



Transportation Advisory Committee
 August 14, 2018 Meeting Summary
 WisDOT, Superior, WI

Meeting Location	WisDOT	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Committee Chair	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
Committee Vice-Chair	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
	Jenn Moses	City of Duluth Planning
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Phil Pumphrey	DTA
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	Mark Casey	City of Proctor
	Deb DeLuca	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
<i>alternate</i>	Jeff Emerson	WisDOT
<i>alternate</i>	Rod Fournier	DTA
<i>alternate</i>	Matt Hemmila	St Louis County
	Shawna Mullen	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
<i>alternate</i>	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	vacant	MN DEED Office
Others Present		
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	Jason Church	Sen Ron Johnson's Representative
	Jason DiPiazza	MSA
	Pat Huston	MnDOT Dist 1
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff	MnDOT Central Office
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Sr Planner



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1. Introductions

Chair Todd Janigo called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 6.19.18** Chair Janigo asked for any changes or corrections to meeting summaries. Hearing no other objections, he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	
	Jim Foldesi/John McDonald moved to approve the 6.19.18 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Special Election/Volunteer/Nomination to fill Vice Chair Position**

After John McDonald's name he accepted the position of the 2018 Vice-Chair/2019-2020 Chair for the TAC

Motion Discussion and Vote	
	Jim Foldesi/Jenn Moses moved to approve the appointment & acceptance of John McDonald for Vice-Chair for 2018 followed by the Chair position for 2019-2020. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Directors Report**

In lieu of Ron, James briefly discussed the topics that were included in the packet highlighting the MIC's involvement in the Traffic Modeling Study currently involving the development of an RFP to conduct the modeling effort.

3. Guest Speaker: Pat Huston, Major Projects Assistant/MnDOT Dist 1

Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Update

Pat began by addressing the agenda/goals of his presentation which included:

- A fast and high-level project update
- Refresh on project purpose/goals
- High level project challenges
- Concepts to be constructed
- Touch on RR Street connector (how it came up, other options, etc.)
- Schedule and cost

Also hoping to have some time for questions at the end.

Pat hit on updates covering the following:

Project Purpose:

- Enhance safety by eliminating blind merges & left exits
- Replace ageing infrastructure
- Improve freight mobility (allow oversize/overweight freight on the interstate)

Challenges/Risks:

- Soil and groundwater issues
- Railroad coordination
- Archaeological



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- Historic Eligibility for a portion of Lincoln Park Business District
- Limited area for staging
- Confined space for construction

MnDOT is working on outreach to all possible stakeholder groups by way of:

- Monthly Update meetings
- Advisory group
- Having a presence at Special Events in the area
- Individual meetings
- On line Survey – December 2017

Pat continued his discussion addressing some of the Outreach Challenges and some of the comment they have heard. They realize that all stakeholders will not be happy about some of the decisions that need to be made but MnDOT is hoping that they can keep a clear line of communication open so that the issues, challenges, options and decisions are understood. In the end, the goal is to have all stakeholders view the project as a success, knowing that although everybody's desires may not have been met, they were part of the process and understand the WHY.

He then reviewed several maps which showed the entire area being considered; where the current issues are including those at Garfield Ave/I-535; and introducing a 3-D modeling in order to see other potential problems.

Pat shared the 2019 improvements that will be made outside of the project which are:

- LHB will design plan
- April 2019 letting
- Pavement Improvement
- 27th Avenue West (I-35 to Michigan Street)
- Garfield Avenue
- Railroad Street (Garfield to 5th Avenue West)
- 46th Avenue West (Bong Bridge to Grand Ave)
- Railroad and Garfield Intersection
- Coffee Creek Relocation
- Michigan/Superior Street RAB or other intersection improvement

He wrapped up showing the current estimate of costs; how they are approaching the design and contracting methods and collaboration.

To view the presentation, it is posted on the dsmic website under both the TAC and MIC meeting pages for August on the dsmic website.

For the most up to date information check out the project website – just Google “Twin Ports Interchange”.



4. 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendments #10-19, *Dena Ryan*

Dena explained that these projects are the result of the 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.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/David Bolf moved to approve Amendments #10-19 to the 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP-DRAFT, Approval to release the draft & the beginning of the Public Comment Period (9.1–30.18)

The actual document will be sent out for review by 9.1.18/ Dena asked that approval be made to release the draft when completed and approve the start of the Public Comment Period which will be 9.1 – 30.18.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cari Pedersen/John McDonald moved to approve the release & start of the 30-day Public Comment Period for the 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. Truck Route Study Update, *Mike Wenholz*

Mike quickly reviewed goal of the study and then the agenda for the presentation. He then discussed the survey summary which had been open from February 21st to April 30th and 42 people responded. Mike then reviewed a summary of the results which included the following:

- Majority have no problem with regulations or enforcement
- No change to truck route signage needed
- Majority see no need for changes to traffic signals
- Two primary infrastructure-related issues:
 - Resurfacing needed
 - Turning lanes needed
- 16 site-specific suggestions

Mike then began wrapping up sharing the final report topics/ideas and the next steps/action items while in the process of preparing the final study document.

7. Roundtable Discussion

Jenn Moses stated that the City of Duluth's Comp Plan is complete & adopted, and they are working on implementation steps.



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8. Project Updates – descriptions were included in meeting materials

- MN 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP - Draft
- Bike & Ped Update

James Gittemeier stated that he would be sending out maps.

- MPO Conference

9. Adjourn

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Janigo adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.