



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Inn on Lake Superior
350 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, MN

MEETING NOTICE

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 1.15.19
- Resolution to recognize the MnDOT Statewide Regional ITS Architecture
- Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- LRTP Information & Updates
- 2023 TIP Applications
- 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.

Driving Directions & Parking

See map on reverse. This facility is ADA accessible.

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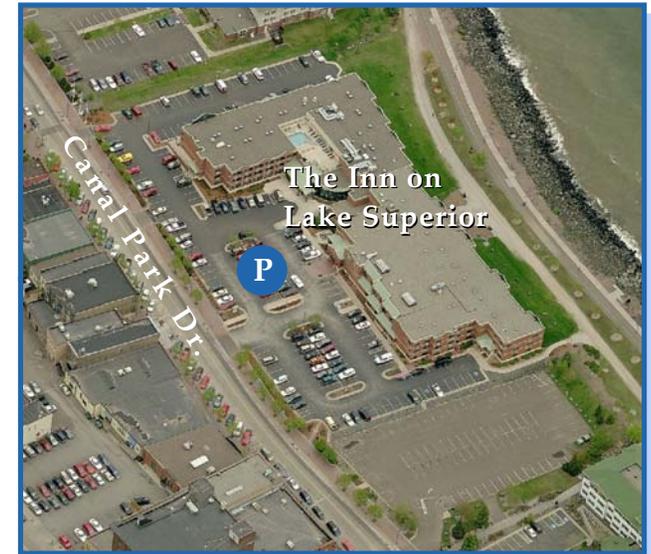
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Directions via Becks Rd:

- Take **Exit 246** for Midway Rd.; turn **Right** onto Cty. 3 (Becks Rd.)
- Turn **Left** at 100th Ave. W./Commonwealth Ave.
- Continue onto Grand Ave. take a slight **Right** at Carlton St.
- Turn **Left** at W. Superior St.; then **Right** at Garfield Ave.
- Turn **Left** at W. Railroad St.; turn **Right** at Canal Park Drive

Directions via Midway Rd:

- Take **Exit 246** for Midway Rd.; turn **Left** onto Midway Rd.
- Turn **Right** at Old Hwy 2; continue onto Morris Thomas Rd.
- Turn **Right** at Piedmont Ave.; turn **Right** to stay on Piedmont Ave. (Hwy. 53)
- Turn **Right** at W. 6th St.; take first **Left** onto 21st Ave. W.
- Turn **Left** at W. 5th St.; turn **Right** at Piedmont Ave.
- Turn **Right** at Garfield Ave.; take first **Left** onto W. Railroad St.
- Turn **Right** at Canal Park Drive

Alternative Routes from Superior:

- Head north on I-535; **Exit** onto Garfield Ave.
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MEETING AGENDA

Minnesota Members

City of Duluth
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**City of Duluth
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Jim Filby Williams

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Wayne Boucher

City of Proctor
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Rosemary L. Lear
Sam Pomush
Pete Clark

**Douglas County
Suburban Townships**
Broc Allen

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	10 min
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Summary of 1.15.19 (for Approval) • Director's Report, <i>Ron Chicka</i> 	
3. Resolution to recognize the Updated MnDOT Statewide Regional ITS Architecture	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Ron Chicka</i> 	
4. Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	
5. LRTP Information & Updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRTP 2020 Status Report, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> • Traffic Demand Model (TDM) Overview, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> • Sustainable Choices 2045 Update, <i>Mike Wenholtz</i> 	10 min 10 min 10 min
6. 2023 TIP Applications	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	
7. Roundtable Discussion	5 min
8. Project Updates	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification 	

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
WITC Conference Center, Superior, WI
6:30 pm



MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

February 20th, 2019 Meeting

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 1.16.19*
- MIC Director's Report

Changes to the MIC's Duluth-Area TIP Process

In discussion with the DOT District office, we are proposing to alter the timing of the development of the next Duluth-Area TIP, which I believe should improve the process. We will review and forward the slate of new projects for 2023 to the ATP in March, produce the draft 2020-2023 TIP in May, then approve the final in June. This allows for the proper public input process per our guidelines and will precede the publication of the statewide TIP (or STIP). Any changes or additional projects proposed after this point, from any road jurisdiction or other submitting entity, will be processed via amendment (if needed) to the existing TIP (not the one that we approved in June). A bit complicated, but doing so, via amendments, should allow all projects to properly move forward.

