



MEETING NOTICE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR MIC POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, August 15th, 6:30 pm

Douglas Cnty Gov't Center/Rm 270

Superior, WI

**Guest Speaker: PAT HOUSTON, MAJOR PROJECTS ASSISTANT DISTRICT
ENGINEER, MNDOT DIST 1**

- Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Update

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 6.20.18

Items for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment

- 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #10-19

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- Truck Route Study Update
- LRTP Update
- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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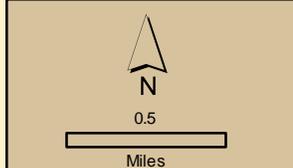
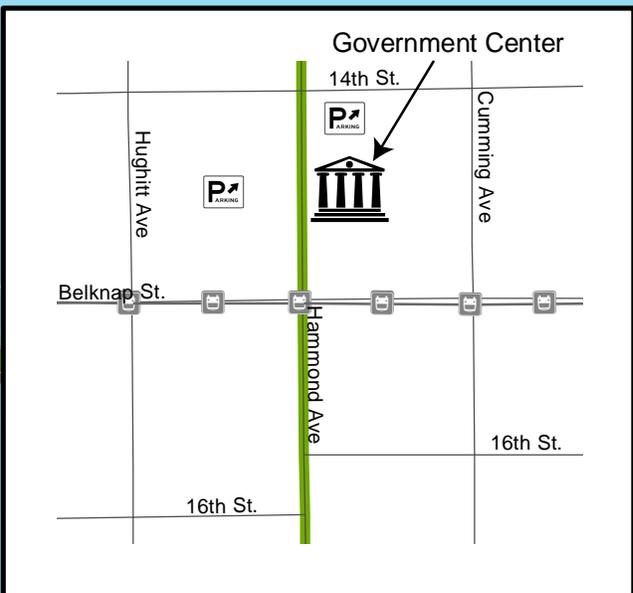
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Interstate Council Policy Board**

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MEETING AGENDA

Minnesota Members

- City of Duluth**
Barb Russ
Renee Van Nett
- City of Duluth
Citizen Rep**
Dave Montgomery
- City of Hermantown**
Wayne Boucher
- City of Proctor**
Phil Larson
- City of Rice Lake**
Bob Quade
- Duluth Transit Authority**
Mike Casey
Wayne Nelson
(Alternate)
- St. Louis County**
Frank Jewell
MN Co-Chair
- St. Louis County
Suburban Townships**
Earl Elde

Wisconsin Members

- City of Superior**
Warren Bender
Dan Olson
Jenny VanSickle
- City of Superior
Citizen Rep**
Ed Anderson
- Douglas County**
Nick Baker
WI Co-Chair
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 6.20.18 (for approval) Director's Report 	10 min
3. GUEST SPEAKER: PAT HOUSTON, MAJOR PROJECTS ASSISTANT/ MNDOT DIST 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Update 	30 min
4. 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #10 - 19 w/opportunity for Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Dena Ryan 	10 min
5. Truck Route Study Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	10 min
6. LRTP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	
7. Roundtable Discussion	5 min
8. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Bike & Ped Update MPO Conference 	5 min

Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
City of Rice Lake Town Hall
Rice Lake, MN
6:30 pm



MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 6.15.18 (separate attachment)
- MIC Director's Report
 - DECC/Downtown/Canal Park Traffic Modeling Study – Via MNDOT and the City of Duluth, we are beginning to develop a RFP to conduct a large-scale modeling effort in the core area of Duluth to examine short and longer-term changes to traffic flow to alleviate congestion – especially during special events. The MIC will bring our travel demand model to the study aid this initiative. Funding is proposed to come from the City and the DOT and possibly others (to be determined). Work will start this year with more detailed recommendations out of the microsimulation component to likely carry into 2019.
 - MN MPO Annual Workshop – Mike Wenzholz will be participating in the annual gathering of the Minnesota MPOs being held this month in St Cloud. This is our annual meeting to learn from our peers in the state and to present a featured item from the MIC as well. Mike will be presenting our work on the Long-Range Plan, in particular with the survey material out of the Metro Quest software package.
 - Transportation Research Board (TRB) Small and Medium-sized Communities Conference – Staff and I are participating in this biennial conference this month in Kansas City. I am involved with a number of sessions in moderating and presenting material. In addition, MIC staff has been chosen from a nomination process to present our work on the Michigan Street Bike Lane Demo project from last year. MPOs from across the country are gathered to demonstrate best practices in transportation planning. The MIC has been a long-time member of this committee and TRB itself.

3. GUEST SPEAKER: Pat Houston, Major Projects Assistant/MnDOT Dist 1

- Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Update

4. 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #10 - 19

- *Review for approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Dena Ryan*



**PROPOSED 2018-2021
SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT(S) AMENDMENT**

TIP Amendments

Due to severe weather and flooding that occurred in June of 2018, a number of transportation related projects must be added to the Superior Area Transportation Improvement Program as they are using federal funding and within the MPO planning area.

