



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

Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 1:30 pm
VIRTUAL MS TEAMS MEETING NOTICE

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Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 6.15.21 (for Approval)

Items for Approval w/Opportunity for Public Comment

- Draft 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP/Release for 30 day Public Comment Period
- 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6
- Final - 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP
- MIC Area Pedestrian Plan

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Draft 2022-2023 Work Program
- 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Development Initial Discussion
- LRTP Implementation Update
- BPAC Update
- 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 or 218-461-2666** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

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1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 6.15.21 (for Approval) Director's Report <p style="text-align: center;">*** Opportunity for Public Comment***</p>	10 min
3. DRAFT 2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP/RELEASE FOR 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release for 30-day public comment period, Sheldon Johnson 	10 min
4. 2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment , James Gittemeier 	10 min
5. FINAL – 2022-2025 DULUTH AREA TIP	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment , James Gittemeier 	10 min
6. MIC AREA PEDESTRIAN PLAN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment , James Gittemeier 	15 min
7. DRAFT – 2022-2023 DS MIC WORK PROGRAM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Ron Chicka 	15 min
8. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP DEVELOPMENT INITIAL DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, James Gittemeier & Mike Wenholz 	10 min
9. LRTP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	10 min
10. ROUND TABLE	
	5 min
11. PROJECT UPDATES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Entrance Transportation Plan Update 2021-24 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #19 BPAC Update 	5 min

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021

TBD

1:30 pm



TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = *Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 6.15.21**
- **MIC Director's Report**

Will be provided at under separate cover

3. DRAFT-2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP/RELEASE FOR 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Should be available under separate cover hopefully tomorrow.

4. 2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6

The FY 2022 City of Duluth and St. Louis County federal-aid projects have been requested to be modified, including a scope change on the City of Duluth portion of the project (adding in resurface work on Arrowhead Road) and consolidating projects. The project details, with changes in RED, are summarized below:

Amdmt #	Project # Agency	Description	Year	Federal \$	State TH or Bond \$	Local \$	Total \$
6	118-160-024 City of Duluth (New Scope and Project #)	In Duluth, Arrowhead Rd from Dodge Ave to Woodland Ave. Resurface, pedestrian improvements. Note: Arrowhead Rd Resurfacing is the new project scope, traffic signals have been removed from Duluth portion of project and added to St. Louis County project (# 069-609-047).	2022	593,288	0	331,712	925,000
6	069-637-025 St. Louis County	In Duluth, construct roundabout, JCT Snively Rd (CSAH 37) and Glenwood St.	2022	550,000	0	950,000	1,500,000
6	069-609-047 St. Louis County	In Duluth, Woodland Ave from Anoka St to Arrowhead Rd. resurface roadway from Snively Rd to Arrowhead Rd, and Snively Rd (CSAH 37) from Wallace Ave (CSAH 9) to Glenwood St. Traffic Signals, turn lanes. Note: 2025 federal project (construction in 2023) is covering Woodland Ave from Anoka St to Snively Rd resurfacing work.	2022	650,000	0	1,350,000	2,000,000

If you have any questions please contact James Gittmeier, jgittmeier@ardc.org.



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5. FINAL – 2022-2025 DULUTH AREA TIP

The 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP is being presented for review and approval. Based on comments received, MIC staff has made updates to the TIP including the inclusion of two FY 2023 projects that were approved and included in prior TIPs but were mistakenly left out of this Draft TIP. The two projects are:

- Boundary Ave Sidewalk Project – Anchor St to Orchard St.
- Piedmont Ave Resurface Project – Haines Rd to Chambersburg Ave.

The final project lists and financial analysis has been updated. As well as the Performance Targets, including adding in the Public Transportation Safety Plan targets and anticipated effects.

Link to be available under separate cover.

6. FINAL - DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN PEDESTRIAN PLAN

MIC staff is releasing the final Pedestrian Plan for review and approval. After reviewing the comments received on the Draft Pedestrian Plan, the MIC refined the priority analysis and overhauled the recommendations in the Plan. The revised focus is on the MPO-level role and providing guidance to the MIC area on pedestrian priorities. An online map depicting the priorities is available and focuses on the corridor priorities for making improvements, as well as where key gaps, barriers and walkways are located for consideration when undertaking a transportation project.

Plan can be found here: [Pedestrian Plan 2021](#)

7. DRAFT – 2022-2023 DULUTH-SUPERIOR WORK PROGRAM

Will follow under separate cover - tomorrow

8. LRTP IMPLEMENTATION TEAM UPDATE

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 is to recognize that we have not yet had an Implementation Team meeting to refocus on and discuss what the next item(s) should be to implement – to pick up where we left off in April. Due to other workload we have not gotten back to this. This short agenda item will put this task back on our collective radar and prepare for a meeting later this year.



9. ROUND TABLE

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

10. PROJECT UPDATES

- *Central Entrance Transportation Plan Update*

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 fourth and fifth Steering Committee (SC) meetings of key partners have been held. A broader Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of corridor stakeholders had its first meeting. The plan’s logo/branding has been set and the interactive website is live. Work towards a significant public engagement process for the plan is ongoing. Initial draft concepts for five zones across the Central Entrance corridor have been drafted and shared with the SC and CAC. We are continually open to receiving comments on and ideas for the corridor, and to answer questions.

- *2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION #19*

MnDOT requested changes to the project year and cost for the CN/DMIR Railroad Crossing Safety Improvement Project (#69-00212) in the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. The project year change is to swap years with another railroad crossing project outside of the MIC Area (Project #69-00214) which had an issue and called for moving that project up a year. The CN railroad crossing on N. Cloquet Road would then move back one year from 2022 to 2023. The cost increase is due to an updated estimate. There are no changes to the scope with this project.

This project change has been administratively made to the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. The changes are detailed in the following table:

Admin Mod #	Project #	Description	Year	Federal \$	State \$	Other \$	Total \$
19	69-00212	CN/DMIR RR, install gates and flashing lights at N. Cloquet Rd (CSAH 45) in Midway Township. .	2022 2023	214,200 250,000 (RRS)	0	23,800 25,000	238,000 275,000



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Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan (2018) a project that is advanced or deferred within the TIP years and that has an original total project cost of under \$1 million does not require a formal amendment and can be modified to the TIP administratively.

For more information contact James Gittemeier at jgittemeier@ardc.org.

- **BPAC UPDATE**

The BPAC discussed the Blatnik Crossing Resolution of Support, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Pedestrian Plan, received updates on the Central Entrance Transportation Plan and upcoming roadway projects and the BPAC review process. The BPAC had a discussion about the Blatnik Crossing resolution of support and provide input on the overall project as well as the resolution. The focus on the discussion on the level of need, viewing it more of a necessity than a desire, for a walking and cycling connection at the Blatnik Crossing location, one that does not exist now. The Pedestrian Plan discussion focused on the document being overhauled since the draft was released due to the considerable amount of comments received. The Ped Plan more clearly now focuses on the MPO-level role and provides guidance on priorities for the community overall. Lastly, discussion took place over the upcoming transportation projects and which ones could use a BPAC review, which would include site visit opportunities and a feedback report. The discussion included that it takes time to pull together the review and report and that this should take place early on in the project development process for both time to properly conduct the review and pull together the report as well as time for the jurisdictions to fully consider the feedback in the scoping of their projects.