



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Policy Board

August 17th, 2022 Meeting

Meeting Summary

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Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
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WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
MN Co-Chair	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Bill Fennessey	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Janet Kennedy	Duluth City Council
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Mike Mayou	Duluth City Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Warren Bender	Superior Common Council
	Ashley Grimm	St. Louis County
	Nick Ledin	Superior City Council
	Jason Reid	City of Duluth - Citizen Representative
	Tom Szukis*	DTA
	Jenny VanSickle	Superior City Council
	vacant	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Kris Liljeblad	MIC Sr Planner
	Prescott Morrill	MIC Planner
	Josh Pearson	MnDOT
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A “roll call” attendance was taken. When complete, Chair Boucher asked if there were any questions or changes to the agenda. Hearing none she continued.

Revised Agenda approval.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Rosemary Lear moved to approve the Revised agenda. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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Director’s Report:

Ron noted the I-35 Public outreach during Sidewalk Days. He also shared that the City of Duluth was awarded Raise Grant for about 25 Million for West Superior St.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 6.15.22

Chair Baker then asked if there were any questions or changes to the June meeting summary.

Motion Discussion and Vote	moved to approve the 6.15.22 meeting summary. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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3. GUEST SPEAKER: MNSHIP (MN STATE HIGHWAY INVESTMENT PLAN), JOSHUA PEARSON, MNDOT

Josh Pearson, Project Manager MnSHIP explained that this 20-year plan is for the future of MN highways. Like you, MnDOT has a budget for its expenses. We all make responsible decisions to spend money on our basic needs—shelter, food, clothing. MnDOT also makes responsible decisions to invest funds in maintaining the existing system to a basic level of performance. Beyond the bare necessities, MnDOT has to make tough decisions on how to spend resources in the most efficient and effective ways. Planning helps guide these decisions since there is currently a gap between funding and need of \$19 - \$27 billion. That’s what the Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan is for. In fact, the update is so important to the success of the future system that is required under federal and state law.

MnDOT is in the process of updating MnSHIP covering 2023-2042. The update process began in the fall of 2020 and is anticipated to be completed by late summer of 2023.

4. 2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #9

STH 105 - .20 miles west of East Riverside Drive
0.07 miles - Resurfacing, 100% State Funding 8760-00-62

With no other questions or comments approval was called for.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Rosemary Lear/Sam Pomush moved to recommend approval of Amendment #9 to the 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP/OPEN 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sheldon reviewed the new projects and the placeholders. With no questions he asked for approval.

Mike Mayou noted that when this comes up for a vote in October the Superior Councilors should be in attendance.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Rosemary Lear moved to recommend approval to open the 30 day Public Comment Period to the 2023-2026 Superior Area TIP to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP

Prescott began by explaining that 3 Blatnik engineering projects were missed which caused the delay in approving the TIP. It was agreed that a special meeting scheduled for October 31st will be scheduled for the vote to adopt the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP.

7. 2023-24 WORK PROGRAM PROJECT DISCUSSION

Ron shared the draft Work Program and the projects included. He noted that the TAC members agreed that adding the Safety Plan was good idea.

8. ROUND TABLE

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

- *I-35 Corridor Plan*
- *Safety Action Plan*

10. **ADJOURN:** With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.



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Attachments:

2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #9

A TIP amendment has been requested for resurfacing work along STH 105, .20 miles west of East Riverside Drive. This will be a small resurfacing project 0.07 miles in length in the Town of Superior. This short section of pavement is over the box culvert (Little Pokegama River) due to settlement of subsoils. Resurfacing work is scheduled for 2022.

2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-22-015	STH 105 .20 miles west of East Riverside Drive 0.07 miles	PE ROW CONST		\$74.9		\$74.9
Amended to TIP in August 2022	100% State funds Resurfacing 8760-00-62	TOTAL		\$74.9		\$74.9