



MIC Policy Board  
 August 15, 2018 Meeting Summary  
 Douglas Cnty Gov't Center, Superior, WI

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Mike Casey	DTA Board Representative
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
MN Co-Chair	Frank Jewell	St Louis County Board
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Dave Montgomery	City of Duluth
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Warren Bender	City of Superior Common Council
	Pete Clark	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Phil Larson*	City of Proctor
alternate	Gary Nowak	City of Proctor
alternate	Beth Olson	St Louis County Board
	Dan Olson*	Superior Common Council
alternate	Wayne Nelson	Duluth Transit Authority
	Barb Russ	Duluth City Council
	Renee VanNett	Duluth City Council
	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
	Pat Huston	MnDOT Dist 1
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Sr Planner



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## 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 6.19.18** 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
Sam Pomush/Earl Elde moved to approve the 6.19.18 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Directors Report**

Ron began by presenting Dave Montgomery a plaque of appreciation since this is his last meeting.

Ron gave a brief summary of the items included in the packet.

Dave Montgomery noted that there is currently a study being done in the medical district which may prove helpful during the Bayfront/Canal Park Traffic Modeling Study.

## 3. Guest Speaker: Pat Houston, 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
- Historic Eligibility for a portion of Lincoln Park Business District
- Limited area for staging
- Confined space for construction



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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

Since Sheldon & Dena were unavailable this item was tabled until the September meeting.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Dave Montgomery/Ed Anderson moved to table Amendments #10-19 to the 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP. 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)

Motion Discussion and Vote	
	Broc Allen/Frank Jewell 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.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> 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

There was some discussion concerning using Erie Pier Dredge Material in the TPI project. A conversation with MnDOT is in order.

There was mention of a possible Round A Bout in Rice Lake.

## 8. Project Updates

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

## 9. Adjourn

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.