



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

August 1, 2024 Meeting

Meeting Summary

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1Note Taker(s)	Nicole Samuelson	
Members Present		
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	Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist Arts/SHIP/Active Transportation
	Denis Sauve	Bike & Ped Industry Rep
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior Public Works
	James Gittemeier	BPAC Vice Chair – City of Duluth
	Skip Williams	We Walk Duluth – Citizen Rep
	Judy Gibbs	Citizen Rep
	Carol Andrews	St. Louis Country Public Works
	Chris Belden	DTA
	Cari Pederson	City of Duluth Public Works
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Justin Dean	Bike & Ped Rep
	Dick Haney	Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails
	Jason DiPiazza	Citizen Representative
Others Present		
	Derek Salomonsen	AECOM
	Victor Lund	St. Louis County
	Joe J	City of Duluth
	Ron Chicka	MIC
	Miles Hansen	Americore – City of Duluth
	Daniel Winings	Citizen
	Prescott Morrill	MIC
	Maren Webb	Sr. Transportation Planner, MnDot District One
	Tanja Mattonen	SLC Asst Traffic Engineer



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

- The meeting was called to order at 2:34pm by Andrea Crouse, BPAC Chair. Introductions were made around the room and online.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Approval of meeting notes from May 2024
 - Skip Williams moved to approve the May 2nd meeting summary, seconded by Denis Sauve
- Other business:
 - Reviewing of the BPAC goals
- BPAC Goals:
 - Safe all season design for bike/ped infrastructure
 - Addressing network gaps
 - Education and training ops
 - Carol discussed the potential for a winter maintenance workshop in 2025
 - Prescott notified the committee on an upcoming Title VI survey for members to complete, with the aim of analyzing demographics of committees for the MIC
- Confirmation of future meeting date: Thursday November 7, 2024
 - Next pedestrian subcommittee meeting on September 5th
 - Next bike subcommittee meeting on October 3rd

3. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- MIC Safety Action Plan – Derek Salomonsen
 - Crash data from AECOM will feed into the upcoming SS4A plan
 - Focus on bike and pedestrian crashes on urban intersections for this presentation
 - Discussion of risk factors in relation to crash data
 - Identification and discussion of countermeasures to reduce crashes- decision tree
 - Feedback should be shared before the end of August - send comments and questions to Prescott (pmorrill@ardc.org)

4. INFORM/UPDATE

- Central Entrance/Sidewalk Survey/Small Area Plan – James Gittemier
 - Latest meeting was about traffic engineering and traffic studies
 - Discussion still needed on land use/future land use – commercial & walkable urban corridor
 - Maren informed the committee on upcoming open houses in September and sidewalk surveys along the corridor.
 - Christopher said the DTA will hopefully do a bus rapid transit study for stations on the corridor



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- Bikeway Plan Update – Nicole
 - Priorities for the update – low cost/ high benefit projects
 - Update Chapter 4 (Bicycle network)
 - Replace enforcement with equity and accessibility
 - Prescott discussed timeline for plan – open for public comment in late November and update published in January of 2025
- Green Streets/Neighborhood Greenway concept – Prescott Morrill
 - Possibility for implementation in Duluth, as an alternative to major roads
 - Inspired by bike boulevards in Portland
 - Traffic circles, raised crosswalks, built for cyclists and pedestrians

5. ROUND TABLE:

- Skip brought up the Blatnik Bridge and concerns on dealing with traffic for the 5-6 years that it will be under construction. He proposed options for reducing vehicle traffic with active transportation options or transit stops.
- Carol discussed the 40th Ave W corridor plan progress and the proposed cross section which includes a shared use path with potential for connection to the cross city trail.
- Chris shared that the Miller Hill Mall bus hub is expected to be finished by this fall. This hub will include real time digital signage, more space and seating, and heaters
- Andrea brought up the upcoming partnership between Zeitgeist and BikeMN for bike classes in late September and offered to share more details if anyone was interested.

6. ADJOURN:

- Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm