



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:30 pm

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Meeting Summary

* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

Vice-Chair Chris Belden called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 12.8.20 (for Approval)**

Motion Discussion and Vote	Karl Schuetler/Jim Foldesi moved to approve the 12.8.20 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Director's Report**

Ron Chicka address the items included in the Agenda Materials. He stated that he addressed the questions that came in from consultants concerning the RFP. The final proposals are due Feb 4th by 5 pm.

Ron also shared that the steering committee for the Superior Comprehensive Plan have kicked off their preliminary meetings. He also briefly described the issues with the considerable amount of time spent for MnDOT Reporting requirements.

For more details see the meeting materials.

3. 2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #2

James Gittemeier described that the only change to this project was a cost increase due to the Local contribution being left out.

After asking for any questions or coments James then asked for approval.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cari Pedersen/Cindy Voigt moved to approve Amendment #2 to the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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Details can be found after the end of this summary or in the meeting materials.

4. 2021-2024 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #1-4

Sheldon Johnson shared that Amendment #1 is a request for preliminary design work for a safety improvement project at the intersection of E Street and USH 53/E 2nd Street.

Amendment #2 amendment has been requested for construction work associated with safety improvements at the intersection of E Street and USH 53/E 2nd Street.

Amendment #3 has been requested for preliminary design is scheduled for 2021for various locations bus stop improvements in the City of Superior. Improvements include replacing bus shelters, and undertaking concrete



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pad and adjacent sidewalk repairs to improve safe pedestrian accessibility near the shelters and in the rider loading zone.

Amendment #4 is the construction of the above scheduled for 2023.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dena Ryan/Todd Janigo moved to approve Amendments #1-4 to the 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. PROCTOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

James Gittemeier shared the video supplied by our Consultant, Bolton-Menk as part of their deliverables, showing the recommendations for future transportation projects to be considered over the next 10 or so years. James also shared that the steering committee had input into the final plan. The Plan can be found on the MIC website.

After hearing a few comments James asked for approval of the Proctor Transportation Plan.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Kris Liljeblad/Cari Pedersen moved to approve the Proctor Transportation Plan. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. ADOPTION OF 2021 MN PERFORMANCE MEASURES 1 - 3

Mike Wenholz presented a review of the background of these measures. As in prior years the MIC has chosen to adopt the measures MnDOT has set forth. Mike continued by sharing the changes in the measurements and then asked any questions or comments.

Chris Belden noted that the targets seem to be decreasing after going up for a few years.

After hearing no further comments or questions, Mike asked for adoption of the 2021 Performance Measures 1-3.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Maren Webb moved to adopt the 2021 MN Performance Measures 1-3. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. DULUTH-SUPERIOR METRO AREA PEDESTRIAN PLAN

James Gittemeier provided an overview of the draft priority areas for walking and associated mapping exercise. These pedestrian priorities are central to the plan recommendations. During this Pedestrian Plan update process, as well as, during the development of the LRTP Sustainable Choices 2045, it became abundantly clear that there are a lot of needs, even more wants, but limited resources. This plan provides guidance to decision-makers on where transportation investments in the MPO area should be focused to best improve the pedestrian environment. The draft plan has developed a tier



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system of priority where walkways are needed, where key gaps should be filled, and where it is critical that the pedestrian walkways are available and reliably clear and free of obstructions for everyday use.

James also shared some of the maps that will be included in the plan; this includes an interactive map where you can zoom into an area and see where there might be gaps and other information.

8. ROUND TABLE

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. PROJECT UPDATES (DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MEETING MATERIALS)

- 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP – Administrative Modifications #8
- 2025 Duluth Area TIP – Project Solicitation
- Bike & Ped (BPAC) Update

10. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice-Chair Beldon adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm.

