



## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, August 21st, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
UW Sea Grant Institute  
Superior, WI  
**MEETING NOTICE**

### Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 6.25.19
- 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP – *Draft*; Approve release for 30-day public comment period

### Item for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment

- 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #8 & 9

### Items for Presentation and Discussion

- BPAC Update
- 2020 MIC Area Work Program
- Campus Connector Trail Plan
- Sustainable Choices 2045 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](mailto:bpeterson@ardc.org) or 218-529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

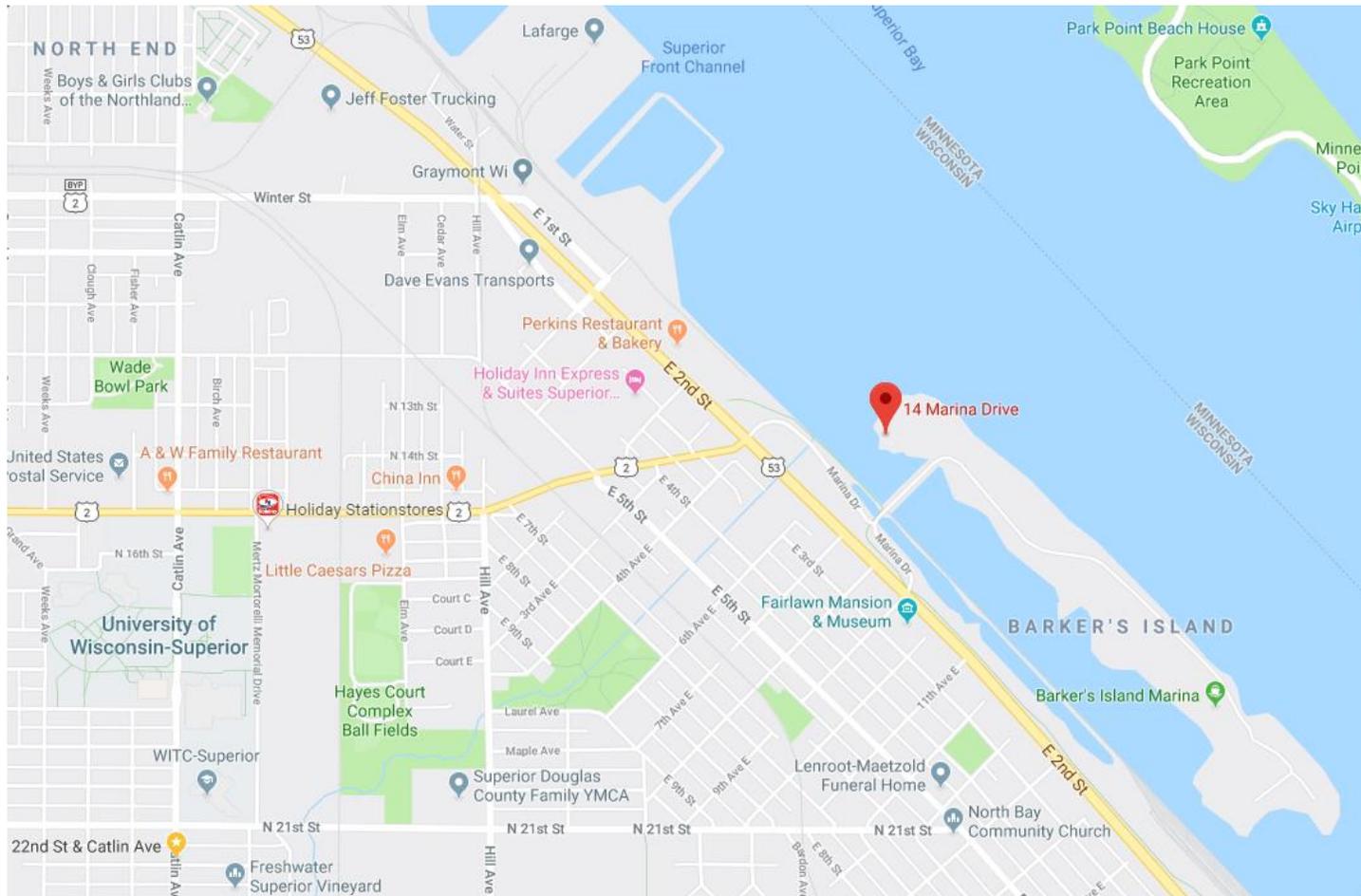
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#### Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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**Meeting Location:**

