



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

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 1:30 pm
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Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 12.8.21 (for Approval)

Items Recommend for Approval

- 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP Amendment #1-3
- Central Entrance Vision Plan
- 2022 MN Performance Measure Targets

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- I-35 Corridor Vision - Scope of work
- Project Updates

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Transportation Advisory Committee

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VIRTUAL MS TEAMS MEETING

AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 12.8.21 (for Approval) Director's Report 	10 min
3. 2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1-3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval-Opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson 	10 min
4. CENTRAL ENTRANCE VISION PLAN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval-Opportunity for Public Comment, Ron Chicka 	10 min
5. 2022 MN PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for approval-Opportunity for Public Comment, Rondi Watson 	10 min
6. I-35 CORRIDOR VISION – SCOPE OF WORK	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Ron Chicka & Bryan Anderson 	20 min
7. ROUND TABLE	5 min
8. PROJECT UPDATES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #1-9 2026 Duluth Area TIP Applications 	5 min
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 15th, 2022

VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS

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 12.7.21**
- **MIC Director's Report**
 - Wisconsin DOT – Highway 105 Project – The Wisconsin DOT will be entering the preliminary design phase for an improvement of Highway 105 between Tower Avenue and the MN/WI state line for a project tentatively set for 2025 (though could be pushed further back). Project work includes mill/overlay of pavement including at intersections, curb and gutter repairs in Oliver, railroad crossing improvements on the far eastern end and culvert replacements. Road work improvements will necessitate a fairly long detour that would divert traffic to the Bong Bridge crossing.
 - City of Superior – STH 35/Tower Avenue Study – The City is concluding a study (via AECOM) of a safety and operational plan for Tower between Belknap and 21st Street. What is being looked at is the feasibility of converting the current undivided five-lane roadway to a divided two-lane roadway with a median and dedicated turn lanes. The study is in draft stage. Overall, there are numerous positive aspects of this change especially helping bike, pedestrian, and transit movements. Traffic operations at a couple of key intersections are impacted negatively with longer queuing/wait times. Our next step is to discuss this plan further with the local DOT office to gauge their reaction. More to come on this project with some type of presentation in the next couple of months.

*****OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT*****

3. 2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1- 3

TIP Project Amendments

TIP AMENDMENT #1

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to continue their transportation vouchers program to eligible clients throughout (eight county area including; Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn) northern Wisconsin. The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022.



2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-22-007 Amended to TIP in January 2022	Funding of a Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 8 NW Counties.	Voucher Program	127,813		127,813	255,626
		TOTAL	127,813		127,813	255,626

TIP AMENDMENT #2

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to operate a mobility management program funding staff members who coordinate rides for the region’s population seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022.

2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-22-008 Amended to TIP in January 2022	Funding a mobility manager within NCIL	Mobility Manager	27,654		6,914	34,568
		TOTAL	27,654		6,914	34,568

TIP AMENDMENT #3

This project enables Senior Connections to replace a current vehicle with a new Minivan, Side-load equipped. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT.



2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Senior Connections, Inc. 113-22-009	1 - Minivan Replacement Vehicle Purchase Side-Load Accessible	Vehicle Purchase	35,200		8,800	44,000
Amended to TIP in January 2022		TOTAL	35,200		8,800	44,000

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

4. CENTRAL ENTRANCE VISION PLAN

We will be putting forward a recommendation for approval of this plan at the upcoming meeting. While the entire plan can be made available, we will include the very well done Executive Summary in your packet. We will review specific components of the plan in the presentation including some of the conceptual renderings of what the corridor could look like under a different travel scenario than exists now. We will also highlight the economic potential of the corridor under a more intensive land usage scenario. The plan did not put forth a single overall recommended concept, rather we pointed out the pros and cons of three different concepts; a 3-lane roadway, a 4-lane option with various bike/ped amenities and lastly a one-way pairs option. We did make it very clear that in the upcoming MNDOT construction project set for 2026 that a “status quo” scenario should not be considered as a valid option.

