



MEETING NOTICE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR MIC POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 pm

WITC Conference Center

Superior, WI

We will not be in the conference rooms but in Room 111 is down the hall towards the kitchen.

Guest Speaker: SUSTAINABLE 2045

- Duluth-Superior MIC LRTP Update

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 4.18.18

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- MIC Areawide Bike Plan
- MIC Area Construction Map
- MIC Areawide Truck Route Study
- Grand Ave Bus Rapid Transit
- 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 or 218-529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

Driving Directions & Parking Information

See map on reverse. This facility is ADA accessible.

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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Conference Center - 600 N. 21st St. Superior, WI

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- Alternative Route from Turin Circle**
- Detour via South St
 - Turn Right on McCarty Rd. from Right onto Cp. 1 (South St)
 - Turn Right at Gary St. from Right at McCarty Rd.
 - Turn Left at McCarty St. (0.0000) (turning WI 10)
 - Turn Left at Stone Ave. (0.0000) from Right at N. 21st St.
 - Turn Left at Menorelli Dr.
- Alternative Route from Franklin**
- Detour via Woodland St
 - Follow Woodland St. continue onto Highland St.
 - Turn Right at N. Central Ave. into West Lakeside W. SP St.
 - Turn Right at N. 6th Ave. W. continue onto US Hwy 2 into WI (Railway St)
 - Turn Right at Menorelli Dr.
- Alternative Route from Homecoming**
- Detour via US Hwy 50
 - Follow US Hwy 50/500 into NE
 - Turn Left at Railway St. (US Hwy 2)
 - Turn Right at Menorelli Dr.
- Alternative Route from Avenue DuBois**
- Detour via W. Superior St
 - Follow W. Superior St. and continue Left onto Garfield Ave.
 - Merge onto US Hwy 50/500 South (at least into WI)
 - Turn Left at Railway St. (US Hwy 2)
 - Turn Right at Menorelli Dr.



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Interstate Council Policy Board**

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MEETING AGENDA

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<p>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</p> <p>2. Committee Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summaries of 4.18.18 (for approval) Director's Report 	10 min
<p>3. Guest Speaker: Sustainable 2045</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duluth-Superior MIC LRTP Update, MIC Team 	30 min
<p>4. Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier 	20 min
<p>5. MIC Area Construction Map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Ricky Sarran 	15 min
<p>6. MIC Areawide Truck Route Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	10 min
<p>7. Grand Ave Bus Rapid Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Chris Belden 	10 min
<p>8. Roundtable Discussion</p>	5 min
<p>9. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canosia Township Trails Plan, Chris Belden Bike Walk Minnesota Conference, James Gittemeier & Chris Belden 	10 min
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Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2018
Duluth International Airport
Duluth, MN
6:30 pm



** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 4.18.18 (separate attachment)
- MIC Director's Report
 - MIC Member Outreach/Presentations
 - MN Sea Grant (UMD) – Mike Wenzholz and I met with the leadership of the Sea Grant Program at UMD to talk about the work of the HTAC and the importance of the continued role that the Sea Grant aids toward our mission and theirs. They are currently undergoing a change in the outreach coordinator position and requested the meeting and our input as to what to look for in a candidate.
 - UMD Planning Class – A group of staff here at the MIC along with Len Simich (Southwest Metro Transit GM) plus two of his staff attended Adam Pine's Urban Planning course at UMD to talk to technology changes in the field along with giving the prospective students a few things to consider if entering the profession. Our focus was on how quickly advances in data analysis have assisted our work in transit, pedestrian and bicycle planning efforts.
 - City of Duluth Planning – Community Development Staff – The Community Planning Manager requested that I give a 'MIC 101' to the entire staff to give them all a better grounding as to our mission, objectives and current tasks being done in the area of transportation in the Duluth area. Recently, there have been a couple of reassignments of City staff to MIC committees and this presentation was designed to give them (and all other City staff) a bit more background as to who we are and what we do.
 - MN and WI MPO Director's – Both states had their quarterly meetings of the Director's along with other state and federal staff to receive presentations/information on a range of items. Performance measures and how the MPOs incorporate them into our different documents was a highlight from both meetings. After the safety measures that were approved recently, up next will be the measures for pavements and bridges for adoption. Transit targets will also be coming later in the year (these to be initiated by the DTA and not the state). In Wisconsin, an update on the direction of the State Freight Plan was presented including the establishment of an Intermodal Subcommittee to examine what is needed for these types of facilities to thrive in the state. Dr. Richard Stewart (leading expert in this intermodal concept) at UW-Superior was a part of this intermodal group assisting the Wisconsin DOT.