**UW Sea Grant Institute  
14 Marina Drive  
Superior, WI**

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## MEETING AGENDA

|  |        |
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| <b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b>  |        |
| <b>2. Committee Business</b>   | 5 min  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 6.25.19 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul>   |        |
| <b>3. Draft 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP</b>  | 10 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve release for 30-day comment period, Sheldon Johnson</li> </ul>   |        |
| <b>4. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #8 &amp; 9</b>   | 10 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, Sheldon Johnson</li> </ul>  |        |
| <b>5. BPAC Update</b>  | 10 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike Facilities Tour</li> <li>Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier</li> </ul>  |        |
| <b>6. 2020 MIC Area Work Program</b>   | 10 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, Sheldon Johnson</li> </ul>   |        |
| <b>7. Campus Connector Trail Plan</b>  | 5 min  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier</li> </ul>  |        |
| <b>8. Sustainable Choices 2045 Update</b>  | 10 min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz</li> </ul>   |        |
| <b>9. Roundtable Discussion</b>  | 5 min  |
| <b>10. Project Updates</b>   | 5 min  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Street Study</li> <li>Bayfront Project</li> <li>Erie Pier Management Plan Update</li> <li>Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Pedestrian Plan</li> </ul> |        |

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
Rice Lake City Hall  
Rice Lake, MN  
6:30 pm



## MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

August 21st, 2019 Meeting

### Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

\* = Approval Item

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

#### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 6.19.19
- MIC Director's Report (emailed under separate cover)

#### 3. 2020-2023 SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP will be considered for approval at the Sept meetings. Draft Plan is an attachment

#### 4. 2019-2022 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #8 & 9

- TIP Amendment #8

WisDOT has requested a TIP amendment for preliminary design work to begin for a planned Blatnik Bridge replacement project tentatively scheduled for 2028. WisDOT and MnDOT are equal partners on sharing in the cost of the bridge replacement, with MnDOT being the lead agency on the replacement project. Total preliminary design is \$9,000,000 with WisDOT responsible for half the project cost.

#### 2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description   |                    | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |         |       |         |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
|                                 |   |                    | Thousands                         |         |       |         |
|                                 |   |                    | Federal                           | State   | Local | Total   |
| WisDOT<br>113-19-013            | Superior - Duluth Blatnik Bridge (B16-0005-0001 to -0005)<br>Preliminary Design | PE<br>ROW<br>CONST |                                   | \$4,500 |       | \$4,500 |
| Amended to TIP in August 2019   | WisDOT Share to MnDOT 1199-00-07  | TOTAL              |                                   | \$4,500 |       | \$4,500 |

- TIP Amendment #9

WisDOT has requested a TIP amendment for repairs to roadway due to buckling from the USH2/USH 53 Interchange to Moccasin Mike Road. Total cost is \$64,000.



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#### 2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

| Jurisdiction and Project Number                               | Project Description   |                    | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources<br>Thousands |       |       |       |
|---|---|--------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|
|   |   |                    | Federal  | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT<br><br>113-19-014<br><br>Amended to TIP in August 2019 | USH2/USH53 Interchange to Moccasin Mike Rd. Repairs due to buckling | PE<br>ROW<br>CONST |  | \$64  |       | \$64  |
|   | 1198-00-64  | TOTAL              |  | \$64  |       | \$64  |

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at [sjohnson@nwrpc.com](mailto:sjohnson@nwrpc.com).

