



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
 Policy Board  
 Wednesday, May 20th, 2020 1:30 pm  
 Virtual MS Teams Meeting  
**Meeting Summary**

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| <b>Note Taker</b>     | Barb Peterson          |                                     |
|                       | <b>Members Present</b> |                                     |
|                       | 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             |
| MN Co-Chair           | Wayne Boucher          | City of Hermantown                  |
|                       | Earl Elde              | St. Louis County Suburban Townships |
|                       | Zack Filipovich        | Duluth City Council                 |
|                       | Adam Fulton            | City of Duluth (Replaced JFW)       |
|                       | Janet Kennedy          | Duluth City Council                 |
|                       | Sam Pomush             | Douglas County Board of Supervisors |
|                       | Bob Quade              | City of Rice Lake                   |
|                       | Tom Szukis             | DTA                                 |
|                       | Jenny VanSickle        | Superior City Council               |
|                       | Chad Ward              | City of Proctor                     |
|                       | <b>Members Absent</b>  | <b>* Excused Absence</b>            |
|                       | Pete Clark             | Douglas County Board of Supervisors |
|                       | Rosemary Lear          | Douglas County Board of Supervisors |
|                       | Nick Ledin             | Superior City Council               |
|                       | Keith Musolf           | St Louis County Commissioner        |
| <b>Others Present</b> | <b>Others Present</b>  |                                     |
|                       | Ron Chicka             | MIC Director                        |
|                       | James Gittemeier       | MIC Principal Planner               |
|                       | Duane Hill             | MnDOT Dist 1                        |
|                       | Sheldon Johnson        | MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC           |
|                       | Jim Miller             | Rep for Ron Johnson                 |
|                       | Megan Neeck            | MnDOT Central Office                |
|                       | Barb Peterson          | MIC Admin Asst                      |
|                       | Ricky Sarran           | MIC GIS Specialist                  |



**1. Introductions/Agenda Review**

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Committee Business**

- Meeting Summary of 3.31.20 (for Approval)

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| <b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b> | Warren Bender/Earl Elde moved to approve the 3.31.20meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously. |
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- **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.

*Nick Baker commented that he saw no reason to paint the Blatnik when it will be replaced or reconstructed in the reasonably near future.*

*Zack Filipovich asked due to COVID-19 will projects like TPI be affected as to start dates or completion dates.*

*James responded that MnDOT has adjusted some other projects to move on with the TPI project. The main part of the TPI project has been moved to 2021 in order to address the contaminated soil in the area.*

*Duane Hill added that most projects will continue close to scheduled times but could see a reduction in the future.*

Hearing no further comments or questions, he asked for a motion to be called for approval to release the Draft for the 30 day public comment period. (See details on page 4)

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| <b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b> | Warren Bender/Zack Filipovich moved to approve the release of the Draft 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved via a rollcall vote unanimously. |
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**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 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. (Details on page 4.)



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| <b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b> | Warren Bender/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 2021-2023 Superior Area TIP Amendment #4. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved via a rollcall vote unanimously. |
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~~5. 2020 Erie Pier Management Plan Rewrite~~

**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.

*Chad Ward stated that his office had received comments/questions from citizens concerning the drone work for aerial photos. If this will continue it might be a good idea to let the public know what is happening.*

**7. Round Table**

Adam Fulton encouraged everyone to join the “1<sup>st</sup> Street Conversion” virtual meetings next week.

**Opportunity for public comment:**

No one spoke up

**8. Project Updates –**

- 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #12-15 (see attached pages 4-5 )
- 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Administrative Modification #2 & 3 (see attached pages 6-7)
- Metro Area Pedestrian Plan – see meeting materials
- Bike & Ped Planning Update – see meeting materials.

9. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.



