



TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

January 18th, 2021 Meeting

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Meeting Summary

* = Approval Item

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Committee Vice-Chair	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
<i>alternate</i>	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT Dist 1
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior – Public Works
Committee Chair	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Krysten Saatela Foster	MnDOT Dist 1
	James Gittemeier	City of Duluth
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth
<i>alternate</i>	Diane Paoni	WisDOT
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
	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
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis Cnty
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
<i>alternate</i>	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Ricky Sarran	MIC-GIS Specialist
	Brady Slater	DNT
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator



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1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

Chris Belden, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. He then asked for roll call attendance be taken. When complete, Chris asked if there were any questions or changes to the agenda. Hearing none he continued.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 12.7.21**

Chris then asked if there were any questions or changes to the December meeting summary; hearing none he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cindy Voigt/Karl Schuettler moved to approve the 12.7.21 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Director's Report**

Ron Chicka briefly reviewed the 2 items included in the meeting materials. WI highway 105 project between Tower Ave and the MN/WI state line tentatively set for 2025 and the Tower Ave Study the City is concluding (via AECOM) of a safety and operational plan for Tower between Belknap and 21st Street.

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

Sheldon Johnson described the 3 amendments he is proposing to the 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP. Amendment #1 and 2 are for the voucher program and a mobility manager for the North Country Independent Living Center. Amendment #3 covers the replacement of a side-load minivan for Senior Connections.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dena Ryan/Todd Janigo moved to recommend approval to the Policy Board for Amendments #1-3 to the 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. CENTRAL ENTRANCE VISION PLAN

Ron Chicka provided a brief overview of what the plan covers. This plan is just the start of the upcoming reconstruction set for 2026 of Central Entrance. There will be much consideration of the concepts presented in this plan. There will be many public/steering committee meetings looking for input on these concepts.

At this time we are looking for approval to move this plan onto the Policy Board for approval.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cari Pedersen/Cindy Voigt moved to recommend approval to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2022 MN PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Rondi Watson shared the 2022 safety targets:

MnDOT statewide safety performance targets submitted to the FHWA

Safety Performance Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatalities	375.0	372.0	375.4	352.4	395.2
Fatality rate (per 100 million VMT)	0.620	0.620	0.626	0.582	0.613
Serious injuries	1,935.0	1,711.0	1,714.2	1,579.8	1,463.4
Serious injury rate (per 100 million VMT)	3.190	2.850	2.854	2.606	2.470
Non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries	348.0	267.5	317.0	281.2	258.4

After reviewing these targets she asked for approval to move them onto the Policy Board.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Karl Schuettler/Chris Lee moved to recommend approval to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. I-35 CORRIDOR VISION – SCOPE OF WORK

Ron Chicka and Bryan Anderson 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. The MIC and MnDOT will keep in mind and consider 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.

Cindy Voigt asked that some noise assessment along the corridor be considered.

7. ROUND TABLE

Chris Carlson noted the public meeting tonight concerning the reconstruction of N 28th St. Check the City of Superior website for details. Also check the Draft Review of the WI Long Range Plan 2050.



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8. PROJECT UPDATES (PLEASE SEE THE MEETING MATERIALS FOR DETAILS)

- 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #1-6
- 2026 Duluth Area TIP Project Applications

9. **ADJOURN:** With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice-Chair Chris Belden adjourned the meeting at 2:23 pm.



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Attachments:

PROPOSED 2022-2025
 SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA
 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 AMENDMENTS

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.



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North Country Independent Living	Funding a mobility manager within NCIL	Mobility Manager	27,654		6,914	34,568
113-22-008 Amended to TIP in January 2022		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.	1 - Minivan Replacement Vehicle	Vehicle Purchase	35,200		8,800	44,000
113-22-009 Amended to TIP in January 2022	Purchase Side-Load Accessible	TOTAL	35,200		8,800	44,000

PM 1 Safety Targets:

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