



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 1:30 pm

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Todd Campbell	MnDOT Dist 1
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior-Public Works
<i>alternate</i>	Todd Campbell	MnDOT Dist 1
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
<i>alternate</i>	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
Committee Chair	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Krysten Saatela Foster*	MnDOT – Dist 1
	Karl Schuettler*	Northspan Group
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	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 1:30 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 8.18.20 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Kate Ferguson 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 gave the "floor" to Duane Hill, MnDOT Dist 1 to discuss the Blatnik Bridge Project. Duane began by stating that Parsons Transportation Group has been hired to assist with developing a scope for the project and the environmental assessment document. Duane also discussed that several factors need to be considered as to the needs of this project which includes the need for redundancy, bike & ped, final load capacity among many others.

MnDOT and WisDOT are partnering this project with MnDOT as the lead. Public Involvement meetings have begun and will continue monthly. Progress on this project can be found on both the MnDOT Dist 1 and the WisDOT NW Region's websites.

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

No one commented

3. **DRAFT** - 2021-2022 Duluth-Superior MIC Work Program

Ron Chicka briefly reviewed the Work Program and discussed that he is working with the cities of Duluth and Superior on another short range project to be included. He stated he was hoping to have an updated draft to the reviewers at MnDOT and WisDOT by weeks end.

4. Duluth Area TIP Project Selection Process

Mike Wenholtz gave a brief description of the changes in this process which has not been updated in many years. The needs for this process has changed.

Jim Foldesi thanked Mike, James and Ron for all the work that has gone into revamping this process. He also suggested that there should be a non-TIP Project information form which includes a description of the project then a status report at the end of the project. Sending a reminder towards the end of the project would be helpful. Jim added that the Block Grant evaluation "minimum requirements..." should be removed.



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5. Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan

James Gittemeier provided an overview of the Pedestrian Plan survey which received an overwhelming 600 survey responses. Key findings included filling sidewalk gaps and keeping sidewalk clear of obstructions and snow. James asked for some discussion on possible solutions and recommendations.

Jim Foldesi asked if the most recent sidewalk inventory would be used along with ADA Plans from the Cities and Counties.

James responded that that would be a good idea and made a note to himself.

6. Harbor Planning

Mike Wenzholz gave a brief description of the agenda items from the Sept HTAC meeting. Those topics included:

- Shipping Update in this COVID-19 Year
- Shipping Channel Dredge Material Placement in 2020 and 2021
- HTAC Dredging Subcommittee vs USACE Dredged Material Management Work Group
- Paddle Safe Twin Ports Update
- Erie Pier Management Plan Rewrite Update
- 2020 St Louis River AOC Updates

Mike also shared that there was some apprehension of a virtual meeting working for this committee, but it turned out better than expected.

7. Proctor Transportation Plan

James provided an update on this Plan including a review of the recently installed curb extensions demonstration project. The curb extensions are located along 2nd Street in two locations, Hwy 2 and 5th Ave. James shared some of the comments received about the demonstration project which were mostly positive. One problem was the big trucks making it around the corner.

8. Round Table

Opportunity for public comment: there were no comments

9. Project Updates: See Meeting Item Descriptions for details

- Bike & Ped Planning Update
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

10. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.