly explained the club is part of a National organization which promotes “a strong stewardship role” of activities in the harbor. He invited anyone interested to check out being a member.
- The USACE discussed the damage of recent high water and storm events on both the north and south shore of Lake Superior. The focus was on the shore of MN Point where there are uprooted trees, rocks and debris strewn along the Lake Walk and the heavy erosion along the shoreline. They will be working with the various agencies and hoping to use this year’s dredge material to nourish/rebuild the MN Point shoreline.
- Heidi Bauman, MPCA gave an update on the work to be done at the Minnesota Slip, Slip 3 and Slip C this summer. There are 5 slips scheduled for 2019 and another e for 2020. The includes dock wall repair and capping the contaminated sediment.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

10. PROJECT UPDATES

- **2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP (MnDOT) Administrative Modification #4, Chris Belden**

St. Louis County has requested a minor change to 2019 project #069-606-025. The request is to change the project description to better reflect the length of the project and to adjust the total cost of the project. The project cost had increased since an initial cost estimate was done. The additional cost will be paid for with local funds, with no increase in the federal amount. TIP guidance indicates the project change is minor and therefor needs only an administrative modification.

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Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
069-606-025	CSAH 6, MAPLE GROVE RD, CSAH 13 TO WESTERBERG RD, BIT RESURFACING AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS CSAH 6, MAPLE GROVE RD, FROM 800 FEET EAST OF CSAH 13 TO WESTERBERG RD, BIT RESURFACING AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	2019	\$1,600,000 (STBGP)	\$400,000 \$1,300,000	\$2,000,000 \$2,900,000



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- **2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP (MnDOT) Administrative Modification #5, Chris Belden**

St. Louis County project #069-691-031 has been dropped from the TIP due to federal funds being removed from the project. After a funding swap for a large project in Stearns County, funds had shifted and project #069-691-031 no longer needed federal funds as other state/local funds became available. The project is still planned for construction, just without the federal funds.

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Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
069-691-031	IN HERMANTOWN HAINES RD FROM US 53 TO CSAH 32, CONCRETE SIDEWALK.	2019	\$134,443 (NHPP)	\$33,611	\$168,054

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

The Truck Route Study (TRS) Survey has been live since February 21, and remains open 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 was announced at the February Duluth Superior Transportation Association (DSTA) meeting, and has been mentioned in the monthly DSTA newsletter.

Truck Counts from four locations in Carlton County that the Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study Committee had requested were submitted and entered into the GIS we are building. The new truck counts on federal highways that were previously obtained from MN DOT still need to 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.

Met with Douglas County staff to discuss truck route issues and ideas. They may have truck count data in time to use within the Final Draft of the Truck Route Study.

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

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning process for Congdon Park Elementary (Duluth, MN) is underway. The SRTS team has conducted a walk through and met to identify problem areas that are barriers to walking and bicycling to this school. MIC staff will conduct observations to further understand the issues. The next SRTS Team meeting will review the barriers and begin to identify solutions.