Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 1:30 pm

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Meeting Summary

=Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior-Public Works
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis Cnty
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
alternate	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
Committee Chair	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
alternate	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
Committee Vice-Chair	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
alternate	Matt Hemmila	St. Louis County
	Mike Kalnbach	MnDOT Dist 1
alternate	Jana Kayser	Duluth Airport Authority
	Kris Liljeblad	City of Duluth Planning
alternate	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
alternate	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Cindy Voigt*	City of Duluth Engineering
	vacant	City of Proctor
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Dan Anderson	
	Carol Andrews	St Louis Cnty/BPAC
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Jason DiPiazza	MSA
	John Eloranta	Representative for Congress Pete Stauber
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Sheldon Johnson	NWRPC/MIC Deputy Director
	Megan Neeck	MnDOT Central Office
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff`	FHWA
	Voni Vegar	MnDOT Office of Transit & Active Transportation
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner

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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair Dena Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 3.17.20 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Maren Webb moved to approve the 3.17.20meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Director's Report**

  Ron Chicka reviewed the items included in the meeting materials.

- **Opportunity for Public Comment was provided:**

  There were no comments

3. 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP Draft–Approval for Release for the 30 day Public Comment Period

James Gittemeier briefly reviewed the timeline noting that the TIP process is nearing the end. There are some upcoming opportunities for public comment before being presented for final approval in June. James asked that the jurisdictions review the document to make sure projects are reflected correctly. He then asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to be called for approval to release the Draft for the 30 day public comment period.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Tom Werner moved to approve the release of the Draft 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.

4. 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Amendment #4

Sheldon Johnson gave a brief explanation that this amendment covers the preliminary design process in 2023 for the upcoming road rehab project currently scheduled in 2024 on Hammond Ave from N 21st to 28th. Details on page .

Motion Discussion and Vote	Todd Janigo/Jason Jackman moved to approve the 2021-2023 Superior Area TIP Amendment #4. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.

5. 2020 Erie Pier Management Plan Rewrite

Mike Wenholz briefly described that this is not a update but a total rewrite. The 2007 Erie Pier Management Plan called for a shift from a disposal mindset to that of a beneficial use of dredged material. Data indicates this shift has occurred and continues. Data also indicates the cost of dredging has significantly increased. Finally, Erie Pier has long outlived its original estimated lifetime, and has accepted over 3 times the original design capacity of the facility. This is due to both changes in the processing and handling at Erie Pier and the increase in beneficial use eliminating the need for significant volumes of dredged material to be brought to Erie Pier.

6. Proctor Transportation Plan Update

James Gittemeier summarized the work the consulting firm, Bolton & Menk and MIC staff have conducted on the Proctor Transportation Plan. Work began in late March which included the initial tasks of reviewing recent planning initiatives and summarizing the public input in a Plan review technical memo. The consultant has also designed a website for the Plan, reviewed existing conditions and developing planning-level maps of the existing transportation system. With input from MIC staff, they have identified potential members of the Plan steering committee.

Upcoming tasks include obtaining aerial imagery of selected corridors as the foundation for animated visualizations of the corridor and holding the initial steering committee meeting.

7. Round Table

Opportunity for public comment:

No one spoke up

8. Project Updates –

- *2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #12-15 (see attached pages)*
- *2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Administrative Modification #2 & 3 (see attached pages*
- *Metro Area Pedestrian Plan*
- *Bike & Ped Planning Update*

9. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.

Attachments:

- **2021-2024 Draft Duluth Area TIP** can be found here: 2021-2024 DRAFT Duluth Area TIP

- **Proposed 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program Project(S) Amendment**

  TIP Amendment #4
  A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary design work for future rehabilitation of Hammond Avenue from N 21st Street to N 28th Street. Anticipated future roadway rehabilitation will include removal of all pavement surfaces, placement of base and subbase materials, installation of subbase drainage, and installation of hot mix asphalt surface. Preliminary design is scheduled to begin in 2023. Construction is scheduled outside the current TIP program for 2024.

2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
City of Superior 113-20-009 Amended to TIP in May 2020	Hammond Avenue N 21st St. to N 28th St. Preliminary Design	PE ROW CONST TOTAL			$313 $313	$313 $313

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

- **2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications (#12-15)**

  Administrative Modification #12 – 13

  The MIC has approved the $75,000 increase in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) federal funding for two (2) programmed 2020 projects in the Duluth Area TIP. The federal funding increase is due to the dropping of a 2020 Carlton County TAP project.

