



## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 1:30 pm

WisDOT/Lake Superior Rm

Superior, WI

## 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
<b>Committee Vice-Chair</b>	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	Kris Liljebblad	City of Duluth Planning
	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
	Shawna Mullen	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
<i>alternate</i>	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
<b>Members Absent</b>		* Excused Absence
<i>alternate</i>	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Jason Jackman*	Douglas County
<i>alternate</i>	Jana Kayser	Duluth Airport Authority
	Cari Pedersen*	City of Duluth
<i>alternate</i>	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Cindy Voigt*	City of Duluth Engineering
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
	vacant	City of Proctor
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
<b>Others Present</b>		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Dan Anderson	MIC Intern
	Austin Dogen	MnDOT Intern
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner



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#### 1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair John McDonald called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

#### 2. "Passing of the Gavel" from John McDonald to Dena Ryan

John then passed the gavel to Dena Ryan, new Committee Chair who then took over the meeting.

Discussion began concerning a new Vice-Chair – Kate Ferguson volunteered.

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Todd Janigo/Karl Schuettler moved to approve Kate Ferguson as the 2019 Vice-Chair for the committee. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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#### 3. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 12.10.19 (for Approval)

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Jim Foldesi/Chris Carlson moved to approve the 12.10.19 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Director's Report**

Ron Chicka reported that the MIC is doing some research into locations of lighted/flashing speed indicator signs and the protocol of these sign placements.

He also shared that a meeting is set for later in January with the consultant and each of the DOTs to review the study of the Blatnik/Bong Bridge Traffic/Freight Modeling Study. The results of this meeting will be provided at the February meeting.

Ron will also be included as the MnDOT Freight Advisory Committee reconvenes sometime in February to discuss the next steps on an investment approach for further federal dollars dedicated toward infrastructure improvements to aid goods movement in the state.

#### 4. 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Amendments #1-3

Dena Ryan briefly reviewed the 3 projects which are:

- STH 35/Tower Ave: Belknap St to 64<sup>th</sup> St
  - \$126,000 Preliminary Design (2020)
- USH 53/E 2<sup>nd</sup> St: Belknap St to Blatnik Bridge
  - \$130,000 Preliminary Design (2020)
- STH 105: MN State Line to STH 35
  - \$112,500 Preliminary Design (2020)



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Dena then asked for any public comments or questions. Hearing none she asked for a motion:

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Todd Janigo/David Bolf moved to approve Amendments 1 – 3 to the 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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#### 5. 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #7 & 8

James reviewed several DTA capital projects that are included in Amendment #7 and the purchase of the DTA of 3 UDAC buses.

He asked if there were any comments or questions.

With no comments or questions James asked for a motion

<b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b>	Maren Webb/Phil Pumphrey moved to approve Amendments 7 & 8 to the 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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#### 6. Harbor Planning Update

Mike Wenholtz shared that the Dredging subcommittee met to discuss an upcoming crisis that may occur now that Erie Pier almost full to capacity and many projects that use the dredge material are coming to an end. More discussion are needed to find a more economical way to get the material from Erie Pier to construction sites; currently the costs are prohibitive.

Mike then gave a brief summary of the topics from the December HTAC meeting.

#### 7. 2024 TIP Project Submissions

James Gittemeier mentioned that there were only 2 projects submitted and the details will be discussed in February.

#### 8. Sustainable Choices 2045 Implementation Team Discussion

Since the TAC members were the advisory committee during the process of compiling and writing the LRTP, Mike Wenholtz started a discussion as to who the Implementation Team may consist of and when/how often they would like to meet. He shared that this process of implementation shouldn't take very long to review and determine the who and what the steps would be to address the recommendations. More details to come.



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### 9. Area Wide Pedestrian Plan Update

James Gittemeier began by reviewing the “Scope of Work” that was approved earlier and that the goal of the plan was to set a framework for making walking and rolling safe, convenient and desirable. He then discussed the key activities and stated that MIC staff is currently gathering the input. This input includes reviewing the recommendations made in the 1999 Plan. He showed examples of some of the traffic calming infrastructure that can be used for safety.

James then concluded by asking the members to share a pedestrian related issue that they would like to see this Duluth-Superior Pedestrian Plan address.

### 10. Round Table

### 11. Project Updates (see meeting materials for details)

- Airport Master Plan Update, *Mike Wenholz*
- Administrative Modifications #2 & 3, *James Gittemeier*
- MIC Requests for Proposals (RFPs), *Rondi Watson*
- Truck Route Study Implementation, *Mike Wenholz*
- Highway Rail Grade Crossing Project Concurrence, *James Gittemeier*

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