Attachments:

2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #2

A change has been requested to the FY 2021 Morris Thomas Road Project. The total project cost has increased. There is no scope change, nor federal funding change. The cost increase is on the local side and is due to an administrative error made when the Morris Thomas Road projects were combined in December, and not pertaining to anything with the project itself. The only changes to the project itself is the addition of “reclamation” in the definition to the resurfacing project. For more details, see table below:

Amdmt #	Project # Jurisdiction	Description	Year	Federal \$	State TH or Bond \$	Local \$	Total \$
2	069-656-018 St. Louis County	CSAH 56 , MORRIS THOMAS RD, IN HERMANTOWN AT JCT US 2 TO HAINES RD. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND CONST LEFT TURN LANES, BITUMINOUS RESURFACING & RECLAMATION, CULVERTS & BR#69K85 (ASSOC 6908-69/SLC 069-656-019)	2021	\$1,360,000	\$530,000	\$1,440,000 \$2,860,000	\$3,330,000 \$4,750,000



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Based on the adopted MIC Public Involvement Plan (2018), the proposed change requires a formal TIP amendment as the total project cost increase is more than 35% of its originally programmed total.

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**PROPOSED 2021-2024
SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT(S) AMENDMENT**

TIP AMENDMENT #1

A TIP amendment has been requested for preliminary design work for a safety improvement project at the intersection of E Street and USH 53/E 2nd Street. Preliminary design is scheduled to begin in 2021.

2021 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-21-010	USH 53/East 2 nd Street E Street Intersection Safety Improvements	PE ROW CONST	\$51.2	\$12.8		\$64
Amended to TIP in January 2021	HSIP 1198-03-10	TOTAL	\$51.2	\$12.8		\$64

TIP AMENDMENT #2

A TIP amendment has been requested for construction work associated with safety improvements at the intersection of E Street and USH 53/E 2nd Street. Anticipated future roadway improvements include full median closure at E Street, with right turn bays on USH 53 and improvements to connecting local city streets to get vehicles on and off USH 53. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

2024 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-21-011	USH 53/East 2 nd Street E Street Intersection Safety Improvements	PE ROW CONST	\$563.2	\$140.8		\$704
Amended to TIP in January 2021	HSIP 1198-03-80	TOTAL	\$563.2	\$140.8		\$704

TIP AMENDMENT #3



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2021 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
City of Superior 113-21-012 Amended to TIP in January 2021	Various Locations Replacement of existing bus shelters, concrete pad and adjacent sidewalk repairs. 8998-00-37	PE ROW CONST TOTAL			\$10	\$10
					\$10	\$10

TIP AMENDMENT #4

A TIP amendment has been requested for various locations bus stop improvements in the City of Superior. Improvements include replacing bus shelters, and undertaking concrete pad and adjacent sidewalk repairs to improve safe pedestrian accessibility near the shelters and in the rider loading zone. Construction is scheduled for 2023.

2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
City of Superior 113-21-013 Amended to TIP in January 2021	Various Locations Replacement of existing bus shelters, concrete pad and adjacent sidewalk repairs. STBG-TA 8998-00-38	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	\$371.5		\$92.9	\$464.4
			\$371.5		\$92.9	\$464.4

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

2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP – ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS #8

MIC staff approved a requested addition of a new state funded concrete overlay project on Hwy. 53 and revised the cost estimate from \$12.4 million to \$9.7 million. There is no scope change with this project. The project change in the following table did not meet the thresholds required for a formal amendment process. These changes have been administratively made to the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. The changes are detailed in the following table:



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Admin Mod #	Project # Jurisdiction	Description	Year	Federal \$	State TH or Bond \$	Local \$	Total \$
7	6916-110 MnDOT New Project	US 53 SB from 0.2 mi. N CSAH 13, Midway Rd, to 0.3 mi N CSAH 8. Unbonded concrete overlay. 8.6 miles in length.	2021	\$0	\$12,400,000 \$9,700,000 Bond Funding	\$0	\$12,400,000 \$9,700,000

Based on the adopted MIC Public Involvement Plan (2018), the proposed change conforms to Administrative Modification guidelines. This project being added to the TIP is a state funded project that does not meet the MIC's regionally significant definition and therefore does not require a formal amendment.