



## Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC)

### Mission Statement

The Harbor Technical Advisory Committee's mission is:

- To provide a forum for the discussion of harbor related issues and concerns;
- To promote the harbor's economic and environmental importance to the community;
- To provide sound planning and management recommendations to the Metropolitan Interstate Council.

### Primary Functions

Provide an interstate forum for the discussion and formulation of recommendations regarding harbor issues relevant to the Duluth-Superior urbanized area by private, local, state and federal officials who are directly concerned with their planning, programming and implementation.

Encourage participation in and coordination with comprehensive metropolitan planning by all local governments, state and federal agencies, and industry and environmental representatives that have a direct role in the physical development, dredging and dredged material management, environmental restoration and enhancement activities, and land use development activities in the St. Louis River Bay and Estuary.

Develop, promote, monitor adherence to, and complete an annual review of comprehensive port development plans for the harbor, including the *Superior* and *Duluth Port Land Use Plans*.

Assist in identifying methods and sources of funding for ongoing planning, coordination of activities, implementation of special projects and Metropolitan Interstate Council staff support for the HTAC.

Provide public outreach and education regarding harbor specific issues, activities and projects, as deemed appropriate by the HTAC.

As an advisory group to the Metropolitan Interstate Council, it shall be the practice of the HTAC to attempt to make decisions by consensus. Minority reports shall be included with any recommendation made to the MIC Policy Board.

### Funding

The HTAC is a program of the Metropolitan Interstate Council and is funded through the Federal Highway Administration, the Wisconsin and Minnesota Departments of Transportation, and local match (RDC/RPC). The HTAC also periodically receives contributions from some of its partners/members.

### Staff Contacts

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## HTAC Voting Membership

### Cities

- City of Duluth
- City of Superior

### Counties

- St. Louis County
- Douglas County

### Regional

- Metropolitan Interstate Council
- Northwest Regional Planning Commission (WI)
- Duluth Seaway Port Authority
- Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

### State

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

### Federal

- Environmental Protection Agency – Region 5
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

### Citizens Groups

- Save Lake Superior Association
- St. Louis River Citizens Action Committee
- Isaak Walton League

### Industry Sector

- Grain
- Iron Ore
- Coal
- Bulk Cargo
- General Cargo
- Harbor Services
- Vessel Operations
- Harbor Engineering
- Recreation

### Technical Advisors (non-voting)

- Minnesota Sea Grant
- Wisconsin Sea Grant
- U.S. Customs Service
- U.S.S. Great Lakes Fleet
- Western Great Lakes Pilots Assoc.
- City of Duluth-Ex-officio

### Subcommittees

- Great Lakes Ports Advocacy
- Dredging
- Modeling
- Membership and Bylaws
- Duluth-Superior Port Land Use Plan (completed)
- Hydrographic and Weather Information (completed)
- Landside Port Access Study Implementation (completed)

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