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- MNDOT's Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Committee – Staff continues to assist the DOT on this subcommittee (along with other government and local advocates in the Lincoln Park area) toward recommendations to be considered in the full-scale project. Of particular focus for this group, is the local road component of the larger project that may impact the adjacent roadways along I-35 including Railroad Street and Michigan Street. The MIC's planning reports of the past in this area of town are being called upon as an aid to overall decisions.
- Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) General Manager Hire - The DTA has hired Philip Pumphrey as its new GM succeeding Dennis Jensen (retired) and the recent interim GM Ben Herr from the management firm First Transit. I will be meeting with Phil soon to bring him up to speed on the MIC and discuss our work and collaborative relationship with the DTA.

3. GUEST SPEAKER: THE MIC TEAM PRESENTS - SUSTAINABLE 2045

- Duluth-Superior MIC LRTP Update

Progress continues to be made in developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Sustainable Choices 2045. After several months of work, the MetroQuest Phase 1 survey has been launched, and is live for anyone to take it. The LRTP webpage has been updated and contains a button link to the survey. A strategy for reaching out to stakeholders and the public is being finalized. It is anticipated there will be many meetings with stakeholder groups, as well as participation at numerous public events to provide information and get their input. This presentation will provide some LRTP background information, but focus on some key facts and trends relevant and important to transportation planning in the MIC area.

4. BIKE & PED PLANNING UPDATE, *James Gittemeier*

The proposed Bikeways Map is being review by the jurisdictions and stakeholders. This review is also going through the MIC's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. MIC staff will review the latest on the bikeways plan and the next steps moving forward.

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. There are still many activities to participate in:

May 18th – National Bike to Work Day 6:30 – 9 am

May 22th – A Free Pop-up Bike Shop at Memorial Park (Grand Ave). The one the 4th was crazy busy. 4 – 7 pm

May 23rd – BARK Bike Walk: A Pet Walk (Lakewalk at Endion Station) 6 – 7 pm

May 29th – A Pop-up Bike Shop in Central Hillside Park. (It's a good way to get you ready for the summer). 4 – 7 pm

May 31st – Zagster Superior Bike Share Launch Party beginning at 11:45 and starting at Center City Park to Thirsty Pagan.



To name a few and there are many, many more coming up. Check out the schedule on the door – there is something for everyone.

5. MIC AREAWIDE CONSTRUCTION MAP, *Ricky Sarran*

MIC staff have been working to add TIP projects information into a simple map to be used to show the public the current years construction areas. The hope is to include the projects of the Cities of Duluth and Superior, and St Louis and Douglas County that are not in Minnesota's or Wisconsin's TIP as well. The information included may consist of the following: start/end date (if available), year, location of the project, other TIP data, and lane closures/detour information (if available). Projects could be colored based on the level of projected impact to the public.

6. MIC AREAWIDE TRUCK ROUTE STUDY UPDATE, *Mike Wenholtz*

The Truck Route Study (TRS) Survey has closed. It was open from February 21 through April 30. Final counts and being made, but it appears approximately 40 survey responses were received. I hope to present preliminary survey results and discuss any obvious trends. Any updates on truck counts, truck crash data, and/or planned next steps will also be discussed.

7. GRAND AVENUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT, *Chris Belden*

MIC staff is working with the Duluth Transit Authority on starting a study for the feasibility/preliminary data gathering for the potential of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) type system in Duluth. The DTA has some funds available for the MIC to do a study this year. After scoping and more discussions with the DTA, MIC staff intends to start working on this project in the next month or two. "Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a high-quality bus-based transit system that delivers fast and efficient service that may include dedicated lanes, busways, traffic signal priority, off-board fare collection, elevated platforms and enhanced stations." – Federal Transit Administration.

8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

9. PROJECT UPDATES

- Canosia Township Trails Plan, Chris Belden

MIC staff has completed work on the Canosia Trails Plan after the Township Board approved the planning document at it's May 2nd meeting. The finished plan is a long-range vision for non-motorized trails within Canosia Township. It includes on-street and off-street pathways that connect schools, businesses, trails, lakes, and other points of interest. The plan can be found at - <http://dsmic.org/canosia-township-trails-plan/>

- Bike Walk Minnesota Conference, James Gittemeier & Chris Belden

MIC staff attended this conference held in Rochester, Minnesota from April 29-May 1. MIC staff participated on a panel discussion on "Building Better Communities through Engagement and Experiences". Staff discussed the Michigan Street Protected Bikeway Demonstration Project, and particularly the findings from the data analysis. In addition, staff attended workshops covering a variety of topics including the latest happenings nationally and statewide on bicycle and pedestrian issues.