



## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

# MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm

WITC Conference Center

600 North 21<sup>st</sup> St, Superior, WI

### Guest Speakers:

- Design Work for the Tower Avenue Project in the City of Superior  
*Jason Serck, City of Superior Planning and Port Director*
- WisDOT Local Road & Bridge Program for 2011-2014  
*Tom Beekman, Glenn Landis and Dena Young, WisDOT NW District*

### Approval / Voting Items:

- 2010-2013 Duluth Area TIP Amendments # 5 & 6
- Proposed Changes to the TAC Bylaws

### Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update
- HTAC/Harbor Planning Update

### Attendance / Meeting Quorum:

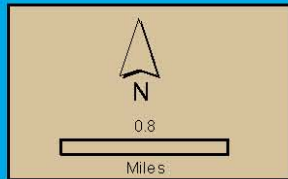
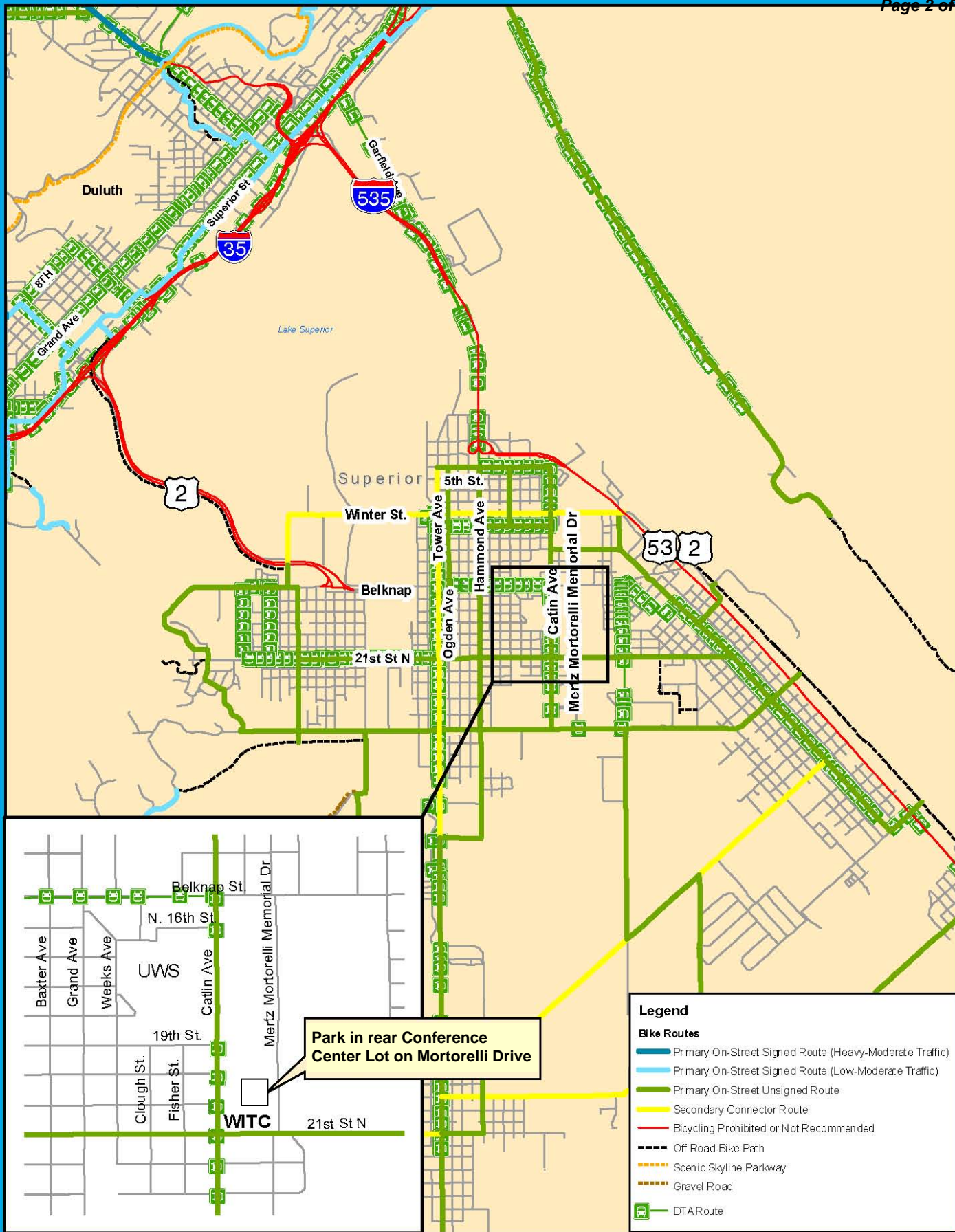
If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, please contact Rondi Watson at [rwatson@ardc.org](mailto:rwatson@ardc.org) or 529-7541 to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

