



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 1:30 pm
Holiday Inn Downtown
Duluth, MN
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
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
	Janet Kennedy	Duluth City Council
	Dan Olson	Superior Common Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Tom Szukis	DTA
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Warren Bender	Superior Common Council
(alternate)	Jake Benson	City of Proctor
(alternate)	Ed Gleeson	DTA
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Keith Musolf	St Louis County Commissioner
	Jenny VanSickle	Superior Common Council
	Jim Filby Williams	City of Duluth
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Mike Wenzholz	MIC Senior Planner



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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair Wayne Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 1.15.20 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Zack Filipovich moved to approve the 1.15.20 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Director's Report**

Ron Chicka announced that John McDonald was retiring as of March 3rd. A new representative from MnDOT Dist 1 should be forthcoming.

Ron also highlighted the 2020 Census flyer handed out to everyone.

Ron also shared that both MnDOT & WisDOT have contacted our consultant L(SRF) to run further scenarios concerning the Blatnik and Bong Bridges. This will be covered later during the meeting.

3. Administrative Amendment to 2020-2021 UPWP

Ron Chicka explained that the following text is being added as a "Major Work Activity" to the Transit page (#14) of the 2020-2021 UPWP. There is no change in the original budget amounts.

- *Comprehensive Operations Analysis– The DTA/City of Superior is undertaking a comprehensive transit operational analysis and service design recommendations study utilizing FTA 5304 and 5307 funding.*

There was no discussion, so a motion was requested:

Motion Discussion and Vote	Broc Allen/Ed Anderson moved to approve the addition of "Comprehensive Operations Analysis – The DTA/City of Superior is undertaking a comprehensive transit operational analysis and service design recommendations study utilizing FTA 5304 and 5307 funding" bullet point to the 2020-2021 UPWP Transit Section. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. Bridge Scenario Closure Modeling

Ron Chicka and Mike Wenzholz shared the highlights of a meeting they attended where our consultant (SRF) gave a presentation and led a discussion on the highlights of the recently completed Freight Bridge Model closure alternatives. The modeling looked at both closures of the Blatnik Bridge and the Bong Bridge. The only scenario that led to an anticipated failing level of service was reducing capacity to a single lane in each direction on the Blatnik Bridge. Single direction or full closure of the Blatnik maintained adequate capacity without overloading the Bong Bridge. The model also estimates miles traveled, time traveled, and user costs for both autos and trucks for each scenario modeled. The full closure of the Blatnik is estimated to have the highest user costs. Attendees at the meeting, including MnDOT, WisDOT, the City of Superior, and the City of Duluth, found the model useful and see it as a valuable tool for determining the most viable plans for future Blatnik Bridge work, as well as other uses such as considering user time, miles, and costs of specific closures associated with the Twin Ports Interchange project.

5. Bike & Ped Planning Update

James Gittemeier reviewed the topics discussed at the quarterly meeting of the BPAC at their Feb meeting. The topics included:

- Development of the Pedestrian Plan
- Prioritization tasks of the Bikeways Plan
- Transportation Alternatives Program
- Project updates including Educational Workshops for 2020, the Superior Active Transportation Plan, the Lakewalk – Brighton Beach Project
- Update on the various projects on the Cross City Trail

6. Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan Update

James shared that at last month's TAC and MIC Policy Board meeting as well as the BPAC meeting a couple of weeks ago he had tasked the membership to share an issue that they felt was necessary to be reviewed and addressed in the Pedestrian Plan. He reviewed the responses and asked if there were any others that should be considered.

He is working on the stakeholder list and will be inviting them to a meeting to be scheduled soon.

7. Round Table

Ed Anderson asked if there were any more details on the upcoming Lake Ave Bridge Project. James Gittemeier stated that he would track down that info and get back to Ed.

8. Project Updates

- [Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications \(#8, 9 & 10\)](#)

James Gittemeier gave a very brief explanation of the changes that were available in the meeting packet.



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- Proctor Transportation Plan
- Travel Demand RFP
- Truck Route Study Implementation
- HTAC Subcommittees

9. Adjourn

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Boucher adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.