



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
 Policy Board
 Wednesday, October 21st, 2020 1:30 pm
 Virtual MS Teams Meeting
Meeting Summary

Note Taker	Barb Peterson	
	Members Present	
	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
	Pete Clark	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Zack Filipovich	Duluth City Council
	Adam Fulton	City of Duluth
	Janet Kennedy	Duluth City Council
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
	Members Absent	* Excused Absence
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Nick Ledin*	Superior City Council
	Keith Musolf	St Louis County Commissioner
	Tom Szukis	DTA
	Jenny VanSickle	Superior City Council
Others Present		Others Present
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Christena O'Brien	WisDOT
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst



1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 9.16.20 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 9.16.20 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Officer nomination/discussion**

Ron Chicka announced that an email would be coming out shortly asking whether Nick and Wayne remain the co-chairs and Earl Elde as the current Secretary, providing any nominations or nominating yourself. Please watch for it and respond. We will be looking for a new MIC representative to the ARDC Board/Commission since Earl has reached his limit.

- **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 various 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:**

No comments were received

Roll Call votes will be attached to the end of the summary.

For more details of the agenda items check the agenda item descriptions or the presentations found here: [10.21.20 MIC Policy Board Mtg](#)

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	Warren Bender/Sam Pomush moved to adopt the 2021-2022 Duluth-Superior MIC Work Program & Budget . There was no discussion; a roll call vote was taken and 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 adoption.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Earl Elde/Warren Bender moved to adopt the 2021 WisDOT Public Safety Performance Measures. 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 adoption.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Warren Bender moved to adopt the 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; a roll call vote was taken; 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	Warren Bender/Chad Ward moved to adopt the Duluth Area TIP Project Selection Process Revisions. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. Erie Pier Mgmt Plan

Mike Wenholz 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.



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 in December.

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

- *Adam Fulton stated that the city is asking for input on the Superior Street scape.*
- *Nick Baker stated there is a rumor that the center span of the Blatnik is being replaced instead of full replacement of the bridge.*
- *Duane Hill responded there is nothing set in stone at this point. Still working through the Purpose & Needs.*

Opportunity for public comment: there were no comments

no comments received

11. Project Updates: See Meeting Item Descriptions for details

- 2025 TIP Process



12. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm.

Attachments:

10.21.20 Work Program Vote

	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Members				
	Ed	Anderson	X	
	Nick	Baker	X	
	Warren	Bender	X	
	Wayne	Boucher	X	
	Pete	Clark	X	
	Earl	Elde	X	
	Zack	Filipovich	X	
	Adam	Fulton	X	
	Janet	Kennedy	X	
	Rosemary	Lear	X	
	Sam	Pomush	X	
	Bob	Quade	X	
	Chad	Ward	X	

10.21.20 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP Vote

	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Members					
	Ed	Anderson	X		
	Nick	Baker	X		
	Warren	Bender	X		
	Wayne	Boucher	X		
	Pete	Clark	X		
	Earl	Elde	X		
	Zack	Filipovich	X		
	Adam	Fulton	X		
	Janet	Kennedy	X		
	Rosemary	Lear	X		
	Sam	Pomush	X		
	Bob	Quade	X		
	Chad	Ward	X		