



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

Tuesday, March 14th at 1:30 pm
HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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GUEST SPEAKER: BETH KALLESTAD, MNDOT PRINCIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER
MNDOT ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 2.14.23
- 2023-2026 Superior Area TIP Amendment #6 & 7
- 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #10

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Carbon Reduction Program Funds Update

Project Updates

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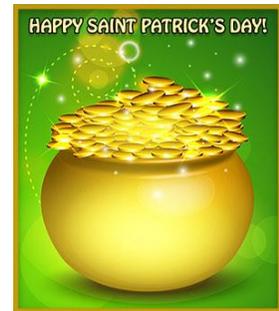
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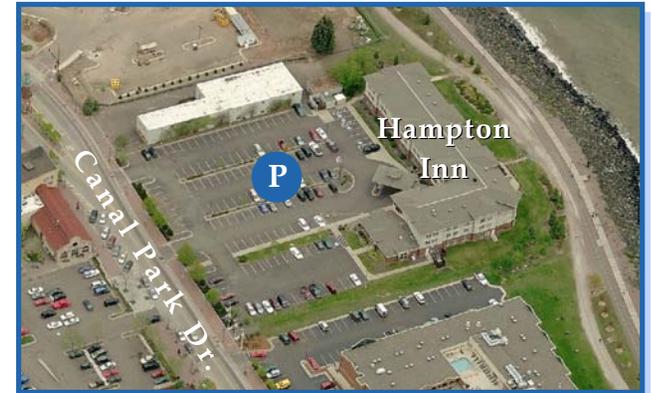
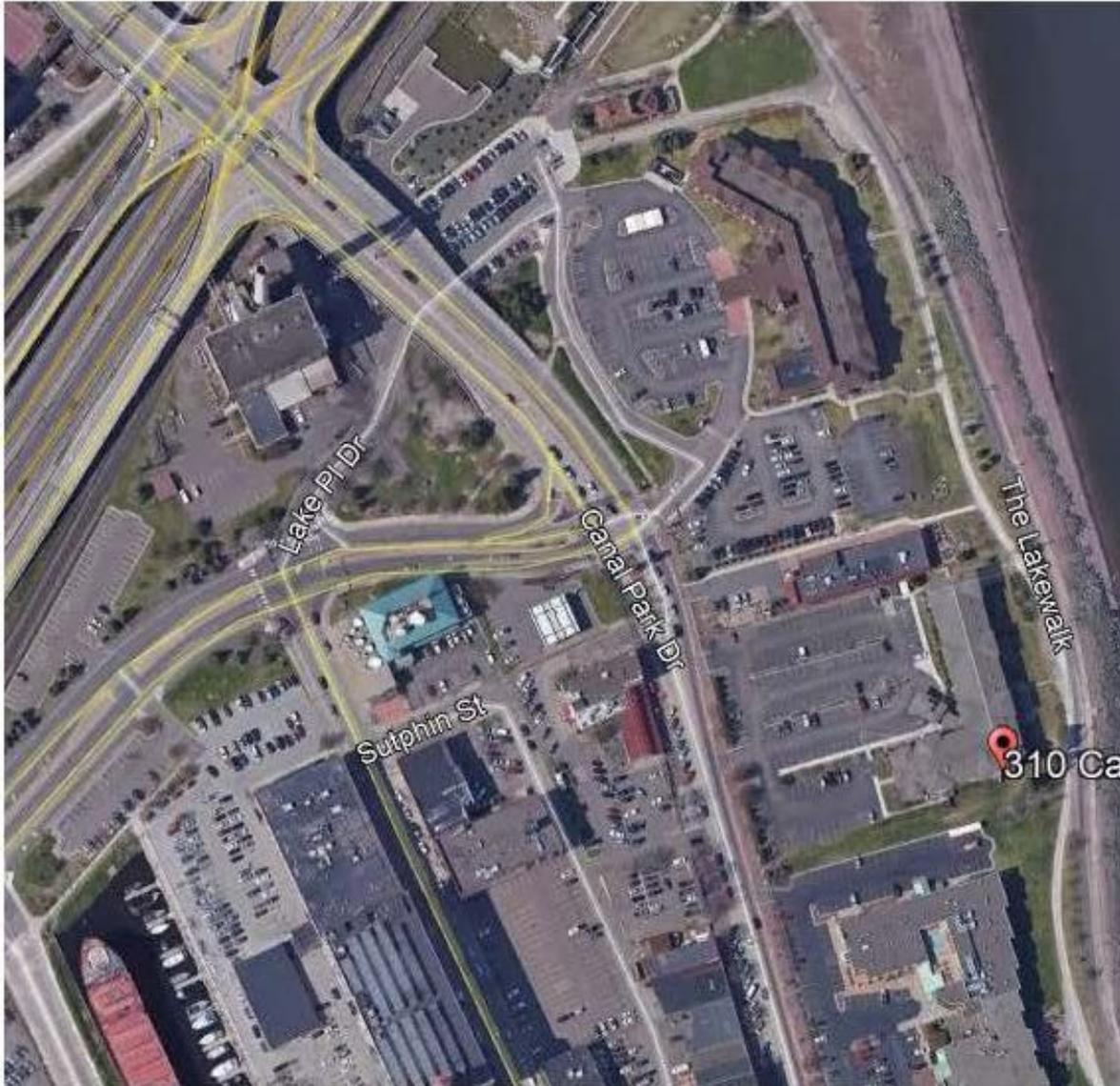


