



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

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

MEETING NOTICE

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 8.21.19
- 2020/21 Duluth-Superior MIC Work Program
- Campus Connector Trail Plan

Item for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment

- 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #10-13

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Sustainable Choices 2045 Update
- Harbor Planning Update
 - September HTAC Mtg
- 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.

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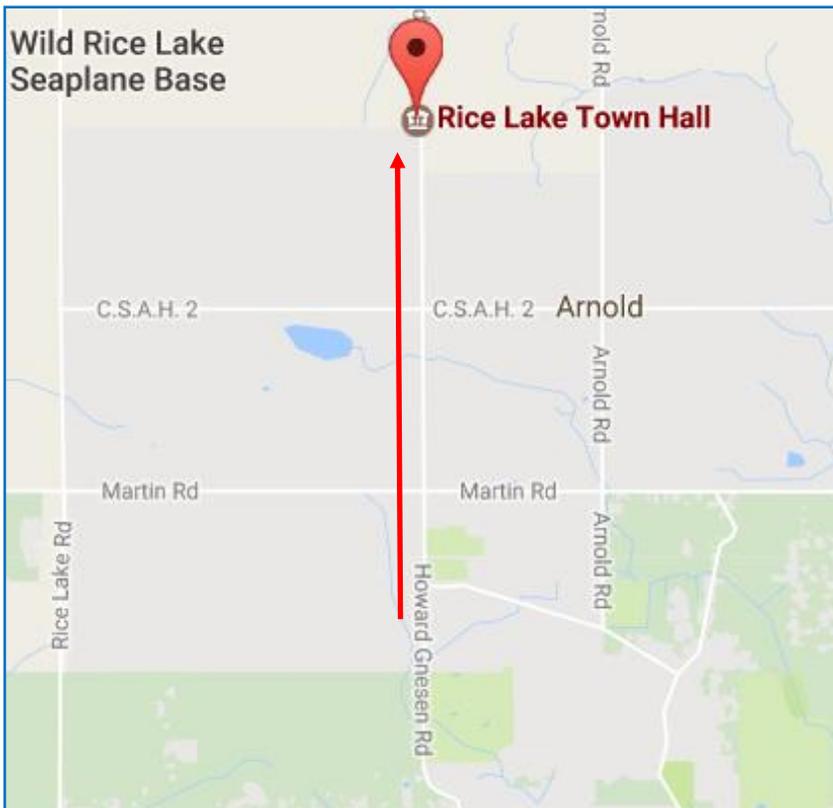
Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 8.21.19 (for Approval) Director's Report 	
3. 2020-21 Duluth-Superior MIC Work Program	15 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, Ron Chicka 	
4. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #10 - 13	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, Sheldon Johnson 	
5. Campus Connector Trail Plan	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, James Gittemeier 	
6. Sustainable Choices 2045 Update	30 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	
7. Harbor Planning Update	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September HTAC Meeting 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table 	5 min
8. Project Updates	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duluth – First Street Conversion Superior's Active Transportation Project Rice Lake Corridor Study 	

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Douglas Cnty Gov't Center
Superior, WI
6:30 pm



MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

Sept 18th, 2019 Meeting

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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW
2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - Meeting Summary of 8.21.19
 - MIC Director's Report (to be distributed at mtg)
3. 2020-2021 DULUTH-SUPERIOR WORK PROGRAM
(See in meeting attachments)
4. 2019-2022 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #10 & 13

- **TIP Amendment #10**

A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary engineering work for a future reconstruction project on CTH Z. This project will reconstruct (RECST) CTH Z, 1.76 miles, from Lyman Lake Road to the west ramps with USH 53. The existing roadway has 11' lanes with 0-2' gravel shoulders. The proposed typical section will reconstruct the roadway with 12' lanes and 4' gravel shoulders based on 3RC2 design criteria. The existing structure over Bear Creek will be removed and replaced with culverts pipes or a pre-cast box culvert. When construction occurs in the future, the roadway is planned to be closed to thru traffic during construction. Preliminary engineering is funded 100% by Douglas County.