  - 118-090-024 – increasing the federal funding by an amount by $75,000. The scope of the project has remained the same.
  - 069-060-002 – increasing the federal funding by an amount of $75,000. The scope of the project has remained the same.

  See table below for additional project details. Project changes and/or additions are in **RED**.

Admin Mod #	Project # Jurisdiction	Project Description	Year	Federal	State	Local	Total
12	118-090-024 Duluth	Multi-use trail constructed from Brighton Beach Blvd/end of the Lakewalk to Congdon Blvd (North Shore Scenic Drive).	2020	~~$300,000~~ $375,000 (TAP) $43,964 (STP)	$0	$350,283	~~$694,247~~ $769,247
13	069-060-002 St. Louis County	French River Wayside Rehabilitation	2020	~~$480,000~~ $555,000	$0	$2,985,433	~~$3,465,433~~ $3,540,433

Administrative Modification #14 – 15

The MIC has approved an increase in HSIP funding for two (2) programmed 2020 projects in the Duluth Area TIP. The HSIP funding increase is due to the dropping of a St. Louis County HSIP centerline rumbling striping project due to concerns with water pooling on the centerlines and causing pavement deterioration prematurely. The funding for this project will be redistributed towards two High Friction Surface Treatment projects already programmed and will allow for one additional high-risk curve to be treated.

- 069-070-035 – increasing the HSIP funding by an amount by $67,000. The scope of the project has remained the same.
- 069-070-036 – increasing the HSIP funding by an amount of $185,000. The scope of the project has remained the same.

Admin Mod #	Project # Jurisdiction	Description	Year	Federal $	Local $	Total $
14	069-070-035 St. Louis County	St Louis Countywide, various locations, install high friction surface treatment for high risk, low volume curves	2020	~~333,000~~ 400,000	~~139,479~~ 72,479	~~472,479~~ 479,479
15	069-070-036 St. Louis County	St Louis Countywide, various locations, install high friction surface treatment for high risk, low volume curves	2020	~~288,000~~ 473,000	~~142,519~~ 70,671	~~430,519~~ 543,671

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact James Gittemeier by email at jgittemeier@ardc.org or by phone at (218) 529-7556.

➢ 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Administrative Modification #2 & 3

Administrative Modification #2

WisDOT has requested an Administrative Modification to project 113-19-013 found in the 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. The proposed modification provides for WisDOT staff review and administration associated with project preliminary design of the St. Louis River Bridge (Blatnik). Funds associated with this project are state dollars. Based on the adopted MIC Public Involvement Plan, the proposed modification conforms to administrative modification guidelines.

WisDOT 113-19-013: Add funding to provide for WisDOT staff review and administration associated with project preliminary design of the St. Louis River Bridge (Blatnik Bridge). WisDOT to provide an additional $200,000 in state funds as identified in 1199-00-08. As a result, the project was originally programed at $4,500,000 and with this modification will be programed at $4,700,000.

2020 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-19-013 Administrative Modification #2	Superior-Duluth Blatnik Bridge (B16-001-005) PE 1199-00-07 (WisDOT share to MnDOT $4,500,000) 1199-00-08 (WisDOT $200,000)	PE ROW CONST TOTAL		4,700 4,700		4,700 4,700

Administrative Modification #3

WisDOT has requested an Administrative Modification to project 113-17-018 found in the 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. The proposed modification provides mitigation payments to the Duluth Transit Authority for additional transit services during reconstruction work along East Second Street between 29th Avenue East to 53rd Avenue East. Funds associated with this project are state dollars. Based on the adopted MIC Public Involvement Plan, the proposed modification conforms to administrative modification guidelines.

WisDOT 113-17-018: Add funding to supplement the Duluth Transit Authority for additional transit services resulting from the reconstruction project. WisDOT to provide an additional $255,000 in state funds. As a result, the project was originally programed at $6,100,000 and with this modification will be programed at $6,355,000.

2021 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-17-018	USH 2/USH 53 29th Ave E – 53rd Ave E 1198-03-78 (Const)	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	4,880 4,880	1,475 1,475		6,355 6,355

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