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Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, 1:30 pm

HYBRID MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 2.14.23 (for Approval) Welcome New TAC Member, Skip Williams - filling the Active Transportation Vacancy Director's Report 	5 min
3. GUEST SPEAKER: BETH KALLESTAD, MNDOT PRINCIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER	20 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNDOT ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 	
4. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6 & 7	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend to the Policy Board for approval, Sheldon Johnson 	
5. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #10	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend to the Policy Board for approval, Prescott Morrill 	
6. CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Prescott Morrill 	
7. PROJECT UPDATES	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I-35 Corridor Update 	
8. ROUND TABLE	5 min
9. ADJOURN	

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023
WISDOT LAKE SUPERIOR ROOM
VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS
1:30 pm

Happy Easter





Agenda Item Descriptions

* = *Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 2.14.23**
- **Introduce Skip Williams as New TAC Member representing Active Transportation**
- **Directors Report**
 - MIC Letters of Support – Number of requests for support to projects/initiatives in the area. They include:
 - a) Federal RAISE Grant – Aerial Lift Bridge maintenance.
 - b) Federal RAISE Grant – Lakewalk select improvements.
 - c) Dept of Commerce – Assistance toward a planning workshop targeting the continued beneficial use for dredged materials in the Duluth-Superior harbor.
 - Greater Mn MPOs and State Fund Request – Working with the other MPOs in the state, we are looking to augment our budgets for added state funds that go toward our federal dollars (a source that has increased by about 65% since 20 years ago). Our state funds for the MPO's budgets have not changed in 20 years, yet there are certainly more requirements for the MPOs to address; including more multimodal ones and coordination with different professional fields, such as health care and environmental. The Transportation Alliance of Minnesota is assisting in this endeavor, moving our request to the proper individuals at the legislature.
 - Blatnik Bridge Update – As mentioned at our last meeting, I've attached the MICs resolution from August of 2021 in support of the Blatnik Bridge project; that includes language on a multimodal option with appropriate bike-pedestrian and micro-mobility amenities. This text went through several drafts including comments from the BPAC. As to the federal NEPA process, the MIC serves on this committee and will monitor closely progress on decisions and keep the Board apprised of anything significant with respect to the multimodal stance we have taken.

**3. GUEST SPEAKER: BETH KALLESTAD, MNDOT PRINCIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER:
MNDOT ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

4. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #6 & 7

TIP AMENDMENT #6

A TIP amendment has been requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering work associated with resurfacing (cold in place) portions of STH 35 between CTH B South to 69th Street. Engineering work is scheduled for 2023.



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2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	STH 35	PE	192	48		240
113-23-013	CTH B South to 69 th Street – Resurface (cold in place)	ROW				
Amended to TIP in March 2023	8.54 mi STBG-R 8010-00-07	CONST				
		TOTAL	192	48		240

TIP AMENDMENT #7

A TIP amendment has been requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering work in 2023 (appraisal plats) for future real estate acquisitions to support the IH535 Blatnik Bridge reconstruction.

2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	IH535-St. Louis River Bridge (Blatnik)	PE		250		250
113-23-014	B16-005-0001 to 0005	ROW				
Amended to TIP in March 2023	PE Appraisal Plats 0.00 mi State Funded 1199-00-09	CONST				
		TOTAL		250		250

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

5. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #10

The City of Duluth has requested additional funding, and an expansion of scope for Project ID 118-090-026. This expanded project will connect the Cross City Trail (CCT) from a proposed shared use path (SUP) along the north side of Raleigh St in West Duluth to the CCT along N 59th Ave W. The new total project cost of \$1,150,000 in FY 2023.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP.

Amendment #10 includes funding for an expansion of the project scope and total project cost of \$1,150,000 in FY2023.

The project details are summarized below:



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Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources		
			Federal	Other	Total
City of Duluth	CCT Segment III – from a proposed shared use path (SUP) along the north side of Raleigh St in West Duluth to the CCT along N 59 th Ave W	PE	\$600,000	\$150,000	\$750,000
118-090-026		ROW			
Multi-Use Trail		CONST			
Amended to TIP in March 2023	STBGP	TOTAL	\$920,000	\$230,000	\$1,150,000

Public comments will be taken about this proposed amendment when it is presented for approval at the March 15th, 2023 MIC Policy Board meeting.

6. CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is a new funding source outlined in the recent IJJA/BIL legislation aimed at project that decrease overall carbon emissions. Funds are allocated based on population, not road infrastructure/facility ownership. As a part of this program, the MIC has been allocated approximately \$270k in FY 2023, and slightly higher amounts in the following years. The allocation of these funds for the first few years will be largely at the discretion of the MIC, and will be subject to a Carbon Reduction Strategy (CRS), which will be drafted in the near future, and will apply to the distribution of funds from FY 2025 going forward. The MIC has been working on a strategy to implement these funds with a subgroup of jurisdiction representatives from our Technical Advisory Committee, with more details to come.

7. PROJECT UPDATES

- I-35 Corridor Plan Update*

The MIC and MnDOT planning project for I-35 is advancing with work on alternative solutions to address identified deficiencies within the 14-mile corridor. Bolton and Menk is the MIC’s consultant and they led a public outreach event at Denfeld High School in November. Subsequent outreach to Midway Township, the City of Proctor, Duluth Parking Commission, and the Friends of West Duluth Parks and Trails followed. All the input obtained revealed anxiety about final solutions and expressed interest in follow up meetings. Heading into Spring, the team is preparing for a more solutions-based outreach effort.

- MIC Safety Action Plan*

The *Safe Streets For All* federal program stimulated the MIC jurisdictions to begin a planning effort to identify improvement needs across the system. In 2022 the MIC hired AECOM to track the arterial system collisions from 2017-2021 and documented them by type. The collisions included fatalities and



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injuries in both Duluth and Superior, of which 3% were fatal, 17% were serious injuries, and 80% had minor injuries. The work will continue into 2023, preparing a comprehensive safety action plan that identifies prioritized recommendations to guide traffic safety efforts to reduce and/or eliminate risk factors for roadway crashes. A Project Management Team comprised of representatives of state, county, and municipal agencies will guide the work.

- *Howard Gnesen Rd Project*

Howard Gnesen Rd is an important transportation corridor in the cities of Duluth and Rice Lake that currently does not offer safe or comfortable options for walking and bicycling. St. Louis County received a grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to help the County prepare an Active Transportation Plan for Howard Gnesen Rd between West Arrowhead Rd and Martin Rd. The Plan will compile input from people who live, work, go to school or travel along the road and identify alternatives to improve active transportation along or near Howard Gnesen Rd.

St. Louis County has a long-term vision to reconstruct Howard Gnesen Rd. This planning effort starting in 2023 is critical to begin forming a vision for the future of this corridor and is the first step in a multi-year process. Public engagement and input will continue to occur throughout the process of redesigning Howard Gnesen Rd.

8. ROUND TABLE

9. ADJOURN