



MIC Policy Board
 April 18, 2018
 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	Douglas County Gov't Center	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Warren Bender	City of Superior Common Council
	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Mike Casey	DTA Board Representative
	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
	Dan Olson	Superior Common Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Barb Russ	Duluth City Council
	Renee VanNett	Duluth City Council
alternate	John Werner	City of Rice Lake
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
MN Co-Chair	Frank Jewell	St Louis County Board
	Phil Larson	City of Proctor
alternate	Gary Nowak	City of Proctor
alternate	Beth Olson	St Louis County Board
alternate	Wayne Nelson	Duluth Transit Authority
	Jenny VanSickle*	City of Superior Common Council
alternate	John Werner	City of Rice Lake
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Sophia Parr	DTA
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner



1. Introductions

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

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 3.21.18 & 4.2.18** Chair Baker asked for any changes or corrections to meeting summaries. Hearing no other objections, he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Earl Elde moved to approve the 3.21.18 & 4.2.18 meeting summaries as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Directors Report**

Ron introduced the Policy Boards newest member, Renee VanNett. He went on to describe the items on this report which was included in the meeting materials. If you would like more details please check your meeting packet.

3. Guest Speaker: Sophia Parr, DTA Planning & Grants Director

- **TDP & New Bus Service/Routes**

Sophia began with the TDP Service Recommendations which will be implemented using a 3-phase approach. The DTA is working on each of the phases simultaneously.

Transit Development Plan Service Recommendations



Service Recommendation Progress





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Sophia continued discussing the Mall Area Reroute that the DTA is working on, specifically, with the new Aldi store now open, they are working on a way for a drop off site that would offer a safe crossing to the store. Currently, the route drops riders off across the street from the store and neither road is all that safe to cross as a pedestrian. This work will continue.

She continued her presentation talking about capital development recommendations and the progress being made, the new service grant projects and their progress, the current performance of the new service routes and concluded with the next steps.

4. 2018 – 2021 Superior Area/Duluth Area TIP Amendments #9 & 5 respectively, Sheldon Johnson & Chris Belden

Chris and Sheldon explained that MAP-21 and FAST ACT requires incorporation of Performance-Base Planning and Programming (PBPP) in the development of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Plans (TIP) needs to be amended to both the Superior and Duluth 2018-2020 TIPs. 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)).

Motion Discussion and Vote	Broc Allen/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #9 & 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #5. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6 (UDAC Bus), Chris Belden

Chris explained that the 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 needs to be amended into the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP. They will be purchasing a replacement bus and adding a new one.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Wayne Boucher/Rosemary Lear Lee moved to approve the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6 presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #7 (DTA), Chris Belden

Chris went on to say that the 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.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Rosemary Lear moved to approve the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #7 presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. HARBOR PLANNING REVIEW, *Ron Chicka*

Ron gave a quick over view of the topics covered. There is a somewhat detailed account of the topics covered at the HTAC meeting of March 7th in the meeting materials.

8. MIC Area Wide Bike Plan, *James Gittemeier*

James announced that the schedule for the May Bus Bike Walk month is kicking off with a lot of fun events. He also shared that the Mayor's Bike ride and luncheon have been scheduled for May 11th with a wonderful speaker who will also be doing a workshop at Bent Paddle on Thursday night before the ride on Friday. For details contact James.

He also briefly touched on the area wide bike map which is being brought before city and county staff for their input. This is not only what is currently on the ground but where future bike facilities may need to be considered.

9. Roundtable Discussion

Mike Casey wanted to publicly thank Cindy Voigt, City of Duluth for taking the time to explain the \$1 mil increase to the 8th/9th Street project.

MnDOT & WisDOT are working on a project map showing where all of the current TIP projects are.

Superior Street reconstruction began today

Belknap phase II utility work starts very soon

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

- 2018-2019 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #4, *C Belden*

Chris gave a brief explanation of the modifications. See the meeting materials for more details.

- 2018-2019 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #5, *C Belden*

- Truck Route Study, *Mike Wenholz*

The survey is still being distributed and completed. Hoping to get them back and tallied very soon.

- Congdon SRTS, *James Gittemeier*

11. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.