



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 at 1:30 pm**

WisDOT/Lake Superior Rm  
Superior, WI

**MEETING NOTICE**

**Items for Approval:**

- Meeting Summary of 9.17.19
- Adopting 2020 WisDOT Safety Performance Measures
- Campus Connector Trail Plan

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

- 2020-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan - Final – *Sustainable 2045*
- 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP - Final

**Items for Presentation and Discussion**

- 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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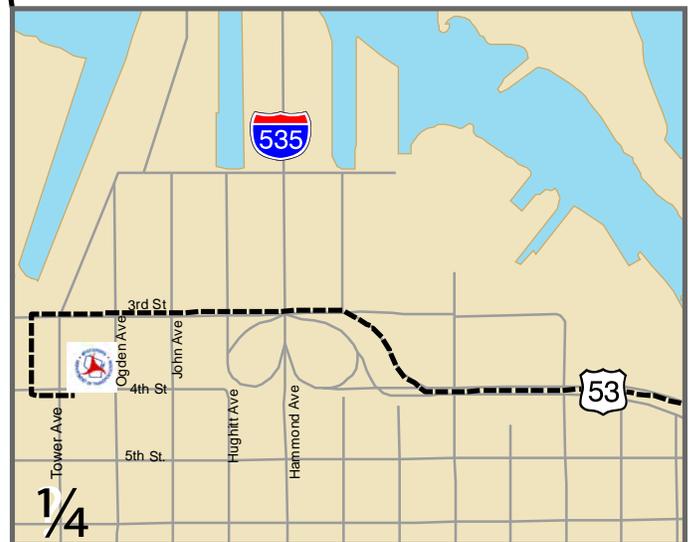
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**1701 N 4th St**  
**Superior, WI**



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**TRANSPORTATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(TAC)**

**MEMBERS**

**Airport**

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**City of Hermantown**

David Bolf

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(alternate)

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**City of Superior**

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Jason Serck

(alternate)

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**Duluth Transit Authority**

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(alternate)

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John McDonald, *Chair*

Maren Webb

(alternate)

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**St. Louis County**

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Matt Hemmila

(alternate)

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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

**Transportation Advisory Committee**

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WisDOT/Lake Superior Room

Superior, WI

**MEETING AGENDA**

<b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b>	
<b>2. Committee Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Summary of 9.17.19 (for Approval)</li> <li>• Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twin Ports Freight Showcase</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>5 min 15 min</p>
<b>3. 2020-2045 MIC Long Range Transportation Plan – Final Sustainable Choices 2045</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, Mike Wenholz</li> </ul>	<p>10 min</p>
<b>4. 2020 WisDOT Safety Performance Measures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review for Approval, Sheldon Johnson</li> </ul>	<p>5 min</p>
<b>5. 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP - Final</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, Sheldon Johnson</li> </ul>	<p>10 min</p>
<b>6. Campus Connector Trail Plan - Final</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review for Approval, James Gittemeier</li> </ul>	<p>10 min</p>
<b>7. Round Table</b>	
	<p>5 min</p>
<b>8. Project Updates</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 Duluth Area TIP – Project Solicitation</li> </ul>	<p>5 min</p>

*No meeting in November*

*Next Meeting*

**Tuesday, December 10th, 2019**

**Proctor City Hall**

**Community Room**

**Duluth, MN**

**1:30 pm**



**Happy Halloween**





## TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

October 15, 2019 Meeting

### Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

\* = Approval Item

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

#### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 9.17.19
- MIC Director's Report
  - Twin Ports Freight Showcase  
(to follow tomorrow)

#### 3. 2020-2045 MIC LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – SUSTAINABLE CHOICES 2045 - FINAL

MIC staff have completed the Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - *Sustainable Choices 2045*. Comments received during the 30-day public comment period for the plan and from primary agency stakeholders have been addressed, and final revisions to the plan have been made. Mike will provide a summary of substantial revisions and ask for the plan to be approved.

