



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 1:30 pm

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Todd Campbell	MnDOT Dist 1
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior-Public Works
Committee Vice-Chair	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis Cnty
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	Kris Liljeblad	City of Duluth Planning
<i>alternate</i>	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
<i>alternate</i>	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
<i>alternate</i>	Matt Hemmila	St. Louis County
<i>alternate</i>	Jana Kayser	Duluth Airport Authority
<i>alternate</i>	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
<i>alternate</i>	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		
	Carol Andrews	St Louis Cnty/BPAC
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Krysten Foster	MnDOT Dist 1
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Sheldon Johnson	NWRPC/MIC Deputy Director
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Anna Pierce	MnDOT Central Office
	Bobbi Retzlaff	FHWA
	Bob Sullivan	MARAD
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner



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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair Dena Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 6.16.20 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Kate Ferguson/Jim Foldesi moved to approve the 6.16.20 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- Director's Report**

Ron Chicka commented on the DTA/COA contractor to be announced at the end of month and the Hwy 53 corridor project is moving along. He stated that other details can be found in the meeting materials.

- Opportunity for Public Comment was provided:**

No one commented

3. 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Amendment #9 & 10

Sheldon Johnson provided the details of the amendments. There were no questions or comments.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jason Jackman/Todd Janigo moved to approve the 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP Amendments #9 & 10. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. **DRAFT** - 2021-2024 WI Area TIP-Approve Start of 30 day Public Comment Period on August 21, 2020

Sheldon shared a few details about the new projects added for the 2021-2024 TIP.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jason Jackman/Todd Janigo moved to approve the Start of 30 day Public Comment Period on August 21, 2020 for the DRAFT - 2021-2024 WI Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. Duluth-Superior Metro Area Pedestrian Plan Update

James Gittemeier provided the preliminary results of the Pedestrian Plan Survey. Main questions being:

#4. Which of these options would make it easier, safer and more comfortable for you to walk ALONG roadways in the Duluth-Superior area?

Top 3 choices: **Clear of obstructions** (snow, sand, overgrown vegetation and deteriorated areas);



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Sidewalks or other walkways where none currently exist; Streetscaping features (e.g. shade trees, seating, lighting)

#5. Which of these improvements would make it easier, safer and more comfortable for you walk ACROSS roadways in the Duluth-Superior area?

Top 3 choices: **Improved visibility** between pedestrians and motorists at crosswalk locations; **Increasing yielding by motorist** for people trying to cross in marked and unmarked crosswalks; **A longer "WALK" signal** to provide more time to cross the street.

#6. Which of the following policy ideas do you support the most?

Top 4 choices: **Clearing snow** on sidewalks; **Maintaining** sidewalks in good condition; **Prioritizing** the needs of pedestrians in street design; **Keeping sidewalks clear** of obstacles.

James continued to what makes a space a good environment. Using a picture of the Lincoln Park area with a wide sidewalk, a parklet, a restaurant with a menu in the window, bike rack, trees, a planter box with a bench. He also showed a pic from Canal Park showing a parklet and even a detour for the sidewalk needed for some construction.

6. *Draft* 2021-2022 Duluth-Superior MIC Work Program

Ron Chicka gave a brief review of what new projects may be coming up in 2021. The 2021 budget is close to what it will be unless a new Transportation Bill comes out of Congress. He also mentioned that the MIC has some discretionary dollars to help with some projects as well. Hopefully will be coming up for approval in September.

Chris Belden suggested exploring a small area study in the Medical Districts.

7. Proctor Transportation Plan

James Gittemeier gave an update on the project being lead by our consultant, Bolton-Menk. So far, the stakeholder group has developed a vision, goas and performance measures. A Demonstration project will be taking place at N 5th Ave/CR 11 and 2nd St with temporary bump outs and also at US Hwy 2 and 2nd St.

8. Round Table

Opportunity for public comment: there were no comments



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9. Project Updates: See Meeting Item Descriptions

- 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #20
- Bike & Ped Planning Update
- Erie Pier Management Plan

10. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Attachments:

2020-2023 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #9 & 10

TIP AMENDMENT #9

A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary design work for a future painting project (scheduled for 2021) of the Blatnik Bridge. Preliminary design is scheduled for 2020.

2020 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-20-010 Amended to TIP in August 2020	IH 535 Superior-Duluth Blatnik Bridge – Bridge Painting MnDOT Lead 1199-00-04	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$40

TIP AMENDMENT #10

A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary design work for future rehabilitation of CTH C from the MN State Line to STH 35. Anticipated future roadway rehabilitation will include reconstruction of CTH C. Preliminary design is scheduled for 2020. Reconstruction is scheduled for 2022.



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Douglas County 113-20-011 Amended to TIP in August 2020	CTH C MN State Line – STH 35 Preliminary Design STBG-R 8758-00-02	PE ROW CONST TOTAL			\$10	\$10

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

2021-2024 SUPERIOR AREA TIP-APPROVE START OF 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AUGUST 21, 2020

Find the Draft 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP here: [Draft 2021-2024 Superior Metro TIP](#)