- **2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County	CTH Z	PE			\$137	\$137
113-19-015	Lyman Lake Road to USH 2/53	ROW				
	Preliminary Design	CONST				
Amended to TIP in September 2019	8744-00-00	TOTAL			\$137	\$137

- **TIP Amendment #11**

A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary engineering work for a future reconstruction project on CTH C. This project will reconstruct (RECST) CTH C from the Minnesota State Line to CTH W/Barnes Road. The existing roadway has 11' lanes with 0-1' gravel shoulders. The proposed typical section will reconstruct the roadway with 12' lanes and 3' gravel shoulders based on 3RC1 design criteria. The intersection with CTH W will be realigned to have CTH C be the thru traffic. When construction occurs in the future, the roadway will be closed to thru traffic during construction. Preliminary engineering is funded 100% by Douglas County.



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- **2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County 113-19-016 Amended to TIP in September 2019	CTH C MN State Line to CTH W/Barnes Road Preliminary Design 3.58 miles 8758-00-02	PE ROW CONST TOTAL			\$137	\$137
					\$137	\$137

- **TIP Amendment #12**

A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary engineering work for a future reconstruction project on CTH C. This project will reconstruct (RECST) CTH C from Irondale Road to STH 35. The existing roadway has 11' lanes with 0-1' gravel shoulders. The proposed typical section will reconstruct the roadway with 12' lanes and 3' gravel shoulders based on 3RC1 design criteria. The horizontal curve on CTH C at Finn Road will be evaluated for improvement to the design speed. When construction occurs in the future, the roadway will be closed to thru traffic during construction. Preliminary engineering is funded 100% by Douglas County.

- **2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County 113-19-017 Amended to TIP in September 2019	CTH C Irondale Road to STH 35 Preliminary Design 3.64 miles 8758-00-03	PE ROW CONST TOTAL			\$137	\$137
					\$137	\$137

- **TIP Amendment #13**

A TIP amendment has been requested for slope repairs on STH 13. Work on the proposed project will be performed by Douglas County Highway Department and will be completed no later than October 31, 2019.



- **2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	STH 13	PE		\$74.9		\$74.9
113-19-018	Sleepy Valley Loop to CTH D	ROW				
	Slope Repairs	CONST				
Amended to TIP in September 2019	8510-00-61	TOTAL		\$74.9		\$74.9

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

5. CAMPUS CONNECTOR TRAIL PLAN

This trail plan is a culmination of 10-plus years of planning, around what was then called the “Lowell to Lakewalk Trail”. This trail will provide connection to numerous educational institutions (K-12 as well as colleges) as well as creating a new active transportation corridor that does not presently exist for any mode. The draft plan documents this history, the planning process for this trail plan, a vision and a set of principles to guide the trail development. This plan recommends a preferred trail alignment with alternative and interim alignments and types based on limiting factors with a few particular sections. The plan includes costs and potential timeframe for construction for various segments. The City of Duluth Parks Commission and the MIC (the two lead parties for this plan) are being asked to sign-off on the plan before final approvals with the Duluth City Council.

6. 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 and received comments during the 30-day public comment period for the plan, which has ended. Mike will provide an update on the progress of work towards the completion of *Sustainable Choices 2045*, including a summary of the key points and issues.

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.



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7. HARBOR PLANNING

- September HTAC Meeting

The MIC facilitated the quarterly HTAC meeting on September 4. Mike will provide a summary of the meeting, including a few key take-aways from the presentations and discussion.

8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

9. PROJECT UPDATES

- Duluth - 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. The western portion (Lincoln Park Neighborhood) of First Street from 22nd Ave West to 30th Ave West is moving forward with one-way to two-conversion. The eastern portion, Mesaba Ave to 24th Ave East, is more complicated and is continuing to undergo study.

- Superior's Active Transportation Project

The MIC is assisting the City of Superior with the development of an Active Transportation Plan. The plan is in the Vision and goals setting process. In addition, a review of the existing conditions is taking place. The next steps are building a Network Selection Framework and a Segment Prioritization Framework.

- Rice Lake Commercial Corridor Study

The City of Rice Lake, St. Louis County and the MIC are leading a corridor study that is taking a long-range view of the future needs, transportation and land use, along Rice Lake Road/County Highway 4. The primary commercial growth area for the City of Rice Lake is along Rice Lake Road, particularly between Ridgeview Road and Tischer Road. Development has already begun at Martin Road and improvements to this intersection will be included, as well as Calvary Road. The goal of this plan is to have a set of recommended roadway improvements, controlled access points, land use forecast and a concept of a local street network in the commercial area. A public meeting is preliminarily set for October, with a general public survey currently under development.