



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Policy Board

Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 at 6:00 pm
VIRTUAL MS TEAMS MEETING NOTICE

For the protection of the community, all MIC committee meetings will be held online and by telephone during the current Minnesota COVID-19 State of Emergency. Public access and public comment opportunities will be provided as permitted by Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 for local government meetings, allowing the use of communications media technology such as telephone and video conferencing.

Login and call-in information and meeting materials can be viewed on the [meeting web page](#) as well as at the bottom of this page.

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 9.15.21 (for Approval)
- Final – 2022-2023 Work Program

Items for Approval w/Opportunity for Public Comment

- 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP Adopting WisDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Performance Measure Targets for 2021 (PM1)
- Final 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- 2021 Update of the Public Involvement, Title VI & Limited English Proficiency Plans
- HTAC 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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AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 9.15.21 (for Approval) Director's Report <p style="text-align: center;">*** Opportunity for Public Comment***</p>	10 min
3. GUEST SPEAKER: CENTRAL ENTRANCE CORRIDOR AUSTIN HAUF, WSB	20 min
4. ADOPTING WISDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS FOR 2021 (PM1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson/James Gittemeier 	10 min
5. FINAL 2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson/James Gittemeier 	10 min
6. 2022-2023 DULUTH-SUPERIOR MIC WORK PROGRAM & BUDGET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, Ron Chicka 	10 min
7. 2021 UPDATE OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, TITLE VI & LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLANS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Rondi Watson 	15 min
8. HTAC UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	10 min
9. ROUND TABLE	5 min
10. PROJECT UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #20-24 2026 Duluth Area TIP Process 	5 min

Next Meeting

No meeting in November

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

TBD

6:00 pm



Policy Board Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = *Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 9.15.21**
- **MIC Director's Report**
 - The MIC's 2019 [I-35 Bayfront Traffic Modeling Study](#) has again received accolades from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). In September the ITE Great Lakes District presented the MIC and study consultant Alliant Engineering its 2021 Transportation Achievement Award in the *Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)* category.

Described as “a challenging project with unique and innovative solutions,” thirty strategies were developed to improve traffic flow, parking operations and wayfinding in the Bayfront/DECC area during special events. Extensive stakeholder participation, traffic modeling, and the use of a short-term pilot study to test proposed solutions were cited as notable elements of the planning process.

This is the second time this study has received formal recognition by the ITE. In 2019 the North Central District presented its Transportation Achievement Award to the Bayfront project for excellence in the advancement of transportation.

- The MIC provided two letters of support during September. The first was in support of the DTA's pursuit of the “Areas of Persistent Poverty” FTA grant for their “DTA Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility and Corridor Study” project. The second was in support of the University of Minnesota Duluth's Bureau of Business and Economic Research proposal to conduct an economic assessment of the conversion of Duluth's current freeway system to a single parkway system, as proposed by the Duluth Waterfront Collective. Converting the current freeway system to a parkway would create space for 20 acres of developable land and could stimulate one of the largest developments in Duluth's history.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

3. GUEST SPEAKER: CENTRAL ENTRANCE CORRIDOR PLAN; AUSTIN HAUF, WSB

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 seventh Steering Committee meeting of key partners has been held. A broader Community Advisory Committee of a wide diversity of corridor stakeholders has met twice. Several public engagement events have been held. The plan’s logo/branding and an interactive website was established and has been live for several months. WSB staff will present an update on all of this work, and summarize the ideas for completing this plan later this year.

