



MIC Policy Board Meeting Summary

August 25th, 2021

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

Note Taker	Barb Peterson	
	Members Present	
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Warren Bender	Superior Common Council
	Pete Clark	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	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
	Jenny VanSickle	Superior City Council
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
	Members Absent	* Excused Absence
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
MN Co-Chair	Wayne Boucher*	City of Hermantown
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Ashley Grimm	St Louis County
	Nick Ledin*	Superior City Council
	Tom Szukis*	DTA
Others Present		Others Present
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Andrea Crouse	Zietgliest
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Gabby Mirabito	Americorps/Zeitgeist
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Ricky Sarran	MIC/GIS Specialist
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Sr Planner
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1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

Co-Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. A roll call of attendees was done with attendees confirming their presence and the entity they represent.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

• Meeting Summary of 6.16.21.21 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Chad Ward moved to approve the 6.16.21 & 6.24.21 meeting summaries. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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• MIC Director's Report (For more details see the meeting materials.)

Ron Chicka touched on a couple of items of interest.

The DTA Board approved their Better Bus Blue print. Ron stated that we will still be writing a letter of support and delivering it to Aaron Branski, DTA Board Chair and Rod Fournier, DTA General Manager.

Adam Fulton thanked the DTA for their work on this project.

Janet Kennedy has strong concerns that there appears to be many neighborhoods that are losing bus service all together.

The second item is I-35/Hwy 61 Revisited. Ron is working with Jordan to bring this vision before the TAC & MIC for discussion.

Duane Hill started that it is hard to do a project with with concepts already presented.

Zack Filipovich stated that the Duluth City council voted to appr ove this visioning document (project).

• Opportunity for Public Comment

none

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

James Gittemeier presented the 7 new road projects, 2 rail road place holder projects and the usual transit monies available. Hearing no questions or comments, James as for a motion to approve the release the document for the 30 day Public Comment Period.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Rosemary Lear moved to approve the release of the 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. 2021-2024 DULUTH AREAT TIP AMENDMENT #6

James Gittemeier described that this amendment consolidates and reorganizes the Woodland Ave, Arrowhead and Snively construction projects to begin in 2022.

Adam Fulton thanked the cooperation of the MIC & St Louis Cnty to address these projects.



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Motion Discussion and Vote	Adam Fulton/Chad Ward moved to approve Amendment #6 to the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. FINAL – 2022-2025 DULUTH AREA TIP

James briefly described some of the comments that had been received and that many of the changes requested had been made or addressed. It was also discovered that 2 projects had been left out so they were replaced. Another note is that in the future bike and pedestrian features will be included in the TIP. With no questions or comments he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Bob Quade moved to approve the 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. FINAL - MIC AREA PEDESTIAN PLAN

James Gittemeier shared that after much review with the jurisdictions and changes that needed to be addressed this 25 year vision for the MIC area is now ready for approval. This plan addresses what pedestrian facilities could be considered for new construction, replacement, an overlay or just an area that could use some type of facility. There are 7 recommendations that the MIC is responsible for; there are 3 – 6 more that are jurisdictionally responsibility with soe assitance from the MIC if need be. Item #7 is for continuous MIC evaluation and updated as needed.

Janet Kennedy asked if the same amount of attention is going to given to the lower income areas outside of the city proper.

Zack Filipovich asked if there might be some shared streets.

James stated that there are some discussions in the plan for shared streets.

Rosemary Lear asked if their were periodic places to rest from time to time.

James said he would look into that for the final edits.

After a little discussion James Gittemeier asked a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Rosemary Lear moved to approve the MIC Area Prdestian Plan. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. DRAFT – 2022-2025 DS MIC WORK PROGRAM

Ron Chicka described the 2022-2023 Work Program as being in a very draft form. Ron briefly discussed that the upcoming I-35 was currently the only short term project. This project is being considered in conjunction with MnDOT Dist 1 and would be an 18 month project costing approximately \$250,000 (\$100,000 MIC/\$150,000 MnDOT). Over the next several weeks we will be working on the balance of verbiage and the budgets.



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8. BLATNIK CROSSING POLICY BOARD RESOLUTION

As was discussed last month, Mike Wenzholz shared the resolution supporting the I-535 Blatnik Bridge project. The reason for this resolution is that it will hopefully help with funding requests.

Jenny VanSickle stated that it seems the alignment wants to be careful/mindful of the LRTP – redundancy needs to be kept in mind. Ron said that maybe the MultiModal Subcommittee could visit the TAC & MIC for an update.

A vote was taken and unanimously agreed that this resolution should be signed and forwarded.

9. ROUND TABLE

10. PROJECT UPDATES (details can be found in the meeting materials)

- Central Entrance Transportation Plan Update
- 2021-24 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #19
- BPAC Update

11. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6

Amdmt #	Project # Agency	Description	Year	Federal \$	State TH or Bond \$	Local \$	Total\$
6	118-160-024 St. Louis County (Lead agency) City of Duluth (Scope change and new project #)	In Duluth, Arrowhead Rd from Dodge Ave to Woodland Ave. Resurfacing and pedestrian improvements. Note: 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



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6	069-609-047	In Duluth, Woodland Ave from Anoka St to Arrowhead Rd. resurface roadway from Snively Rd to Arrowhead Rd, and Snively Rd (CSAH 37) resurfacing from Woodland Ave (CSAH 9) to Glenwood St. Traffic Signals, and add turn lanes on northbound Woodland Ave to eastbound Snively Rd.	2022	650,000 886,250	0	1,350,000 828,750	2,000,000 1,715,000
	St. Louis County (Scope change)	Note: the Woodland Ave from Anoka St to Snively Rd resurfacing work will take place as a separate project in 2023.					

Any questions contact James Gittemeier, jgittemeier@ardc.org

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2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #19

RE: CN/DMIR Railroad Crossing at N Cloquet Rd Safety Improvement Project (#69-00212)

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	214,200 250,000	0	23,800	238,000
			2023	(RRS)		25,000	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.