New Project TIP Amendments #10 through #19

2018 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-18-018	STH 35 - Milchesky Rd to S. Jct CTH B Roadway repairs due to flooding	PE ROW CONST	115			115
Amended to TIP in August 2018	8010-00-72	TOTAL	115			115

2018 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-18-019	STH 35 Black River Bridge B-16-0085 Roadway repairs due to flooding	PE ROW CONST	599.3			599.3
Amended to TIP in August 2018	8010-02-78	TOTAL	599.3			599.3

2018 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-18-020	Woodlawn Road CTH A to N58th St E Roadway repairs due to flooding	PE ROW CONST	517.5			517.5
Amended to TIP in August 2018	8998-00-31	TOTAL	517.5			517.5



5. DRAFT 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP – Approval for start of the 30-Day Public Comment Period

- *Review for approval, Dena Ryan*

6. TRUCK ROUTE STUDY UPDATE

- *Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholtz*

The Duluth-Superior Truck Route Study (TRS) Committee met for the first time since January. The Committee discussed three primary items: an update on truck counts, the TRS survey results, and an initial listing of topics to be included within the final TRS report. Participants shared some information during a roundtable. Highlights from the meeting will be shared.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. PROJECT UPDATES

- **MN 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP – Draft**

MIC staff released the DRAFT 2019-2022 Duluth Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the required 30-day public comment period starting on August 5th, 2018. A legal notice was published in the Duluth News Tribune on that day. The draft 2019-2022 TIP is a four-year program of multimodal transportation projects that are scheduled to utilize federal funds within the Minnesota side of the MIC planning area. The TIP includes additions and modifications to the previous TIP (2018-2021) and is adding in new projects for the year 2022. The TIP also includes a financial plan demonstrating the ability of local jurisdictions ability to fund the projects, updates on 2018 projects, a summary of public involvement to-date, and a community impact assessment of the potential impacts that projects may have on low-income or minority neighborhoods.

The MIC will be seeking public comment during the 30-day comment period via its website and social media tools. It will also be advertising two (open house) public information sessions to be held, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15 and on Thursday, August 16, 2018, during which members of the public are encouraged to visit with MIC staff to discuss the draft TIP and its constituent projects. The September TAC and MIC Policy Board meetings, where we will be seeking approval of the TIP, are also opportunities for the public to make comments.

- **Bike & Ped Update**

- **DS Metro Bikeways Plan**

The draft Bikeways Plan will be presented to the MIC and TAC at the September meetings, where staff will ask for the release of the draft and to undertake a public comment period. If the MIC and TAC agree, then a public informational meeting on the Bikeways Plan will be scheduled the last week of September.

- **BPAC**



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The BPAC chair, vice chair and MIC staff held a meeting with the roadway authorities on the Minnesota side of the MPO, including officials from MnDOT Central office, MnDOT District 1, St. Louis County and the City of Duluth to discuss the proper role the BPAC plays. Staff provided an overview of the history, work tasks and make-up of the MIC's BPAC as well as other Minnesota MPO BPACs. A discussion followed with a consensus on how to move forward with creating a constructive forum that will work for all stakeholders. The BPAC is set to meet in August to discuss and decide on next steps for moving forward.

- **Bike & Ped Annual Fall Counts**

The annual bike and ped counts are scheduled for the week of September 10. The possible locations for the 2018 counts are (but not limited to):

UMD counts	Before Project counts	After Projects counts
St. Marie St at Carver Ave	Woodland Ave & Carver Ave	East 4 th Street at 12 th Ave East
Snelling Ave at College St	Decker Rd & Anderson Rd	Grand Ave and Raleigh St
College St at 19 th Ave E/Junction Ave	Jean Duluth Rd & Glenwood Ave	
Bluestone and Woodland Ave Trail	Lake Ave at I-35	
	Railroad St (near Bayfront)	
	McCuen St and MN Hwy 23	

If you have a recommendation for a street or location not on this list that you would like to see counted, please contact James Gittemeier.

- MPO Conference

Mike participated in the Minnesota MPO Conference, as the lone MIC representative. He gave a presentation entitled *Using MetroQuest and Other Public Involvement Strategies in the MIC's Long Range Transportation Planning Process*. Highlights from the Conference will be shared.

- LRTP Update

Progress continues to be made in developing the Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Sustainable Choices 2045. Initial public involvement went well. The MetroQuest Phase 1 survey closed July 23, with 542 surveys being submitted. 909 locations were marked on the interactive map page of the survey and included 623 individual comments. Additionally, we met with 12 different partner groups, gathering 224 comments; and participated in five different public events where we had 545 interactions with people to share about the LRTP and/or the



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survey. During Downtown Duluth Sidewalk Days, we also received 602 responses to a simple interactive dot survey. Our consultant has summarized the survey data. Staff are starting to sort through all the data. Highlights of these summaries will be shared.

Moving forward, staff will fully analyze and summarize the data, review the final traffic demand model (TDM) once it is received from our consultant, develop our MetroQuest Phase 2 survey, and prepare for Public Info and Input sessions (anticipated to be in early–mid November). Some of this information will be discussed.