

MEETING NOTICE / CONFERENCE CALL



Tuesday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Special (Phone in) Meeting:

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Action Item / Review for Approval

The MIC Policy Board will meet via conference call on Tuesday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m. to vote on a single agenda item:

- **2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #4**
(to include funding for a DTA Multimodal Terminal in the 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP.)

Shortly before 4:00 p.m., dial 218-722-5545, extension 555 to be connected to the conference call. *(You should hear a short beep when you join the call and will be able to speak with MIC staff and other callers).*

Attendance

To ensure a quorum is present for this voting item, please confirm that you are planning to participate by contacting Beth Krebsbach at (218) 529-7541 or bkrebsbach@ardc.org. For questions, contact MIC Director Ron Chicka at (218) 529-7506 or rchicka@ardc.org.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Introductions / Agenda Review

3 min

2. 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #4

5 min

- Review for Approval, *James Gittemeier*

Next (regular) MIC Meeting:

Wednesday, February 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Proctor Community Center, Proctor, MN

Background and Description for TIP Amendment #4:

On Oct. 4, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and the FTA announced an award of \$16 million to the DTA to construct a new Twin Ports Multimodal Transportation facility. Awards were made to 152 projects in 45 states and the District of Columbia and are focused on returning the nation's transit systems to a state of good repair by replacing outdated and inefficient transit maintenance and administration facilities, vehicles, transit centers and other capital projects.

The \$776 million program was made possible by utilizing unallocated funds from the FY 2010 FTA 5309 Major Capital Investments Program. Congress had previously awarded earmark projects for a portion of the FY 2010 5309 allocation, which left the remainder for the FTA to administer. In previous years, Congress would often earmark the entirety of the program. In the absence of formal surface transportation authorization legislation -- SAFETEA-LU, which expired as of September 30, 2009 -- federal agencies must determine investment priorities without legislative direction or guidance.

The DTA facility will serve as an off-street transit center and inter-city rail station serving DTA public transportation needs as well as Jefferson Lines, Greyhound, LCS and Arrowhead Transit. The facility will provide pedestrian and bicycle connections (via replaced skywalks and concourses) to the downtown area, convention center, and the Western Waterfront Trail. The facility will replace the existing parking and add parking for long-term use (in conjunction with the planned Northern Lights/Duluth Depot rail station), space for rental cars and taxi operations, as well as secure bicycle parking with amenities.

Project	Federal (FTA)	Local	Total
DTA Multimodal	\$16,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$20,000,000

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