**Driving Directions & Parking Information:** See map on reverse.

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

*Duluth and Superior Urban Area Communities Cooperating in Planning and Development through a Joint Venture of the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission*

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 Wisconsin Indian Technical College  
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## Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Meeting

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### AGENDA

#### Minnesota Members

City of Duluth  
Tony Cuneo  
Kerry Gauthier

City of Duluth – Citizen Rep  
David Montgomery

City of Hermantown  
Wayne Boucher

City of Proctor  
Troy Foucault

Duluth Transit Authority  
Melanie Hendrickson

St. Louis County  
Steve O'Neil, MN Co-Chair

St. Louis County  
Suburban Townships  
Earl Elde  
Cindy Moe

#### Wisconsin Members

City of Superior  
Ed Anderson  
Warren Bender  
Dan Olson

City of Superior – Citizen Rep  
Kevin Norbie

Douglas County  
Nick Baker, WI Co-Chair  
Mike Coyle  
Kathryn McKenzie  
Jim Paine

Douglas County  
Suburban Townships  
Broc Allen

#### 1. Introductions / Agenda Review

5 min

#### 2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of February 17, 2010 (*for approval*)

#### 3. Design Work for Tower Avenue Project in the City of Superior

20 min

- *Jason Serck, City of Superior Planning and Port Director*

#### 4. WisDOT Local Road & Bridge Program for 2011-2014

20 min

- *Tom Beekman, Glenn Landis and Dena Young, WisDOT Northwest District*

#### 5. 2010-2013 Duluth Area TIP Amendments # 5 & 6

5 min

- Review for Approval, *James Gittemeier*

#### 6. Proposed Changes to the TAC and MIC Bylaws

10 min

- Review for Approval, *Ron Chicka*

#### 7. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

10 min

- Presentation and Discussion, *Robert Herling*

#### 8. HTAC/Harbor Planning Update

15 min

- Presentation and Discussion, *Andy McDonald*

#### 9. Project Updates

5 min

- BPAC Update, *James Gittemeier*
- Jobs Bill Update, *Ron Chicka*
- Green Jobs Update, *Ron Chicka*
- Blatnik Bridge Modeling Project Update, *Robert Herling*

#### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 7:00 pm  
Proctor Community Center

# MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

March 17, 2010 Meeting



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\* = Approval Item

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

## 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of February 17, 2010\* (see separate attachment)

## 3. DESIGN WORK FOR TOWER AVENUE PROJECT IN THE CITY OF SUPERIOR

Jason Serck, Planning and Port Director for the City of Superior, and Stephanie King, WISDOT Project Design Leader, will present the design work for Tower Avenue – Hwy 35 project at this month's meeting. Construction is slated for 2013. To date, preliminary design work is underway and public comment is being received. The proposal does call for enhanced pedestrian and bike amenities including bike lanes and center lane boulevards that include plantings. The limits of the work are from Belknap to North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Please contact Ron Chicka at [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7506 for comments or questions.

## 4. WISDOT LOCAL ROAD & BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR 2011-2014

Tom Beekman, Glenn Landis along with Dean Young from the Region and local offices of the DOT will be in attendance to discuss the state's Surface Transportation Program for urban and rural roads plus the bridge program. The DOT is currently soliciting projects for all three programs for the 2011-2014 TIP cycle. They are wanting to present this program to the TAC and MIC as one avenue for enhanced visibility since they can hit the local jurisdictions from an administration and elected official perspective. Please contact Ron Chicka at [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7506 for comments or questions.