**Attachments:**

- **2021-2024 Draft Duluth Area TIP** can be found here: [2021-2024 DRAFT Duluth Area TIP](#)

*Roll Call Vote page 7*

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

**TIP Amendment #4 – see Rollcall vote on page 7**

A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary design work for future rehabilitation of Hammond Avenue from N 21<sup>st</sup> Street to N 28<sup>th</sup> 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<br>113-20-009  | Hammond Avenue<br>N 21 <sup>st</sup> St. to N 28 <sup>th</sup> St. | PE<br>ROW<br>CONST |                                   |       | \$313 | \$313 |
| Amended to TIP<br>in May 2020   | Preliminary Design   | TOTAL              |                                   |       | \$313 | \$313 |

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).

- **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<br>Duluth           | Multi-use trail constructed from Brighton Beach Blvd/end of the Lakewalk to Congdon Blvd (North Shore Scenic Drive). | 2020 | \$300,000<br><b>\$375,000 (TAP)</b><br>\$43,964 (STP) | \$0   | \$350,283   | <del>\$694,247</del><br><b>\$769,247</b>     |
| 13          | 069-060-002<br>St. Louis County | French River Wayside Rehabilitation  | 2020 | <del>\$480,000</del><br><b>\$555,000</b>              | \$0   | \$2,985,433 | <del>\$3,465,433</del><br><b>\$3,540,433</b> |

**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<br>St. Louis County | St Louis Countywide, various locations, install high friction surface treatment for high risk, low volume curves | 2020 | 333,000<br><b>400,000</b> | 139,479<br><b>72,479</b> | 472,479<br><b>479,479</b> |
| 15          | 069-070-036<br>St. Louis County | St Louis Countywide, various locations, install high friction surface treatment for high risk, low volume curves | 2020 | 288,000<br><b>473,000</b> | 142,519<br><b>70,671</b> | 430,519<br><b>543,671</b> |



If you have any questions or need more information, please contact James Gittemeier by email at [jgittemeier@ardc.org](mailto: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<br>113-19-013            | Superior-Duluth Blatnik Bridge (B16-001-005) PE                                 | PE<br>ROW<br>CONST |   | 4,700 |       | 4,700 |
| Administrative Modification #2  | 1199-00-07 (WisDOT share to MnDOT \$4,500,000)<br>1199-00-08 (WisDOT \$200,000) | TOTAL              |   | 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 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to 53<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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**2021 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

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

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).

**MIC Policy Board – RollCall Vote**

DRAFT - 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP – open for 30 day Public Comment Period

2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Amendment #4

| First Name | Last Name  | Yes |
|------------|------------|-----|
| Broc       | Allen      | X   |
| Ed         | Anderson   | X   |
| Nick       | Baker      | X   |
| Warren     | Bender     | X   |
| Wayne      | Boucher    | X   |
| Pete       | Clark      |     |
| Earl       | Elde       | X   |
| Zack       | Filipovich | X   |
| Adam       | Fulton     | X   |
| Rosemary   | Lear       |     |
| Janet      | Kennedy    | X   |
| Nick       | Ledin      |     |
| Keith      | Musolf     |     |
| Sam        | Pomush     | X   |
| Bob        | Quade      | X   |
| Tom        | Szukis     | X   |
| Jenny      | Van Sickle | X   |
| Chad       | Ward       | X   |

| First Name | Last Name  | Yes |
|------------|------------|-----|
| Broc       | Allen      | X   |
| Ed         | Anderson   | X   |
| Nick       | Baker      | X   |
| Warren     | Bender     | X   |
| Wayne      | Boucher    | X   |
| Pete       | Clark      |     |
| Earl       | Elde       | X   |
| Zack       | Filipovich | X   |
| Adam       | Fulton     | X   |
| Rosemary   | Lear       |     |
| Janet      | Kennedy    | X   |
| Nick       | Ledin      |     |
| Keith      | Musolf     |     |
| Sam        | Pomush     | X   |
| Bob        | Quade      | X   |
| Tom        | Szukis     | X   |
| Jenny      | Van Sickle | X   |
| Chad       | Ward       | X   |