



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, October 20th, 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
Committee Vice-Chair	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis Cnty
	Krysten Saatela Foster	MnDOT – Dist 1
	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
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
<i>alternate</i>	Todd Campbell	MnDOT Dist 1
	Jason Jackman*	Douglas County
<i>alternate</i>	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
Committee Chair	Dena Ryan*	WisDOT NW Region
	Karl Schuettler*	Northspan Group
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Anna Pierce	MnDOT Central Office
	Voni Vegar	MnDOT Dist 1
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner



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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Vice-Chair Kate Ferguson called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 9.15.20 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Kris Liljeblad moved to approve the 9.15.20 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **TAC Officer nomination/discussion**

As the current Vice-Chair, Kate Ferguson accepted the position change to Chair of the TAC effective Jan 2021.

Ron Chick a is still looking for someone to take the Vice-Chair position.

- **Director's Report**

Ron Chicka briefly touched on a couple items:

- Blatnik Bridge Planning is underway using 3 small groups to meet and discuss the varies aspects of the upcoming replacement of all or parts of the bridge.
- The DTA with the help of the MIC has hired Connetics Transportation Group to lead their Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). More details to come.

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

there were no comments

For details on any of the following items see: [October Presentations](#)

3. Adopting the 2021-2022 Duluth-Superior MIC Work Program & Budget

Ron Chicka briefly touched on the most recent changes. He hoping to get a consultant on board for the Central Entrance project early in 2021. An RFP is currently being developed. After answering a few questions, he asked for the adoption of the 2021-2022 Work Program and Budget.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Krysten Foster/Jim Foldesi moved to approve the 2021-2022 Duluth-Superior MIC Work Program & Budget be sent to the MIC Policy Board for adoption. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. Adopting the 2021 WisDOT Public Safety Performance Measures

Sheldon Johnson explained that the U.S. Department of Transportation requires states/MPOs to establish performance measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). WisDOT has chosen to accept the State targets and he briefly shared those targets. To see the details the presentation can be found here:

Sheldon then asked for any comments, hearing none he asked for approval to move these on to Policy Board for adoption.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Todd Janigo/Maren Webb moved to approve the 2021 WisDOT Public Safety Performance Measures be forwarded to the MIC Policy Board for adoption. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. Adopting the 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP - Final

With the approval of the Performance Measures which are included in the Final 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP, Sheldon continued by reviewing the timeline for the development of the TIP. He addressed the comments that had been received during comment period and a few changes that were made.

Then asking for any comments and hear none, Sheldon asked for approval to move the TIP forward to the Policy Board for adoption.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Todd Janigo/Chris Belden moved to approve the 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP be sent to the MIC Policy Board for adoption. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. Adopting the Duluth Area TIP Project Selection Process

Mike Wenholz and James Gittemeier reviewed the process of the LRTP Implementation Team which resulted in the new form selections for projects to be reviewed for inclusion into the TIP. This new process/forms will be used beginning with the 2025 TIP process solicitation beginning in 2021.

After responding to a few questions Mike asked for approval.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Cindy Voigt moved to approve the Duluth Area TIP Project Selection Process Revisions be sent to the MIC Policy Board for adoption. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. Erie Pier Mgmt Plan

Mike Wenholtz shared that Jeff Stollenwerk, DSPA has been working diligently and now has 4 chapters that are in the process of being reviewed by the committee. Mike also shared some the highlights and recommendations included the chapters. He reviewed the next steps and concluded that the plan will hopefully be ready for approval by the HTAC at their March 2021 meeting.

Chris Belden asked about the use of Erie Pier material will be used at the US Steel site.

the Main part of the US Steel Cleanup will come from the site itself.

Kris Liljeblad noted the barrier to access the site and Mike added that the access road is small and the big trucks needed to haul the materials have a great deal of difficulty moving around the site.

In order to address changes, the ownership of the site would need to be determined. Kate noted that the ownership is not clear. It is believed that the Army Corp, Duluth Port Authority and the City of Duluth all have some part in the ownership.

8. Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan

James Gittemeier provided an update on the progress. He reviewed the framework which includes connecting the plan to the LRTP strategies:

- Create accessible pedestrian walkways (transportation facilities)
- Provide for the development of an integrated multimodal transportation system
- Safe & efficient movement of people and goods that address current and future transportation demand.

James then moved on to accessibility showing the disconnects in both Duluth and Superior and the slopes in Duluth. He reviewed the crash data for pedestrians in the Duluth-Superior urban area from 2000 to 2018 and how the field of vision is affected at different speeds.

As he concluded he reviewed what the plan was recommending:

- Pedestrians are a priority
 - Prioritizing key routes for pedestrians
 - Keep pedestrian desire lines in mind
- Reduce pedestrian exposure to risk
 - Shorten crossing distances across motor vehicle lanes
 - Create better visibility between motorists and pedestrians
 - Fail-safe design - when mistake happens, reduce the chance of a tragedy occurring.

James stated that he would be sending the plan out for review by the jurisdictions.

Cindy asked how many pages and James responded he didn't know just yet.

Kris Liljeblad encouraged speed limits be dropped where needed.



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9. Proctor Transportation Plan

James Gittemeier shared that the “Demo” project had been removed but drivers seemed to be adhering to the paint lines that remained. He stated that he was hoping that the consultant would be presenting their findings at the December meetings.

10. Round Table

Chris Belden wished to thank all the partners on the installation of the new lights along Grand Ave.

Mike gave an “attaboy” to the city for the one-way to 2 way conversion on First St.

Opportunity for public comment: there were no comments

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11. Project Updates: See Meeting Item Descriptions for details

- 2025 TIP Process

12. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice-Chair Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 2:49 pm.