



## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
Douglas County Gov't Center, Rm 270  
Superior, WI

### MEETING NOTICE

#### Presentation: State of the Port

- Deb Deluca, Duluth Seaway Port Authority

#### Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 4.16.19
- Release for 30-day Public Comment Period: 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP – *Draft*
- 2019-2022 Duluth/Superior TIP Amendment

#### Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee
- Martin Rd Extension-Student Project
- 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](mailto:bpeterson@ardc.org) or 218-529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

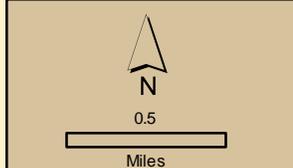
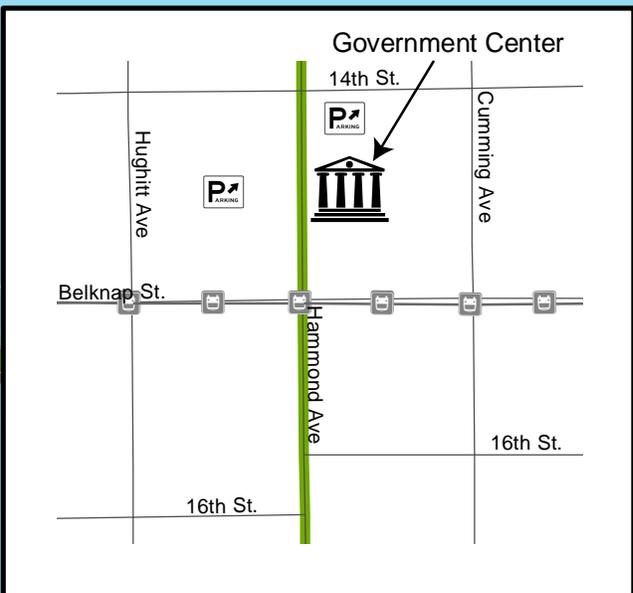
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**MEETING AGENDA**

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<p><b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b></p>	
<p><b>2. Committee Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 4.17.19 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report for Feb and March, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> </ul>	15 min
<p><b>3. Presentation: State of the Port</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Kate Ferguson, Duluth Seaway Port Authority</i></li> </ul>	25 min
<p><b>4. Draft 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve release for 30-day comment period, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	10 min
<p><b>5. HOLD for Duluth TIP Amendment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review for approval, <i>Name</i></li> </ul>	5 min
<p><b>6. Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Mike Wenholz</i></li> </ul>	25 min
<p><b>7. Martin Road Extension – Student Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	10 min
<p><b>8. Roundtable Discussion</b></p>	5 min
<p><b>9. Project Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campus Connector Trail Project</li> <li>Rice Lake Road Study</li> <li>BPAC Update</li> <li>Bus, Bike Walk Month – May 2019</li> <li>I-35/Bayfront Modeling Project</li> </ul>	5 min

*Next Meeting*  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Duluth International Airport  
Duluth, MN  
6:30 pm



# MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting

## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

\* = Approval Item

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 4.16.19
- MIC Director's Report

### 3. 2019-PRESENTATION: STATE OF THE PORT

- Kate Ferguson, Director of Trade and Business Development

### 4. DRAFT 2020-2023 DULUTH AREA TIP

- Review for approval, James Gittlemeier

MIC staff will present an overview and key changes to the four-year transportation improvement Draft 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP. The MIC Policy Board will be asked to release the TIP for a public comment period, set to run from May 19 through June 17.

### 5. 2019-2022 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #2 – CROSS CITY TRAIL

- Review for approval w/opportunity for public comment, James Gittlemeier

The City of Duluth is requesting an amendment to the Cross City Trail Project Phase 2 (118-090-018) and Phase 3 (118-090-019) for FY 2019. This amendment increases the total funding for Phase 2, removes Phase 3 from the TIP and moves Phase 3 federal funds to Phase 2. The reason for these changes is due to an increase in costs for Phase 2 including additional railroad requirements under the Ore Docks and a bridge widening along the trail. These changes are noted below.

RED text indicates proposed changes, deletions and/or additions from the original project listing.

