



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
**HARBOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**SEPT 7, 2022**

HTAC Voting Members Present			
Representative	Organization	Representative	Organization
Ed Anderson	City of Superior/Citizen Rep	Shawn Krizaj	City of Duluth Fire Dept
Adam Bechle (alt)	WI Sea Grant	Jason Laumann	NWRPC
Dan Belden	WLSSD	Patrick Phenow	MnDOT
Cameron Bertsch	Douglas County	Kelsey Prihoda (alt)	MN Sea Grant
Steven Brossart	US Army Corps of Engineers	Steve Robertson	City of Duluth
CMDR Jarrod Dewitz	USCG/Marine Safety Unit Duluth	Dena Ryan/B Pickard	WisDOT – NW Region
Marshall Elder	Midwest Energy Resources	Jason Serck	City of Superior
Ken Gerasimos	Great Lakes Fleet/Key Lakes	Nick Patterson	JF Brennan Co, Inc
Gary Glass	Izaak Walton League	Jeff Stollenwerk	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Barb Huberty	MPCA	Lou Weichseldorfer	CN
Joel Johnson	Lakehead Boat Basin, Inc.		
HTAC Voting Members Absent <span style="float: right;">* Excused</span>			
Representative	Organization	Representative	Organization
Brian Boder	St Louis Cnty Public Works	Brandon Kohlts	WLSSD ( <i>alternate</i> )
Natalie Chin	WI Sea Grant	vacant	MnDNR
John Downing	MN Sea Grant	Dan Hartman	DECC
Kris Eilers	St Louis River Alliance	Robb McGhie	Perkins Specialized Transp Contract
Matti Erpestad	Recreation-Non-Motorized	Ed Montgomery	Sea Service, LLC
Cherie Hagen	WI DNR	Jason Reeves	Compass Minerals
Others Present			
Representative	Organization	Representative	Organization
Hannah Alstead	Office of Tina Smith	Eric Dott	Barr Engineering
Brett Balavance	Stantec	Kris Liljeblad	MIC
Dan Breneman	MPCA	Sean Murphy	USCG MSU Duluth
Samuel Briscoe		Kevin Myer	
Melissa Brossart	USACE	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
Ron Chicka	MIC Director	Kelsey Prihoda	MN Sea Grant
Ellen Cooney	WI DNR	Ricky Sarran	MIC
Officer Davis	USCG MSU Duluth	Ted Smith	Marine Tech
Guy Partch			



## **Harbor Technical Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, September 7, 2022; 9:00 am – 11:45 am

Barker's Island Inn, Superior, WI

### **Meeting Summary**

**Introduction:** Chairman Ed Anderson called the meeting to order shortly after 9 am. We had attendees both in-person and online via Teams. The meeting summary for the June 1, 2022 meeting was approved.

**HTAC Subcommittees:** The Navigation Subcommittee is launching a Harbor Safety Work Group and anyone interested in participating should contact Lt. Joe McGinnis USCG. The Dredging Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Seaway Port Authority Office on Garfield Ave.

**Wisconsin Freight Plan Update:** Mathew Umhoefer, Wisconsin DOT presented an update on the Statewide Freight Plan. The plan has been shaped by input from the Freight Advisory Committee that includes 39 members with representation from the MIC. The committee has provided input to issues, advice, and advocacy to expand freight movement. The planning work is updating information, assessing freight needs and issues, and engaging stakeholders to guide freight investments and align policies with the Connect 2050 overall state plan.

**Blatnik Bridge Replacement Project:** Pat Huston, MnDOT and Brent Pickard, WisDOT presented an overview of the project. It is currently in the stage of selecting a preferred location alternative in January 2023, upon which a NEPA environmental document will be prepared through 2024. The design phase would follow, with construction roughly between 2026 and 2033, depending on securing project funding. Multiple alignments and interchange options have been explored from which those recommended for further study include more direct connection to 53 east of Hammond Avenue.

**Headwaters Partnership:** Gini Breidenbach, Mn Land Trust presented information on this organization, intended to follow the completion of the St. Louis Bay Area of Interest. The work has been collaborative, working together to establish a vision for the full watershed of the St. Louis and Nemadji Rivers. This work began in 2019 and is expected to be completed in 2023. Priority concerns have been identified and goals and objectives prepared to address them. There is current work on a Memorandum of Understanding with the partners, including the Fond du Lac Tribe, MnDNR, MPCA, WI DNR, and the Cities of Duluth and Superior. A Coordinator is being funded to start in January 2023.

**Coastal Erosion Hazard Mapping:** Justin Otsea and Charlie Moore of ARDC presented information on the multi-year project effort to develop detailed GIS mapping of the Lake Superior and St. Louis Bay shorelines. The information provides a guide for jurisdictions to identify affected infrastructure, to identify protective measures for implementation, and to pursue funding for mitigation measures.

**Upcoming Events:** The Great Lakes Dredging Team is meeting in Milwaukee, WI on September 14 and 15. Several HTAC members plan to attend.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Ed Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.