



MIC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
 November 7, 2016 Meeting

Meeting Location	ARDC Conference Room, Duluth, MN	
Meeting Chair(s)	Josh Gorham	
Note Taker	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Chair	Josh Gorham	St. Louis County SHIP
Vice-Chair	Bryn Jacobson	Continental Ski & Bike
	Carol Andrews	St Louis County Public Works
	Mike Casey	River Corridor Coalition
	Judy Gibbs	City of Duluth Parks & Rec
	Mark Horlocker	DTA
	John Kelley	City of Duluth/Planning
	Shawna Mullen	HDAC/YMCA
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth/Chief Engineer of Transportation
	Dena Young	WisDOT
Members Absent		* Excused
	Rheanna Letsos	DCGP
	Mary Morgan	City of Superior Parks
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	ARDC/MIC Director
	Chris Belden	ARDC/MIC Planner
	James Gittemeier	ARDC/MIC Senior Planner
	Barb Peterson	ARDC/MIC Administrative Assistant
	Jarret Valdez	ARDC/Regional Planning



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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair Josh Gorham called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 8.1.16

Chair Gorham then asked for any changes or correction to the 5.2.16 meeting summary. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cari Pedersen/Bryn Jacobson moved to approve the 8.1.16 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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3. Meeting Schedule & Frequency Discussion

Josh Gorham started the discussion stating that it might be a good idea to meet more frequently in order to be able to weigh in on upcoming projects that the BPAC may have been asked for input or to be able to consider whether or not a project should offer an opinion.

James Gittemeier stated that the MIC receives call/emails frequently concerning Bike and Ped issues. He would much prefer to be able to bring these before the BPAC instead of giving his professional opinion.

Dena Young noted that they have been asked to include smaller communities, such as Amory. It seems that the DOTs are being asked to move outside of just the Duluth/Superior area.

Carrie Pedersen stated that they were also being asked to expand outside the area as well.

Josh Gorham said that more frequent meetings would involve a Bylaws change.

The group determined that every month on the First Tuesday of the month at 8 am for approximately an hour would work and that it might start as early as March.

4. Safe Routes to School – Plan Approvals requested

Myers-Wilkins Elementary

James briefly overviewed the student density by neighborhood that radiates out from the school, the monthly bike counts over the last 3 years and the problems created by the crossing of very busy streets. Recommendations include new sidewalks to several locations, repairing broken and leveling other sidewalks, using bulb outs to slow down traffic, transit shelters, installation of automated Bide/Ped crossing signals and Pedestrian Safety Islands among several others.



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Mark Horlocker stated that busses might have issues turning around bulb outs. Shawna Mullen stated that during their pop-up demonstration, the busses had no problem turning.

After some discussion the approval of this plan was tabled until the February meeting.

Lincoln Park Middle School

This school includes students the Denfeld, Piedmont and Lincoln Park neighborhoods. Considering that this school was built on the hilltop offers its own set of problems. This plan will be using the existing SRTS routes and adding a few recommendations for the future plan which would include addressing some of the issues with the steepness of the hill, such as realigning the current Hill Path. This plan would also include some minor changes in the traffic flow at the school. The other problem that will take some further study would be a safe crossing of the railroad tracks above 6th St W.

The approval of this plan was also tabled until February.

5. 2017-2020 TIP Projects/2021 Project Solicitation & Transportation Alternatives

Chris Belden briefly shared the projects that are currently expected, the process of vetting these projects as well as the planning factors that will be considered.

Jarrett Valdez, ARDC Regional Planning reviewed the process of being considered for Transportation Alternative funding which include projects such as, trails, bike/ped issues, curb ramps, tails to trails projects as well as many more. The minimum award is \$100,00 with a max award of \$600,000. Their have been 17 Letters of Intent received; the next step is completing the application.

6. Project Updates

- Michigan Street Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project – *currently this demonstration will begin in May 2017 and run for only 3 blocks; from the Depot to DTC due to continuing utility work on Michigan St.*
- 9th Street Demonstration Project – *thought to be very successful, more details at a later date.*
- 4th Street Reconstruction Project – *4th, 6th and 10th Sts will be paved yet this year with bike lanes to be put in next Spring with possibly some bike racks at specific locations yet to be determined.*
- MIC Area Bikeways Plan – *more details next time*

7. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements Chair Gorham adjourned the meeting at 1:03 pm.