



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 1:30 pm

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Committee Vice-Chair	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
Committee Chair	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis Cnty
	Krysten Saatela Foster	MnDOT – Dist 1
	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
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
	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
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior-Public Works
	Cari Pedersen*	City of Duluth
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Carol Andrews	St Louis Cnty/BPAC
	Mike Casey	FWDPT
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Allison Clark	FWDPT
	Andrea Crouse	ZietgiestArts
	Bruce Fehringer	FWDPT
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Bill Majewski	FEDPT
	Anna Pierce	MnDOT Central Office
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff	FHWA Community Planner
	Ricky Sarran	MIC-GIS Specialist
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner
Phone In Attendees	218.348.5005	218.349.0152

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW



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Chair Kate Ferguson called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 3.16.21 (for Approval)
- MIC Director's Report

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Tom Werner moved to approve the 3.16.21 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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Ron Chicka gave a brief

update on the items included in the meeting materials. He noted particularly that there was a great response to the Superior Comprehensive Plan survey.

***** Opportunity for Public Comment*****

None at this time.

3. TIP/STIP CROSS CITY TRAIL

James Gittemeier began the discussion reviewing the MPO process and actions that the Policy can and can not do. He then turned it over to Kris Liljeblad.

Kris quickly shared the history of the Cross City Trail. He continued stating that the 2023 project focus changed to now completing the lower trail. Kris announced that there is going to be a public meeting scheduled for May 27th. More details to come.

Krysten Foster then took the last segment recognizing the Friends of Western Duluth Parks and Trails group concerns that dropping the completion of this remaining section could have resulted in a negative effect on future TA project funds.

Jim Foldesi questioned if the city was going to be able to exhaust the awarded TA funds?

Kris Liljeblad responded stating that the full budget has not been completed yet but would all they could to use up the TA funds.

4. 2022-2025 DULUTH AREA TIP PROPOSED NEW PROJECT DISCUSSION

James Gittemeier quickly reviewed the TIP timeline then continued discussing the addition of the London Rd project along with the I-35 and Garfield Ave projects approved last month. He continued reviewing the transit projects that will also be added to the Draft 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP. The 2022-2025 TIP is being drafted through April and May and will be presented at the June TAC & MIC meeting asking for approval to release the draft for the 30-day public comment period then presented for approval in June.

5. 2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #4



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James Gittemeier briefly reviewed the amendment for the DTA purchase of 2 new buses. He then asked for approval.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Kris Liljeblad/Karl Schuetler moved to approve Amendment #4 to the 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. LRTP IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Mike Wenholz called the subcommittee meeting to order and described that the discussion today is to start working on choosing the next recommendation to be worked on.

- *Jim Foldesi suggested that they should flush out how to do the reporting at the end of construction projects.*
- *Cindy Voigt stated those with federal funding.*
- *Another idea was maybe an illustrative list of project in hopes of being eligible for the possible "earmark" funds that may be coming back.*
- *Ron Chicka suggested that this list possibly acts as a place holder*
- *Jim Foldesi shared his thought that we should add this as a topic to each agenda to discuss.*

There was not further discussion.

7. ROUND TABLE

Mike Wenholz noted that he saw an MLS listing stating that the trail would be completed from Smithville to Brighton Beach as one of highlights.

Bill Majewski said he was looking forward to the completion of the trail and wanted to thank Kris Liljeblad and the city staff for working so diligently.

***** Opportunity for Public Comment*****

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

- 2021-2025 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #15-18
- Central Entrance Transportation Plan
- Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan
- Erie Pier Management Plan

9. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.



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ATTACHMENTS:

2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #4

New Project – RTCC Mobility Management

A request has been made to add a new federally funded project to the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. This new project is for the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission’s (ARDC) Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) mobility management project. This project is funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant for private non-profit groups to meet the transportation mobility needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities and is part of a larger Arrowhead Region project. This TIP amendment is for the MPO (urbanized area) portion of the project. This project is a two-year project award beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The project details are summarized below:

Amdmt #	Project # Agency	Description	Year	Federal \$	State TH or Bond \$	Local \$
3	TRF-9069-21 ARDC	Section 5310: Arrowhead Regional Development Commission Mobility Management 7/1/21-6/30/23.	2021	60,264	0	12,052

- 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	118-010-028 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.	2021 2022	0	0 1,100,000 1,200,000	0	0 1,100,000 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	0 2,100,000 1,603,000	0	0 2,100,000 1,603,000



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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	1,530,000 0 900,000 (NHPP)	170,000 100,000	0	1,700,000 1,000,000
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