Letter of Support for Federal INFRA Grant for the Twin Ports Interchange (TPI)

MnDOT is submitting an application to the federal *Infrastructure for Rebuilding America* (INFRA) program. The MIC (and other entities) have supported other funding efforts toward this large project that is key to movement of people and goods in the metro area. The goal of the INFRA program is to focus on those projects that are important to regional economic, mobility and safety measures. A dollar value has not been specified.

Proctor City Council MIC Presentation

Last month, I presented to the City Council a "101" piece about the work of the MIC; and specifically, for the incoming Proctor Mayor and newest MIC Board member – Chad Ward. (I have had an orientation session with the mayor as well this month.) A couple of questions came up as to projects that the MIC may consider for the city – possibly updating a corridor study we did a number of years back for Boundary Avenue. Time will tell as to what we may or may not be able to incorporate in the Work Program. I look forward to re-energizing our relationship with the city.

Wisconsin DOT Secretary of Transportation – Stakeholder Task Force

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has announced, together with Secretary Craig Thompson, has formed a group of experts to review and discuss priorities of the state's critical transportation issues and identify solutions to these challenges. Among the membership, Sheldon Johnson is on the group representing NWRPC. He should be able to speak for the MPOs and planning needs within urbanized areas as well. Hopefully, he can provide updates to our Boards over the coming months as to progress of this group.



3. RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE UPDATED MNDOT STATEWIDE REGIONAL ITS ARCHITECTURE*

- Review for approval, Ron Chicka

Federal Highway along with the Minnesota DOT Office of Traffic, Safety and Technology have been working together toward achieving implementation of their joint Statewide Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture Plan that promotes the usage of technological advances in the industry toward management and operation of an efficient multimodal network. ITS means electronics, communications or information processing used singly or in combination to improve the efficiency or safety of a surface transportation system. Locally, an example are the LED changeable message signs along I-35 that provide advance warning of a roadblock ahead or some other incident impacting traffic flow. MPOs across the state have been asked to support this plan. The attached resolution is a stock one that is put forward for your approval and submittal to MnDOT and Federal Highway.

4. DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN BIKEWAYS PLAN – FINAL*

- Review for approval, James Gittemeier

The MIC has received all final comments and suggestions to be incorporated into this major update of the metropolitan Bikeways Plan. The MIC will provide a brief review of the final changes and open up the majority of the time for discussion. The TAC will be asked to make a final recommendation to the MIC Policy Board on the plan with the MIC Policy Board being asked to consider the plan for approval.

5. LRTP INFORMATION & UPDATES

- Presentation & Discussion, James Gittemeier & Mike Wenzholz

LRTP 2020 Status Report

James will provide a status report on the 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan, including an overview of how the region met the plan's future projections and traffic forecasts, how well the goals of the plan were met, and a review of the strategies implemented.

Traffic Demand Model (TDM) Overview

James will provide a basic summary and distinction of what the TDM does and does not calculate and tell us.

Sustainable Choices 2045 Update

Mike will provide an update on the progress of work towards the completion of Sustainable Choices 2045. He will provide details of the next steps, invite additional MIC Board participation, and share highlights and pertinent points provided by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Time will allow for some questions and discussion.



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6. 2023 DULUTH AREA TIP APPLICATIONS

- Presentation & Discussion, James Gittemeier

An overview of the proposed projects for 2023 federal funding will be discussed. The timeline and process moving forward will also be discussed, since the schedule has been moved up with the release of the draft TIP now taking place in May and approval in June.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. PROJECT UPDATES

2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #2

St. Louis County has requested that the FY 2019 Maple Grove Road Project (# SP 069-606-025) show an increase in federal funds (dropped from another project, hence freed up federal funds) and a decrease to the amount of local funds; however, the total project cost remains the same.

RED are proposed deletions from the original project listing. Black are proposed changes/additions.

Project	Description	Est. Length (Miles)	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
069-606-025	CSAH 6, Maple Grove Rd, from 800 feet east of CSAH 13, Midway Rd to Westberg Rd, full depth reclamation/full depth pavement removal, bit surfacing, curb & gutter, turn lanes & sidewalk.	3.5	2019	\$1,600,000 (STBGP) \$2,402,600	\$2,300,000 \$1,497,400	\$3,900,000