Project	Description	Est. Length (Miles)	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
118-090-018 (STIP Seq #32) HPP Demo	Cross City Trail, Phase 2 Carlton Street to Irving Park.	2.42	2019	\$1,030,551 \$1,364,951	\$561,934 \$384,000	\$1,592,485 \$1,748,951
<del>118-090-019 (STIP Seq #33) HPP Demo</del>	<del>Cross City Trail, Phase 3 Kingsbury Creek (Zoo) to Munger Trail.</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>2019</del>	<del>\$334,400</del>	<del>\$200,000</del>	<del>\$534,400</del>



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#### 6. SUSTAINABLE CHOICES 2045 – LRTP COMMITTEE MTG

- *Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz*

Progress continues to be made in developing the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - *Sustainable Choices 2045*. MIC staff have facilitated jurisdictional consultations, and continue to conduct final data organization and analysis, summarize results, draft LRTP chapters, and prepare for stakeholder meetings. Mike will provide an update on the progress of work towards the completion of *Sustainable Choices 2045*.

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 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 Wenzholz. Regarding the May meeting:

- Suggested future transportation projects and ideas for further study that were shared at the jurisdictional consultations, and how they would address LRTP goals, will be shared and discussed.
- A short interactive activity may be facilitated to generate ideas.
- Time will allow for the Committee and Board members to ask questions and provide input.

A review of draft chapter 5 (MIC Area Multimodal Transportation Network) will NOT happen as scheduled. This review has been moved to the June meeting.

#### 7. MARTIN ROAD EXTENSION – UMD STUDENT PROJECT

- *Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier*

MIC staff will present the work of UMD Civil Engineering student, Jason Miller, who studied under Dr. Eil Kwon on the “Effects of a Martin Road Extension to the North Shore on the Traffic Distribution Patterns in Northeastern Duluth Area”. Key findings from the traffic model will be presented.

#### 8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

#### 9. PROJECT UPDATES

- **Campus Connector Trail**

The joint project between the MIC and the City of Duluth is progressing. Background data has been gathered, including field observations of the entire proposed trail alignment. A steering committee has been formed and held their first meeting and gave the okay to move forward with proposed trail alignments, with a few revisions and alternatives to consider. The first public meeting was held bringing forth the steering committees’ recommendations. Project staff are reviewing all comments, scheduling follow up meetings and releasing a public survey regarding the project.



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- **Rice Lake Rd Study**

A steering committee meeting was held to determine the scope of this project and next steps. The focus of the project is on the portion of Rice Lake Road from Airport Road to Beyer Road with a significant focus around Martin Road. This area has potential development that could impact the Rice Lake Road corridor and therefore this study will focus on both future land use and transportation impacts.

- **BPAC Update**

The BPAC met for their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting in May. The meeting focused on the MIC's Long Range Transportation Plan – Sustainable Choices 2045. A presentation with a discussion followed. The BPAC discussed future education workshops and activities for 2019, including leading a bike ride tour in the Twin Cities and following up discussion on intersection design and implementation steps. The BPAC weighed in on locations to conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts including the annual 12-hour counts taking place in September. The meeting concluded with updates on various bike and ped related projects.

- **Bus, Bike, Walk Month**

This year, the month-long event has expanded into April, through all of May, and into June. The annual Duluth Mayor's Bike Ride and Luncheon are part of National Bike to Work Day activities on Friday, May 17. There will also be a Superior Mayor's Bike Ride and Luncheon on Saturday June 8 and will coincide with the launch of the Superior Active Transportation Plan. Other activities include a Walk/Bike to School Day events across Duluth and Superior. For more information check out <https://zeitgeistarts.com/community/bbw/>.

- **I-35/Bayfront Modeling Project**

The project is moving forward to its conclusion. The fourth and last stakeholder meeting was held on April 24th to review and confirm the Plan's recommendations. The consultant, Alliant Engineering, will finalize and release the final plan this month, and a public meeting will be held on Wed, May 22 at 5:30 pm in the French River Room at the DECC.

Stakeholders at the 4/24 meeting expressed an interest in meeting a few more times to coordinate implementation of the Plan's recommendations, begin for events this summer through to the next winter holiday season. The MIC agreed to organize and facilitate the implementation meetings.