



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 1:30 pm

UW Sea Grant Institute

Superior, WI

Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Mark Casey	City of Proctor
	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	Kris Liljeblad	City of Duluth Planning
Committee Chair	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
	Shawna Mullen	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
<i>alternate</i>	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
<i>alternate</i>	Jana Kayser	Duluth Airport Authority
<i>alternate</i>	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
Committee Vice-Chair	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
Others Present		
	Jason DiPiazza	MSA
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Sheldon Johnson	NWRPC/MIC Deputy Director
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff	MnDOT Central Office
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Sr Planner



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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair John McDonald called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 6.18.19 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cari Pedersen/Jim Foldesi moved to approve the 6.18.19 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- Director's Report**

James Gittemeier & Sheldon Johnson shared the items on the Report handed out at the meeting since Ron Chicka was unable to attend since he was out of town.

3. Draft 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP

Sheldon Johnson quickly reviewed the 2 new projects for the 2020-2023 Superior TIP. One of the projects (113-20-003) was removed since it was already in the TIP. After describing the other project and showing the usual placeholders for Railroad projects.

Since there were no questions, he asked for any comments from anyone in attendance.

Hearing none Sheldon as for a motion to release the DRAFT 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP for the required 30-day public comment period.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Todd Janigo/David Bolf moved to approve the 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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4. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #8 & 9

Sheldon reviewed the 2 projects being amended:

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. Total preliminary design is \$9,000,000 with WisDOT responsible for half the project cost.

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.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Todd Janigo/Kate Ferguson moved to approve Amendments 8 & 9 to the 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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5. BPAC Update

James Gittemeier announced the date and locations of this years Bike and Ped counts (Sept 11, 2019, see table included in meeting materials).

He then discussed the upcoming Bike Facility Tour for engineers and the like who design the City of Duluth's roads. Chris Belden asked that those who attend watch how transit fits in these facilities.

Lake Ave over I-35 was suggested as a project for the BPAC to take a look at.

Maren Webb, MnDOT stated that MnDOT will be doing a pilot program looking at more direct access into the public spaces on either side of Lake at Superior.

6. 2020 MIC Area Work Program

Sheldon Johnson and James Gittemeier shared the upcoming Work Program which will be presented for approval in September. They briefly discussed that the MIC has some discretionary funds available for 2020 and 2021 for a couple of upcoming projects.

7. Campus Connector Trail Plan

James Gittemeier shared a description of each of the segments of the overall trail and some of the issues that are challenging.

8. Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee

Mike Wenholz described the work being done by MIC staff including the public meeting that have been held. He also shared the comments/changes that have been made by the jurisdictions and the public. MIC staff is working on these revisions and will have a draft to be presented at the October meetings for approval.

9. Roundtable Discussion

10. Project Updates (see meeting materials for details)

- First Street Study – Public mtg to be held on Oct 3rd at City Hall lead by the consultant. Parking ramp owners/representatives are voicing some push back.
- Bayfront Project
- Erie Pier Management Plan Update
- Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan Update

11. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 3:08 pm.