



MEETING NOTICE

MIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct 16th, 1:30 pm

WITC Conference Center

Superior, WI

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 9.18.18

Items for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment

- 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP - *FINAL*

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- Release of the *DRAFT* Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan
- Bayfront Area Traffic Circulation Modeling and Traffic Control Plan
- Truck Route Study Update
- Sustainable 2045 – LRTP Update-Metro Quest
- 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.

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

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- Alternative Route from York Center**
- Detour via 2nd St
 - Take 2nd St on Highway 54, turn Right onto Cp. 1 (2nd St)
 - Turn Right at Gary St, turn Right at Menorelli Ave.
 - Turn Left at McCam St, (200 St) towards WI 10
 - Turn Left at Stone Ave, (100 St) turn Right at N 21st St
 - Turn Left at Menorelli Dr.
- Alternative Route from Frontier**
- Detour via 2nd St
 - Follow 2nd St, continue onto Highway 54.
 - Turn Right at N. Central Ave, turn Left at Menorelli W. 10 St.
 - Turn Right at N. 6th Ave, W. 10 continue onto Highway 2 into WI (2nd St)
 - Turn Right at Menorelli Dr.
- Alternative Route from Homecoming**
- Detour via US Hwy 50
 - Follow US Hwy 50/52 onto HI
 - Turn Left at Reliance St, (20 Hwy 2)
 - Turn Right at Menorelli Dr.
- Alternative Route from American Diner**
- Detour via W. Superior St
 - Follow W. Superior St, and turn Left onto Garfield Ave.
 - Merge onto US Hwy 52/50 South (2nd St) into WI
 - Turn Left at Reliance St, (20 Hwy 2)
 - Turn Right at Menorelli Dr.

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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Transportation Advisory Committee

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions / Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summaries of 9.18.18 (for approval) Director's Report 	10 min
3. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP - FINAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Clem Larson 	5 min
4. Release of the DRAFT Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier 	5 min
5. Update Bayfront Area Traffic Circulation Modeling and Traffic Control Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka 	10 min
6. Truck Route Study	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	10 min
7. Sustainable 2045 – LRTP Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	10 min
8. Roundtable Discussion	
	5 min



Upcoming Meeting

No meeting in November

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

ARDC Conference Rooms

Duluth MN

1:30 pm



TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 9.14.18 (separate attachment)
- MIC Director's Report
 - MNDOT – Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Committee – This committee of local stakeholders continues to meet discussing current project status. Recently, City of Duluth staff has taken on a formal Community Connections input component as a subset of the overall TPI. They are holding a series of input sessions targeted at potential design options for the infrastructure that may include art on some facings or wayfinding options for the local roadways. Other aspects being looked at more are improved bike and pedestrian amenities. The latest on the project is to be presented at an October 22 open house at Clyde Iron.
 - MN Governor's Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles – The MPOs in the state are involved in several aspects of this special committee aimed at setting the future goals of the DOT on this subject. There is a Land Use and Planning subcommittee that involves the MPOs and how we are addressing this item in our Long Range Plans and how we are working with our area jurisdictions to keep them informed. Issues are many, but some include vehicle right-of-way needs should more connected/automated vehicles be on the road, off street parking requirements since currently a great deal of land/space is devoted to vehicles just sitting and how automated vehicles might be the answer for more remote residents of a city where it is often deemed very cost prohibitive to regular transit service due to labor costs. Goods movement is also being examined as truck platooning (closely spaced vehicles) might not be too far away in the movement of freight.
 - MNDOT District 1 Freight Plan – This year long project kicked off last month with the consultant team of CPCS (out of Chicago) and SEH locally. I am assisting a multi-stakeholder advisory committee plus a smaller technical team that is providing in depth assistance. It is likely that the consultant team will approach the HTAC and/or MIC Board at some point over the coming months to gain further input into the process. The end goal of the planning effort should be to identify those areas in the district most advantageous for freight investments, mainly on the trucking end.

3. 2019-2022 SUPERIOR AREA TIP - *FINAL*

The 2019-2022 Superior Urbanized Area TIP will be considered for approval at the October meetings. Some minor editing to the plan narrative was completed to align with changes and additions. Below is a summary of changes incorporated into the 2019-2022 TIP.