## 5. 2010-2013 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS # 5 & 6\*

### Amendment #5

The potential federal FY 2010 Jobs bill has moved along in Congress far enough to where the MIC can reasonably expect additional federal funds in this region. Therefore, the DTA has proposed 3 transit projects to be funded in FY 2010 through the Jobs bill.

Agency	Project	Federal	Local	Total
DTA	Bus Purchase (Sect. 5307) – 3 class 400 buses	\$204,000	0	\$204,000
DTA	Transit Capital (Sect. 5307)	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000
DTA	Operations (Sect. 5307)	\$150,000	0	\$150,000

### Amendment #6

The DTA received a FTA Section 5309 grant for additional funding for FY 2010 for the Downtown Duluth Passenger Facility.

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Agency	Project	Federal	Local	Total
DTA	Funding for Downtown Multimodal Transit Center (Sect. 5309)	\$432,000	0	\$432,000

Please contact James Gittemeier at [jgittemeier@ardc.org](mailto:jgittemeier@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7556 for comments or questions.

#### 6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TAC AND MIC BYLAWS\* (see separate attachment)

Following our discussions at last month's meeting, we are proposing some changes to the current language in the TAC / MIC Bylaws. Preliminary changes may be provided via a handout at the meetings. Please contact Ron Chicka at [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7506 for comments or questions.

#### 7. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Drafts of the "Trends" chapter of the 2035 update of the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation (Directions 2035) has been completed, as has the 2010-2035 list of improvement projects and the accompanying Financial Assessment. These items have been sent to members of the TAC and MIC Boards for review, and are also posted on the MIC website for public comment.

Please contact Robert Herling at [rherling@ardc.org](mailto:rherling@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7573 for comments or questions.

#### 8. HTAC/HARBOR PLANNING UPDATE

The HTAC met on March 3rd at the WITC Conference Center. Agenda items included a report from the Captain of the Port – U.S. Coast Guard Duluth Marine Safety Unit; an update on activities related to Accelerated Freshwater Corrosion Study & Remediation of Steel Structures; an update of project submittals for the Great Lakes restoration Initiative; and a report on the Asian Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash Borer for the Maritime Industry.

Please contact Andy McDonald at [amcdonald@ardc.org](mailto:amcdonald@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7514 for comments or questions.

#### 9. Project Updates

##### **BPAC Update, James Gittemeier**

The MIC held an informational public meeting to get the word out about this new MIC committee. The attendees were asked to participate in one or all of 3 working groups: Membership & Bylaws, Bike to Work Day and Superior Bike Routes. MIC staff will be moving forward with them 3 working groups. At the May meeting, the voting members will officially approve the bylaws and setting of priorities for 2010. All meetings will be at 4pm and will be held at ARDC in the main floor conference room. The next meetings are set for:

## MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates, continued

March 17, 2010 Meeting

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### Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

- May, 5, 2010
- August 4, 2010
- November 3, 2010

#### **Jobs Bill Update, *Ron Chicka***

At the time of this agenda packet being compiled (March 5th), the House and the Senate still continue to work toward a short term “Jobs Bill” as well as the larger federal reauthorization legislation to follow the expired SAFETEA-LU. The House has approved an amended job-creation bill that extends for 10-months (Dec 31) highway trust fund authorization. The bill is now returned to the Senate before going to full committee. Spending authorization was given another 1 month (March 28th) in order to keep projects moving and cease furloughs of the federal DOT.

#### **Green Jobs Update, *Ron Chicka***

I have been representing the MIC by working on the Transportation issue section that has focal points of the former US Steel plant as a new jobs center; the Bayfront plan and its potential as a jobs growth area; and DTA’s possible plans to extend service hours. Together with Port Authority staff, we drafted an Action Plan that outlines the transportation infrastructure needs for the US Steel site that would make it more ‘marketable’ for Duluth. This is a long-term endeavor and one that will require many partners including local, state and federal levels of government. CN, the predominant landowner, would also be a key player in future redevelopment. Our Action Plan discusses the possibility of an Intermodal Center at this location moving goods between rail and truck modes. The most important objective to making this happen is to have the proper amenities in place such as adequate connections to I-35 and the ability for the main arterials to handle large or heavy loads as well as bridge clearance issues.