5. 2022 MN PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

In accordance with federal law, each MPO must adopt at least five safety performance measure targets by a given deadline. The MPO has the option to either adopt and use safety performance measure targets adopted by the state or to develop their own targets. The MIC is again proposing to adopt the safety targets established by MnDOT for 2022, which will be presented for approval at the meeting.

6. I-35 CORRIDOR VISION – SCOPE OF WORK

MIC staff and the DOT will team up to discuss the primary elements to be studied in this plan as it moves to the Request For Proposals (RFP) stage. Key study objectives are to examine numerous operational needs of the facility for all users including current and future safety needs of the freight community. We will also examine, where appropriate, some of the ideas put forward in the Duluth Waterfront Collective visioning work that would seek to potentially show an altered “footprint” of the Interstate that is more multimodal in function and allows a more fluid flow of people between the downtown area and Canal Park. The scope includes a communications/engagement component that will draw from many local interest groups to gather input on problems and solutions. Overall, we will



seek to identify needs in the short term that makes the corridor viable and safe while also looking ahead to the future as to how the corridor may function better and more equitable for all.

7. ROUND TABLE

8. PROJECT UPDATES

- 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #4-9

Administrative Modification #4

Lakewalk Drainage System Improvement Project (SP (# 6982-324)

MnDOT requested a change to drop project # 6982-324 from FY22 and move it to FY23. The project needs more time for R/W and permitting with the city of Duluth. Cost and scope remain the same. This project change is detailed in the following table.

1/11/2022	State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
Original	6982-324	MnDOT	I-35	0	Drainage Rehab	I-35 IN DULUTH 0.2 MI. N. JCT LAKE AVE. REPAIR DRAINAGE SYSTEM UNDER LAKEWALK TO OUTLET AT LAKE SUPERIOR.	SF	\$ -	\$1,200,000	\$ -	\$1,200,000	2022
Modification 4	6982-324	MnDOT	I-35	0	Drainage Rehab	I-35 IN DULUTH 0.2 MI. N. JCT LAKE AVE. REPAIR DRAINAGE SYSTEM UNDER LAKEWALK TO OUTLET AT LAKE SUPERIOR.	SF	\$ -	\$1,200,000	\$ -	\$1,200,000	2023

Administrative Modifications #5 & 6

US 53/Hwy 194 Intersection Improvements and MN 194 Roundabout/Resurface (SP #6916-113N and #6932-14)

MnDOT requested changes to the cost of projects 6916-113N and 6932-14 and the addition of an associated project 069-613-044 to project 6932-14. These projects are tied with the same letting. 6916-113N (NHPP funded) has a cost increase due to unforeseen contaminated material. The City of Hermantown added local funds. The HSIP part of project 6916-113 is unchanged. The required federal funds for the increase are coming from 6932-14 due to its updated final design estimate which has a lower cost. There is no scope change for either project. These project changes are detailed in the following table.



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Original	6916-113N	MnDOT	US 53/MN 194/Lindah Rd	0.4	Intersection Improvements	US 53 CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION JCT US53/MN194/LINDAHL RD(TIED TO 6932-14)	NHPP	\$ 920,000	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 1,150,000	2022
Modification 5	6916-113N	MnDOT	US 53/MN 194/Lindah Rd	0.4	Intersection Improvements	US 53 CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION JCT US53/MN194/LINDAHL RD(TIED TO 6932-14)	NHPP	\$ 1,374,880	\$ 343,720	\$ 31,400	\$ 1,750,000	2022
Original	6932-14	MnDOT	MN 194	7.4	Roundabout/Resurface	MN 194 - REPAVE FROM HWY 2 TO HWY 53 AND CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT AT CSAH 13/MIDWAY RD. (TIED TO 6916-113)	STBGP	\$ 3,680,000	\$ 920,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 5,700,000	2022
Modification 6	6932-14	MnDOT	MN 194	7.4	Roundabout/Resurface	MN 194 - REPAVE FROM HWY 2 TO HWY 53 AND CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT AT CSAH 13/MIDWAY RD. (TIED TO 6916-113) (ASSOC. 069-613-044)	STBGP	\$ 2,240,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 3,900,000	2022