#### 5. BPAC UPDATE

The BPAC met in August at their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting to discuss a series of projects, including the Long Range Transportation Plan, a project review and discussion of the Lake Avenue Bridge over I-35 Reconditioning/ADA Project, the mini-workshops and educational activities for 2019, including the Bicycle Facility Design Fieldtrip to Minneapolis coming up on Friday September 13 and various project updates. MIC staff will review the Lake Avenue Bridge over I-35 project review and discussion, the upcoming Bike and Ped Counts and the Cross City Trail Detour project. Please note, that the Bike and Ped counts will be taking place on Wednesday September 11 from 6am to 6pm at 5 locations. If you would like to volunteer for a 2-hour shift or know someone who would, please contact James Gittemeier. Here are the 5 bike and ped count locations for 2019:

| Bike & Ped Count Location                                | City or Neighborhood | Reason  |
|--|----------------------|---|
| West Superior Street on 1900 block                       | Lincoln Park         | Pre CCT detour in 2020                        |
| East Superior Street at 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave East        | Congdon Park         | Data gap                                      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Street at Hill Ave                      | Superior             | Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> Street resurface in 2020 |
| Kenwood Ave at Niagara Street                            | Kenwood              | Data gap                                      |
| East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street at 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave East | East Hillside        | Post 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction    |



#### 6. 2020 MIC AREA WORK PROGRAM

Brief discussion on available Funds for 2020.

#### 7. CAMPUS CONNECTOR TRAIL PLAN

This trail plan is currently in the drafting and board and commission review stage. MIC staff will review this project, what has been learned, what recommendations are moving forward, and where it stands at this time. A proposed vision and alignment for this trail has been put together as well as locations of trail connections to the surrounding neighborhoods and schools and colleges as well as the projected costs for trail.

#### 8. SUSTAINABLE CHOICES 2045 UPDATE

Progress continues to be made in developing the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - *Sustainable Choices 2045*. MIC staff have finalized the draft plan for review, launched the 30-day public comment period for the plan, and have prepared for and facilitated one of two public open houses regarding the plan. Mike will provide an update on the progress of work towards the completion of *Sustainable Choices 2045*, including a summary of the first open house.

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 and comments received 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.

Regarding the August meeting:

- A few details of the draft final LRTP out for public comment will be shared and discussed.
- A summary of the first public open house will be provided.
- Time will allow for the Committee and Board members to ask questions and provide input.

#### 9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



## 10. PROJECT UPDATES

- First Street Study

The City of Duluth is conducting a study of 1st Street from Mesaba Avenue to 24th Avenue E. This street through Downtown and the East Hillside is a two-way street in some sections, and a one-way street in other sections. The directional changes lead to driver confusion and safety issues – for people in vehicles and people walking – along the corridor. This study began in the Spring, with data collections, continued in the Summer with data analysis and public meetings and a final report with cross section alternatives and a conceptual layout due out this Fall. Part of this study included the MIC's Travel Demand Model in order to develop traffic forecasts to determine how a two-way street will function, and what changes would be needed for a two-way street. MIC staff submitted formal comments on this project.

- Bayfront Project

The same group of stakeholders who assisted in developing the Plan expressed an interest and are now participating in a working group to implement the Plan's recommended strategies. The first meeting was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and facilitated by Barb Caskey, a planner with ARDC who has since left for a new job. The MIC will be working with the group to keep the momentum going with this project.

- Erie Pier Management Plan Update

Erie Pier is a confined disposal facility (CDF)/processing and reuse facility that receives and processes dredge material from the Duluth-Superior harbor. It is an important asset for the area port and shipping industry. The MIC facilitated the development of the Erie Pier Management Plan (EPMP), the goal of which was to outline the steps necessary to expand the beneficial reuse of dredged materials and revise management and processing of dredged materials to ensure that the need for another CDF would be avoided indefinitely. The plan was completed in 2007. Numerous MIC partners have asked that the EPMP be updated, and thus we will be starting the process of doing so, with an initial meeting expected later this year.

- Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan Update

The MIC is forming a steering committee to guide the planning process and policy recommendations for the Pedestrian Plan update. The MIC will review a list of potential committee members with the BPAC, TAC and MIC. This plan is scheduled to take a year to complete and is set to begin in September.