- Incorporated approved DTA Asset Management Targets
- *Incorporated* approved 2019 WisDOT Performance Measures (PM1)
- Updated Table 3 Federal Financial Data



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- Added project 113-18-028
- Updated financial data to 113-16-007
- Deleted two projects (113-19-002 & -003)
- Renumbered 2019 TIP projects as a result of dropped projects

4. RELEASE OF THE DRAFT DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN BIKEWAYS PLAN

The draft Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan is ready to be released. The update to this regional bikeway plan has been many years in the works. MIC staff extended the timeframe of the plan in order to include the new national-level guidance that was being developed as well as to give local jurisdictions time and support to answer a number of key questions regarding bikeways in the region. This plan has been put together with many years of input from the public regarding bikeways, starting with the Connecting Duluth Report from 2010 to the findings from our 2018 public survey for the Long Range Transportation Plan. This plan is before you to review and provide comment.

5. UPDATE BAYFRONT AREA TRAFFIC CIRCULATION MODELING & TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

I-35/Bayfront Area Traffic Circulation Modeling and Special Event Traffic Control Plan

The Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) began working with a consultant, Alliant Engineering of Minneapolis, MN to develop short- and long-term solutions to address congestion and other issues related to the mix of special event, commercial and industrial traffic in the Bayfront area and adjacent I-35 corridor. The Project will be conducted over the next 5-6 months, as follows:

10/3/18: Project Kickoff Meeting

Alliant met with the primary stakeholders (City of Duluth Police, Parking and Engineering, MnDOT District One, the DECC, Bentleyville and Pier One Resort) to identify issues and discuss the interim solutions that will be implemented for the 2018 holiday season (including temporary turn lanes, relocated pedestrian crossings and message boards).

October/November 2018: Data Collection and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting(s)

Alliant will be gathering roadway and parking data from local jurisdictions and conducting traffic observations during events. They will also be working with MIC staff and the technical advisory committee (comprised of City of Duluth and MnDOT Engineers and the MIC's modeling consultants at AECOM and SRF) to review the data and identify preferred modeling scenarios.

11/7/18: Project Stakeholder Meeting

Alliant will present its existing conditions report and recommendations to address traffic management this holiday season at a meeting for invited stakeholders.



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December 2018/January 2019: Model Runs and Development of Recommendations

Alliant will continue working with MIC staff and the technical advisory committee to review the modeling results and develop long- and short-term recommendations to manage traffic.

February/March 2019: Public Meeting to Present Final Report

Alliant will hold a public meeting to present their final report, with traffic control recommendations to be implemented that summer and the 2019 holiday season, as well as long-term infrastructure solutions.

MnDOT District One, City of Duluth and the Duluth Seaway Port Authority are providing financial assistance for this project. The MIC is providing in-kind staff assistance.

6. TRUCK ROUTE STUDY

As a final effort to gather information and suggestions to feed into the update of the Duluth-Superior Truck Route Study (TRS) two Truck Route Open Houses were held in October. The Open Houses were conducted in a drop-in, come-when-you-can fashion. The MIC, with assistance from TRS Committee members, are in the process of finalizing the TRS update report, including listing and sorting all recommendations, preparing "Project Sheets" specific for each type of recommendation, and preparing a final TRS GIS and maps.

7. SUSTAINABLE 2045 – LRTP UPDATE

Progress continues to be made in developing the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Sustainable Choices 2045. With some collaboration with our consultants, we are spending a significant amount of effort to review, sort, and analyze all the data and comments received from the MetroQuest Phase 1 survey, partner meetings, and public events. We have built a GIS of all mapped survey results and comments and sorted the data by mode for better review of the results. We are searching for the trends in the data. Additionally, we are working with our consultants to get the MIC's traffic demand model up-to-date and sufficiently accurate. Staff have noted significant problems with model output.

The data and results will support a MetroQuest phase 2 survey that is currently being developed, and ultimately the LRTP itself. Details on these will be shared with the TAC and MIC Board in the coming months, as they become available.

The public information and input workshops previously planned for November will occur later. We will instead have several simple outreach events in early November to promote the launch of the Phase 2 survey and to encourage people to take it. Full partner (and possibly public) information and input workshops are tentatively planned for March or April 2019. The purpose for this delay is to wait until after the Phase 2 survey is complete and data analyzed, and to provide time to conduct required partner group and jurisdictional consultations.

8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION