



## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 1:30 pm  
**VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE**

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### Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 3.16.20 (for Approval)

### Item for Approval w/opportunity for public comment

- 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #9

### Items for Presentation and Discussion

- TIP/STIP Cross City Trail Project
- 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Proposed New Projects
- LRTP Implementation Sub-Committee Mtg
- Project Updates

### Attendance / Meeting Quorum

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, **please contact Barb Peterson at [bpeterson@ardc.org](mailto:bpeterson@ardc.org) or 218-461-2666** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

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Transportation Advisory Committee

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VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

<b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b>	
<b>2. Committee Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 3.16.20 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul> <p><b>*** Opportunity for Public Comment***</b></p>	10 min
<b>3. TIP/STIP Cross City Trail Project</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion City of Duluth, MnDOT, MIC</li> </ul>	15 min
<b>4. 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Proposed New Project Discussion</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, James Gittemeier</li> </ul>	15 min
<b>5. 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #9</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval w/opportunity for public comment, James Gittemeier</li> </ul>	5 min
<b>6. LRTP Implementation Sub-committee Mtg</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Discussion, Mike Wenholz</li> </ul>	30 min
<b>7. Round Table</b>	
<p><b>*** Opportunity for Public Comment***</b></p>	5 min
<b>8. Project Updates</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021-2025 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #15-18</li> <li>Central Entrance Transportation Plan</li> <li>Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan</li> <li>Erie Pier Management Plan</li> </ul>	5 min

*Next Meeting*

Tuesday, May 18th, 2021

Virtual – MS TEAMS

1:30 pm



\* = *Approval Item*

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

#### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 3.16.21
- MIC Director's Report

#### 3. TIP/STIP AND THE CROSS CITY TRAIL

MIC staff will provide an overview of the efforts taking place to improve TIP and STIP coordination. In 2018, issues with TIP and STIP compliance and process came to light. Staff from the MPOs in Minnesota, MnDOT and FHWA have been working to fully identify the issues and devise recommendations to resolve them. The process changes have started to be put into effect this year.

The Cross City Trail project programmed in the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP for FY 2023 has significant community discussion surrounding it. Working with the view of regional cooperation and the goal of pro-actively resolving possible TIP and STIP issues, the City of Duluth will be presenting to the TAC and MIC Policy Board the latest update on this project and process that is planned to move forward with this project.

#### 4. 2022-2025 DULUTH AREA TIP-PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS

MIC staff will provide an overview of all new roadway and transit projects proposed in the 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP. Staff will discuss how these projects connect with the Long Range Transportation Plan and the next steps in the process that will be undertaken as these projects move into the Draft TIP and public comment phase.

#### 5. 2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #9

Info to be provided under separate cover

#### 6. LRTP IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MTG

The MIC's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Sustainable Choices 2045 that was approved in October of 2019 is providing a more specific direction for transportation planning in the region. Implementation of Sustainable Choices 2045 is a top priority, as demonstrated by the plan identifying the need for an implementation strategy. The LRTP Implementation Team previously identified revising the TIP process as the first significant step towards implementing the LRTP. The TIP process revisions were completed in 2020 and have begun being implemented, with some tasks remaining to be completed by MIC staff. The purpose of this agenda item (Implementation Team meeting) is to refocus on the plan's implementation strategy and discuss what the next item(s) should be to implement. Some options to consider are provided in the attached handout.

#### 7. ROUND TABLE



OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

8. PROJECT UPDATES

- 2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS #15-18

The MIC has approved the changes to the TIP projects in the following table. Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan (2018), the changes for each project did not meet the thresholds to follow the formal amendment process. Therefore, these projects were administratively modified in the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP.

Admin Mod #	Project # Jurisdiction	Description	Year	Federal \$	State \$	Local \$	Total \$
15	<del>118-010-028</del> City of Duluth  6910-112 MnDOT	TED: MN 23/West River Drive in Duluth, Intersection signalization.	2021	0	0  247,000 TED	375,000  0	375,000  247,000
16	6982-324 MnDOT	I-35 in Duluth 0.2 mi N. JCT Lake Ave. Repair drainage system under Lakewalk to outlet at Lake Superior.	<del>2021</del>  2022	0	0  1,200,000	0	0  1,200,000
17	6910-107 MnDOT	MN 23 from JCT MN 210 to Mission Creek. Mission Creek Cemetery landscaping. (Tied to 6910-106).	2021	0	2,100,000  1,603,000	0	2,100,000  1,603,000
18	6982-318 MnDOT	SPP I-35, in Proctor & Duluth at Thompson Hill, from 0.51 S. Boundary Ave to S. end Bridge #69879 over MN 23, NB & SB driving lanes excluding ramps, pavement overlay.	2021	<del>1,530,000</del>  900,000 (NHPP)	<del>170,000</del>  100,000	0	<del>1,700,000</del>  1,000,000



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- **CENTRAL ENTRANCE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

MnDOT has scheduled a full reconstruction of Central Entrance from Mesaba Avenue to Trinity Road in 2026. The Central Entrance Transportation Plan will set the vision and provide direction for MnDOT's upcoming preliminary design and public involvement/engagement processes by advancing the vision of a walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented urban thoroughfare that (1) is safe and comfortable to use by both motorized and non-motorized users and (2) encourages new types of residential and commercial development. This plan will consider and incorporate the numerous past plans along this key regional corridor. The MIC has hired WSB as its consultant to conduct a Central Entrance Transportation Plan, which is to be completed by the end of 2021.

Virtual weekly meetings between MIC staff and WSB continue. The first Steering Committee of key partners has been held, and initial summarizing of past plans and studies is underway. A broader Community Advisory Committee of a wide diversity of corridor stakeholders is being established. A significant public engagement process will be conducted in the coming months.

- **DULUTH-SUPERIOR METRO PEDESTRIAN PLAN**

MIC staff is responding to comments received by local, state, and federal agencies and the general public on the Ped Plan. Based on the comments received, final edits to the document are underway as well meetings with organizations that have requested and/or made substantive comments. The plan will be brought before the TAC and MIC Policy Board in May for their final review and approval.

- **ERIE PIER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The purpose of the Erie Pier Management Plan (EPMP) is to aid in establishing management processes that facilitate a dredged material reuse program at Erie Pier, including finding and establishing viable markets for the dredged material. The last EPMP was completed in 2007. The EPMP Committee determined a full rewrite was necessary at this time. Jeff Stollenwerk of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority is the primary author of the EPMP rewrite, with assistance from Mike Wenzholz.

The EPMP Committee reviewed and discussed all 10 sections of the EPMP over the past year. Numerous revisions were made to create a draft final document following the Committee's review. The draft final was shared with and reviewed by the Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) voting members for their March meeting. The HTAC voted to approve the EPMP with a condition that Jeff and Mike consider all comments received before, during, and after the March meeting until March 8. We did receive good comments, and incorporated the relevant comments into the finalized EPMP before you for the MIC Policy Board's approval. The final EPMP is attached.