



**Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Policy Board**

Wednesday, January 15th, 2019 1:30 pm
Douglas Cnty Gov't Center
Superior, WI
Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Warren Bender	Superior Common Council
(alternate)	Jake Benson	City of Proctor
MN Co-Chair	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Pete Clark	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Zack Filipovich	Duluth City Council
(alternate)	Ed Gleeson	DTA
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Keith Musolf	St Louis County Commissioner
	Dan Olson	Superior Common Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Jenny VanSickle	Superior Common Council
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
	Jim Filby Williams	City of Duluth
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Tom Szukis*	DTA
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner



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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 12.11.19 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Warren Bender moved to approve the 12.11.19 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Ron Chicka-Annual Review**

Nick Baker spoke briefly that he had spoken to Ron about the comments and scoring of his review. He then passed it on to the ARDC Board/Commission. He added that Ron will be staying around another year.

- **Election of new MN Co-Chair**

Jim Filby Williams reported that he had spoken to the MN MIC members and they all endorsed Wayne Boucher as the MN Co-Chair of the MIC Policy Board. Wayne had expressed an interest in volunteering for the position. He asked for any comments or questions; hearing none he made a motion to elect Wayne Boucher as the MN Co-Chair.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Filby Williams/Bob Quade moved to approve Wayne Boucher as the MN Co-Chair of the MIC Policy Board. 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.



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

Sheldon Johnson briefly reviewed the 3 projects which are:

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

Sheldon then asked for any public comments or questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion:

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Sam Pomush moved to approve Amendments 1 – 3 to the 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
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4. 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #7 & 8

James Gittemeier reviewed several DTA capital projects that are included in Amendment #7 and Amendment #8 is the DTA purchase of 3 UDAC buses.

He asked if there were any comments or questions.

With no comments or questions James asked for a motion

Motion Discussion and Vote	Ed Anderson/Ed Gleeson moved to approve Amendments 7 & 8 to the 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
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5. Harbor Planning Update

Mike Wenholz 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 discussions 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.

6. 2024 TIP Project Submissions

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



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7. Sustainable Choices 2045 Implementation Team Discussion

Mike Wenholz shared the highlights of the discussion as to who the Implementation Team may consist of and when/how often they would like to meet. He described the process of implementation shouldn't take very long to review and determine the who and what the steps might be to address the recommendations. More details to come.

8. 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.

9. Round Table

10. 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*

11. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.