4. ADOPTING THE 2022 WISDOT PUBLIC SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) established statewide calendar year 2021 performance targets for each of the five HSIP performance measures in accordance with 23 CFR 490.209. Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council agrees to plan and program projects so that the projects contribute to the accomplishment of WisDOT’s calendar year 2022 HSIP targets for:

Measure	2016 - 2020 Baseline Averages ¹	2022 Safety Targets ¹
Number of Fatalities	596.6	584.7
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT	0.938	0.919
Number of Serious Injuries	3056.6	2995.5
Rate of Serious Injury per 100 million VMT	4.808	4.712
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	365.8	358.5

5. FINAL 2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP (See Attached)

6. ADOPTING 2022-2023 DULUTH-SUPERIOR MIC WORK PROGRAM & BUDGET (See Attached)

7. 2021 UPDATE OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, TITLE VI & LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLANS

The MIC’s Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which identifies steps and strategies for public engagement at each phase of the planning process, was last updated in 2018. The PIP again requires a full review and update by the end of this year to ensure compliance with the federal FAST Act. With this update we include information about virtual and “hybrid” meetings, and a key goal is to identify and solidify our relationships with key constituencies.

Because our Public Involvement Plan itself needs public involvement, the [draft PIP](#) is now available for the mandatory 45-day comment period through November 30. I invite and encourage you to take a look and get back to me with any feedback or comments you may have (rwatson@ardc.org).

Our Title VI and Language Access Plans are also being updated. They similarly focus on identifying and reaching out to traditionally underserved communities. I will present information about all three plans at the October meetings, prior to presenting them for Board approval in December.



8. HTAC UPDATE

The Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) met on September 1, 2021. It was again held for the first time as a “hybrid” meeting – both in-person and virtually. The meeting was well attended, with approximately 51 people participated. The agenda included the following:

- HTAC Subcommittee Updates
- Introduction of the New Maritime Transport Educator
- Dredged Material Decision Support Tool Update
- Great Lakes Shipping Update
- Canal Park Lakewalk Resiliency Project

Mike and Ron will share a few key details from the September HTAC meeting.

9. ROUND TABLE

10. PROJECT UPDATES

- **2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #20-24**

The City of Duluth and St. Louis County have requested that changes be made to their FY 2022 federal-aid projects. The project details, with changes in **RED**, are summarized below:

- 069-637-025 – *no scope change and project cost changed less than 50%.*
- 118-163-004 – *project removed from TIP now associated with project # 69-637-025.*
- 118-162-016 – *project removed from TIP now associated with project #069-637-025.*
- 118-157-023- *project removed from TIP now associated with project #069-609-047.*
- 069-637-026 – *project removed from TIP, now associated with project # 069-609-047.*



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Mod #	Project # Agency	Description	Year	Federal \$	State TH or Bond \$	Local \$	Total\$
20	069-637-025 St. Louis County	In Duluth, construct roundabout, JCT CSAH 37, Snively Rd and Glenwood St.	2022	550,000 1,200,462		950,000 647,114	1,500,000 1,847,576
21	118-163-004 City of Duluth Now associated with project #069-637-025	In Duluth, construct roundabout, JCT CSAH 37, Snively Rd and Glenwood St.	2022	300,000		75,000	375,000
22	118-162-016 City of Duluth Now associated with project #069-637-025	In Duluth, construct roundabout JCT CSAH 37, Snively Rd and Glenwood St.	2022	300,000		75,000	375,000
23	118-157-023 City of Duluth Now associated with project #069-609-047	Woodland Ave from 200 ft south of Arrowhead Rd to Arrowhead Rd in Duluth, cone sidewalk, curb ramps, traffic signal installation.	2022	75,000		18,750	93,750
24	069-637-026 St. Louis County Now associated with project #069-609-047	In Duluth, CSAH 37, Snively Rd from JCT Woodland Ave to Glenwood St bit mill and overlay.	2022	140,000		160,000	300,000

- FY 2026 Duluth Area TIP Projects**

The development of the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP kicked off with a pre-application meeting on September 30, with the jurisdictions eligible for federal transportation funding in attendance to discuss FY 2026 candidate projects. The new project selection process is based on group discussion to vet projects and decide which projects will move forward via consensus decision making. Project applications will be available in January 2022, due in February, reviewed by the TAC and MIC Policy Board for approval in March. The draft TIP is scheduled to be released in June with final approval scheduled for August. Also, note that Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grants are available.