



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 1:30 pm

Inn on Lake Superior/Eagle Harbor Rm

Duluth, MN

MEETING NOTICE

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 3.19.19

Items for Approval w/opportunity for public comment

- 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #6

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee
- I-35/Bayfront Project Update
- Harbor Update
- 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 and Parking

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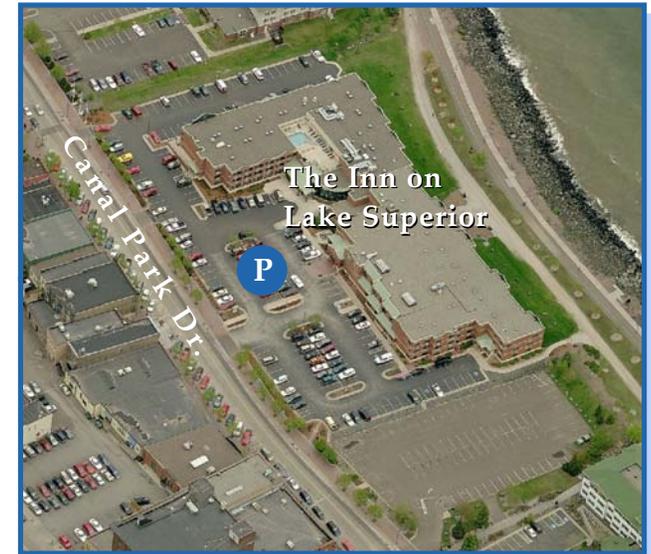
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Directions via Becks Rd:

- 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.
- Turn **Right** at W. Railroad St.; turn **Right** at Canal Park Drive

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(TAC)
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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN VENUE MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 3.19.19 (for Approval) Director's Report 	
3. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #6	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Dena Ryan 	
4. Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee	30 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	
5. I-35/Bayfront Project Update	20 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka 	
6. Harbor Update	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	
7. Roundtable Discussion	5 min
8. Project Updates	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Connector Trail, James Gittemeier Bus, Bike Walk Month, James Gittemeier 	

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, May 14th, 2019
WisDOT/Lake Superior Room
Superior, WI
1:30 pm**

Have a wonderful Easter



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* = *Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 2.19.19
- MIC Director's Report
 - Duluth – 1st Street Conversion Study – Recently in the news, Duluth has hired a consulting group to examine the First Street corridor in the downtown to potentially change the road from a predominately one-way street to a two-way directional street for its entire length (including in the hospital zone area). Currently, First Street is a mix of two directional and one directional along its length, leading to a bit of confusion for the driver. Though good for traffic flow, the one-ways have some problematic issues such as direct access to locales. The MIC is assisting the City's consultant with usage of our Travel Demand Model that aids in the forecasting of traffic flow efficiency concerning one directional versus bi-directional movement.
 - Superior Active Transportation Plan – The City is soon to kick-off the Active Transportation Plan with Toole Design assisting as consultants. The MIC will be assisting on the technical team too. The plan is to start at this time and take 12 months to conclude. Certainly, the MIC will be bringing quite a bit of background from our Bikeways Plan into the planning process.
 - WISDOT and Future of Transportation Summit – Later this month, the DOT is set to unveil at a gathering in Milwaukee, a set of transportation issues/policies (in this new administration) including financing, economic impacts and modal components, including a key one of freight. The line-up includes a discussion of port initiatives as well. Also this month, Sheldon Johnson and I will be meeting with the new Secretary – Craig Thompson – to discuss a number of items important to MPOs and RPCs.

3. 2019-2022 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6

- Review for approval, *Dena Ryan*

**PROPOSED 2019-2022
SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT(S) AMENDMENT**



TIP AMENDMENT #6

Due to severe weather and flooding that occurred in June of 2018, repairs were made to segments of CTH K. Work included shoulder washout repairs and repairs for undermined/missing asphalt. The work activity has already been completed. A TIP number is being assigned to enable federal funds to be used to reimburse for roadway improvements as the roadway was originally mis-identified as a minor collector, where in fact the roadway is a major collector and qualifies for FHWA funding.