#### 4. 2020 WISDOT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

As per federal law, each MPO must adopt at least 5 safety performance measure targets by a given deadline. The MPO has the option to simply adopt and use safety performance measure targets adopted by the state or develop their own safety performance measure targets. The MIC has chosen to simply adopt the 5 safety performance measure targets set by the State of Minnesota (MnDOT) and now, the State of Wisconsin (WisDOT). WisDOT received approval regarding the safety performance measure targets they generated. Their calendar year 2020 targets are:

Measure	2019 Target	2020 Target
Number of Traffic Fatalities	555.7	564.7
Rate of Traffic Fatalities	0.915 per 100 million VMT ( <i>Vehicle Miles Traveled</i> )	0.888 per 100 million VMT ( <i>Vehicle Miles Traveled</i> )
Number of Serious Injuries	2,967.6	2,907.0
Rate of Serious Injuries	4.785/100 Million VMT ( <i>Vehicle Miles Traveled</i> )	4.585 per 100 Million VMT ( <i>Vehicle Miles Traveled</i> )
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	342.0	344.7

The MIC proposes to adopt the new target values. Thus, we are bringing the values to the TAC to be familiar with, and the MIC Board for adoption. The MIC will be required to report on these targets annually. How this is to be done has not been determined and is part of ongoing discussion and training between MnDOT, WisDOT and the MPOs.

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



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#### 5. 2020-2023 SUPERIOR AREA TIP - FINAL

The 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP is to be considered for approval at the October meetings. Some minor editing to the plan narrative was completed to align with changes and additions. The completed TIP is attached.

#### 6. CAMPUS CONNECTOR TRAIL PLAN - FINAL

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.

#### 7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

#### 8. PROJECT UPDATES

- 2024 Duluth Area TIP – Project Solicitation

The next round of project solicitation for federal transportation funding for the Minnesota side of the MIC Area begins in November. Project solicitation begins Monday November 18, 2019 and closes Friday January 3, 2020, following the same timeline as the ATIP and Transportation Alternatives (TA) process. Projects submitted will be reviewed in February and run through the MIC’s project prioritization process in March. In May, the Draft 2021-2024 Duluth Urban Area will be released with final approval scheduled for June.



## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 1:30 pm

Hampton Inn

Duluth, MN

## Meeting Summary

<b>Note Taker(s)</b>	Barb Peterson	
<b>Members Present</b>		
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior-Public Works
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	Kris Liljeblad	City of Duluth Planning
<b>Committee Chair</b>	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
<i>alternate</i>	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
<i>alternate</i>	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
<b>Members Absent</b>		* Excused Absence
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Mark Casey	City of Proctor
	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
<i>alternate</i>	Jana Kayser	Duluth Airport Authority
	Shawna Mullen	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
<b>Committee Vice-Chair</b>	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
<i>alternate</i>	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
<b>Others Present</b>		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	John Eloranta	Congressman P Stauber Representative
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Sr Planner



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### Meeting Summary

#### 1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair John McDonald called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

#### 2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 8.20.19 (for Approval)

Maren Webb noted that there was an error in the BPAC update and she will send the correct information.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Jim Foldesi/Tom Werner moved to approve the 8.20.19 meeting summary with the noted change. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Director's Report**

Ron Chicka reminded everyone of the Twin Ports Freight Showcase on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. Many informative sessions; see agenda and preregister.

He also mentioned that he is actively involved in the DLH Airport Master Plan committee.

Also reminded everyone of the ARDC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 24<sup>th</sup>. All committee members are invited.

#### 3. Campus Connector Trail Plan

James Gittemeier explained that this has been a joint effort between the City of Duluth and the MIC. The City of Duluth was the lead. He also explained that the City was asking that the MIC Policy Board give its approval of the Plan after the Parks & Rec had done so. Since the Parks & Rec committee ran out of time at their current meeting this approval will be postponed until the October MIC meeting.

James then shared the history of this project which came out of the recommendations from the 2006 Rice Lake Rd Corridor Study. He then explained how this proposed project had been divided into 6 sections and how parts of the project will be included in the upcoming street preservation and reconstruction projections. James included in this discussion some of the barriers/issues with parts of the projects.

#### 4. Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee

Mike Wenzholz gave a brief summary of the work that is currently going on; the public comment period is ended and now the MIC staff will be working on finishing up this tedious task in order to present it for approval at the October TAC & MIC meetings.



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### **Meeting Summary**

#### **5. Harbor Planning Update**

Mike Wenholtz announced that Ed Anderson had volunteered to be the Vice-Chair of the Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC). Mike continued to quickly review the agenda items of the September HTAC meeting.

#### **6. Roundtable Discussion**

##### **7. Project Updates (see meeting materials for details)**

- Duluth – First Street Conversion
- Superior’s Active Transportation Project
- Rice Lake Corridor Study
- Pedestrian Plan Update

**8. Adjourn:** With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.