Administrative Modifications #7, 8 & 9

Woodland Av Resurfacing (SP #069-609-047) and Arrowhead Rd Resurfacing (SP #118-160-024) and Jean Duluth Rd/Snively Rd/Glenwood St Roundabout (SP # 069-637-025)

St. Louis County requested changes to increase the cost of project #069-609-047 and to change its description, to decrease the cost of project 118-160-024, and to change the description for project # 069-637-025.

Administrative Modifications #7 and #8 move the federal funding from project # 118-160-024 to project # 069-609-047. Modification #7 further changes project # 069-637-025 from “associated” to “tied” in the project description and also adds associated projects #069-637-026 and #118-157-023. Modification #9 changes project # 069-609-047 from “associated” to “tied” in the project description and also adds associated projects #118-162-016 and #118-163-004. The total amount of federal funds is unchanged. These project changes are detailed in the following table.

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Original	069-609-047	St. Louis County	CSAH 9	1.56	Resurface	IN DULUTH, WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) RESURFACE ROAD FROM SNIVELY RD TO ARROWHEAD RD & SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) RESURFACE FROM WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) TO GLENWOOD ST. SIGNALS, TURN LANES (ASSOC 069-637-025, 118-160-024)	STBGP	\$ 886,250	\$ -	\$828,750	\$1,715,000	2022
Modification 7	069-609-047	St. Louis County	CSAH 9	1.56	Resurface	IN DULUTH, WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) RESURFACE ROAD FROM SNIVELY RD TO ARROWHEAD RD & SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) RESURFACE FROM WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) TO GLENWOOD ST. SIGNALS, TURN LANES (ASSOC. 069-637-026, 118-157-023, 118-160-024) (TIED 069-637-025)	STBGP	\$1,479,538	\$ -	\$828,750	\$2,308,288	2022
Original	118-160-024	St. Louis County/Duluth	MSAS 160 Arrowhead Rd	1.31	Resurface	IN DULUTH, ARROWHEAD RD FROM DODGE AVE TO WOODLAND AVE, RESURFACE, PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (ASSOC 069-609-047, 069-637-025)	STBGP	\$ 593,288	\$ -	\$331,712	\$ 925,000	2022
Modification 8	118-160-024	St. Louis County/Duluth	MSAS 160 Arrowhead Rd	1.31	Resurface	IN DULUTH, ARROWHEAD RD FROM DODGE AVE TO WOODLAND AVE, RESURFACE, PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (ASSOC 069-609-047, 069-637-025)	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$331,712	\$ 331,712	2022
Original	069-637-025	St. Louis County	CSAH 37	0.01	Roundabout	IN DULUTH, CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT, JCT JEAN DULUTH RD (CSAH 37), SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) & GLENWOOD ST (ASSOC 069-609-047, 118-160-024)	STBGP	\$1,200,462	\$ -	\$647,114	\$1,847,576	2022
Modification 9	069-637-025	St. Louis County	CSAH 37	0.01	Roundabout	IN DULUTH, CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT, JCT JEAN DULUTH RD (CSAH 37), SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) & GLENWOOD ST (ASSOC. 118-162-016, 118-163-004, 118-160-024) (TIED 069-609-047)	STBGP	\$1,200,462	\$ -	\$647,114	\$1,847,576	2022



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We are aware of some difficulties with the map portion of the application so please try to get the lines as close to the project location as possible and I will adjust to the correct location during the review process.

- ***2026 Duluth Area TIP Applications***

The new Duluth Area TIP project selection process is underway. New project forms will be due no later than January 28th, 2022. I am happy to report that the online application process is going well. We have received two applications so far, both have been received with no issues. We will continue to work on this new application so if anyone has any comments or recommendations on the application please let Ricky know by email (rsarran@ardc.org).

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