2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	CTH K	PE				
113-19-011	From CTH C (South Range) to East CTH B	ROW				
	Roadway repairs due to flooding	CONST	\$7.3			\$7.3
Amended to TIP in April 2019	8764-00-60					
		TOTAL	\$7.3			\$7.3

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com

4. SUSTAINABLE CHOICES 2045 – LRTP COMMITTEE MTG

- Review for approval, *Mike Wenholz*

Progress continues to be made in developing the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - *Sustainable Choices 2045*. MIC staff continue to conduct final data organization and analysis, summarize results, draft LRTP chapters, and prepare for consultations with municipalities and partners.

As a reminder, the Sustainable Choices 2045 (LRTP) Committee is the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Moving forward, through the September 2019 meeting, this LRTP Committee will meet as a segment of regular TAC meetings. The purpose of these LRTP Committee meetings is to share the most relevant and pertinent details of draft chapters of the LRTP to help



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prepare the TAC members to best be able to review them. It is also a time for MIC staff to receive input to assist in developing the LRTP. Time will be built into the meetings to allow for input and discussion, as well as potentially an occasional interactive activity, as appropriate.

To facilitate best use of our limited time and generate more useful discussion and input, please review before the meeting the materials provided in the packet you will receive from Mike Wenholz. In regard to the April meeting:

- Committee members can share comments and discuss the drafts of chapter 6 and Appendices F and G, that were provided to the Committee before the meeting.
- The “summary of key take-away points” of Chapter 6, and its relevance to the vision and goals, will be shared and discussed.
- A short interactive activity may be facilitated to generate ideas.

Time will allow for the Committee to ask questions and provide input.

5. I-35/BAYFRONT PROJECT UPDATE

- *Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka*

The project is moving forward to its conclusion. On March 1, Alliant Engineering consultant Nick VanGunst met with a large group of Bayfront- and DECC-area stakeholders. Meeting participants the data collected as well as the draft recommendations. We will give an overview of the short-and long- term management strategies, which include:

1. Improvements to wayfinding for alternate parking locations on Garfield Ave and Michigan Street
2. Improvements to pedestrian access across 5th Avenue W and skywalk and defined crossing points
3. Promotion of existing DTA bus services with connection to Skywalk
4. Improvements to signal timing at 5th Ave W off I-35
5. Remote parking and shuttle services
6. Communication strategies via websites and media notifications
7. Use of MnDOT’s Dynamic Message Signs
8. Preferred/reserved parking strategy, premium pricing

The fourth and last stakeholder meeting, to review and finalize the Plan’s recommendations, is scheduled for April 24th, prior to a public meeting about the plan to be held in Mid-May. Implementation can begin for events beginning Summer 2019.



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6. HARBOR UPDATE

- Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz

The Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) met on March 6. The agenda include the following:

- Harbor Planning Work Program
- Port Land Use Implementation updates
- Updates at the Duluth Seaway Port Authority
- Status and Overview of the Duluth Industrial Economy
- Assessment of Future Information Needed from MN AOC Sites
- St Louis Estuary AOC Work Planned for 2019
- Status Update on Environmental Windows
- MnDOT District 1 Freight Plan

Mike will share a few key details from the March HTAC meeting.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. PROJECT UPDATES

- Campus Connector Trail

The City of Duluth and the MIC conducted a walk-through of the entire proposed trail alignment and held the first stakeholder group meeting. This meeting provided an overview of the project, allowed for opportunities to answer questions and then followed with an extensive review of the initial trail alignment that been identified over the past years. Stakeholders marked on maps their areas of concern as well as alternative trail alignments. Following this stakeholder meeting, a public meeting, including the release of a survey, is in the works for late April.

- Bus, Bike, Walk Month

The month of May in the Twin Ports is Bus, Bike, Walk Month. Though this year the event has extended further into the months of April and June as well. This year's series of events include educational trainings and a variety of encouragement activities that are for people of all ages and abilities. With the Superior Active Transportation Plan about to get rolling, there is an expanded focus on Superior, including Bike to School day stations for students at the K-12 schools and UWS and a Superior Mayor's Bike Ride and Luncheon. For more info, check out the Bus Bike Walk 2019 flyer.