

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

MEETING NOTICE



Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Proctor Community Center

Proctor, MN

Approval / Voting Items:

- Amendment #5 to the 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP
- Amendment #3, 4 and 5 to the 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP
- Prioritization for 2015 Duluth TIP Projects

Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- Kirkus Street Land Use Plan Draft
- BPAC Meeting Update
- Central Entrance Corridor Study
- Sidewalk Inventory Project Development

Attendance / Meeting Quorum:

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, please contact Beth Krebsbach at bkrebsbach@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.

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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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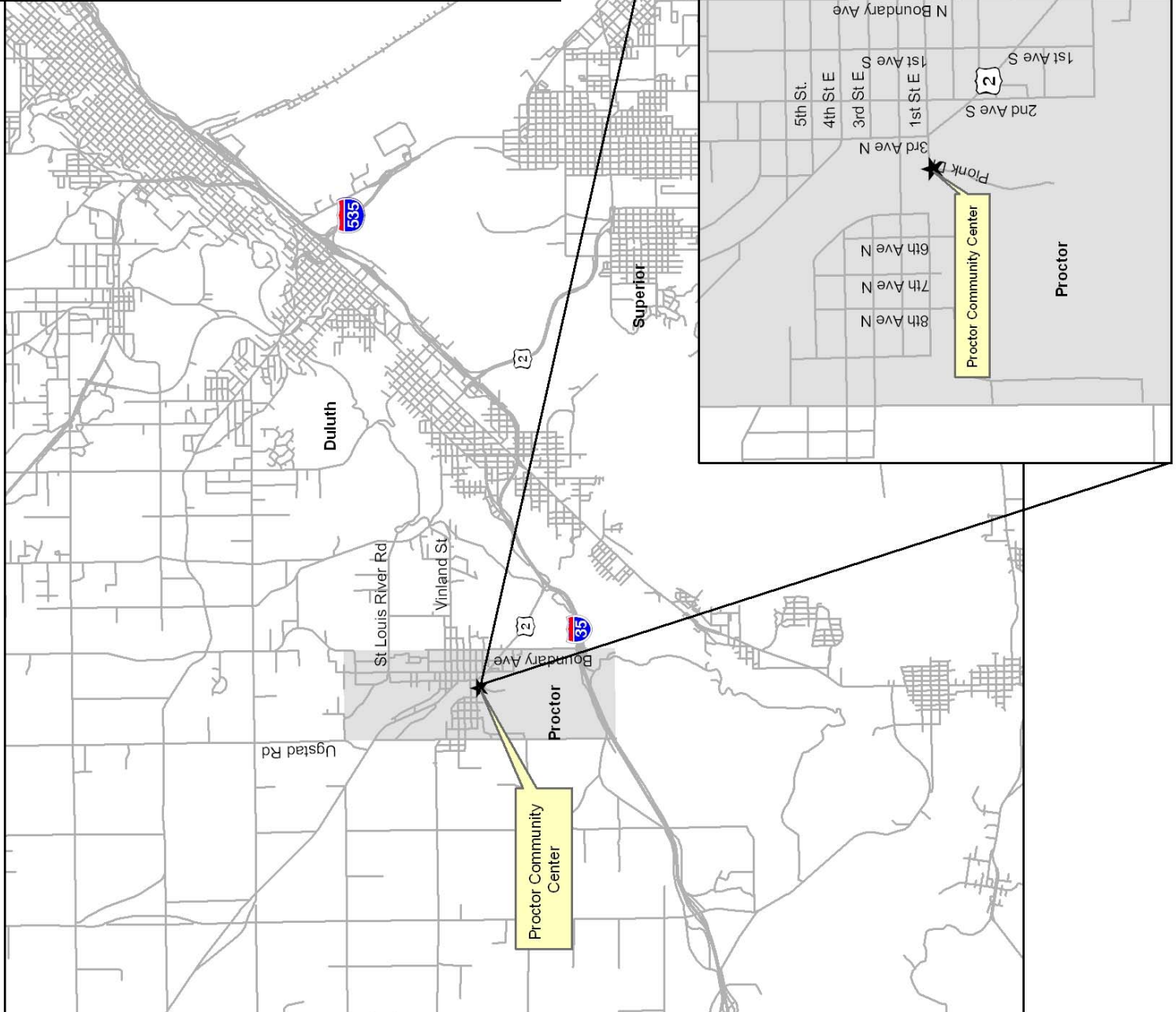
Proctor Community Center 100 Pionk Drive

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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Meeting

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Proctor Community Center, Proctor MN

AGENDA

Minnesota Members		
<p>City of Duluth Tony Cuneo Dan Hartman</p>	<p>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</p> <p>2. Committee Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Summary of 1/19/11 (<i>for approval</i>) • Meeting Summary of 1/25/11 Special Meeting (<i>for approval</i>) 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>City of Duluth – Citizen Rep David Montgomery</p>	<p>3. Amendment #5 to 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>City of Hermantown Wayne Boucher</p>	<p>4. Amendment #3, 4 and 5 to 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i> 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>City of Proctor David Brenna</p>	<p>5. Prioritization for 2015 Duluth Area TIP Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 	<p>10 min</p>
<p>Duluth Transit Authority Melanie Hendrickson</p>	<p>6. Kirkus Street Land Use Plan Draft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>St. Louis County Steve O'Neil, <i>MN Co-Chair</i></p>	<p>7. BPAC Meeting Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 	<p>10 min</p>
<p>St. Louis County Suburban Townships Earl Elde Cindy Moe</p>	<p>8. Central Entrance Corridor Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<p>15 min</p>
<p>Wisconsin Members</p>		
<p>City of Superior Warren Bender Denise McDonald Dan Olson</p>	<p>9. Sidewalk Inventory Project Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<p>10 min</p>
<p>City of Superior – Citizen Rep Ed Anderson</p> <p>Douglas County Keith Allen Nick Baker, <i>WI Co-Chair</i> Kay McKenzie Jim Paine</p>	<p>10. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Transportation Bill Outlook, <i>Ron Chicka</i> • Safe Routes to School – Duluth, <i>James Gittemeier</i> • MIC Social Media and Public Involvement, <i>Rondi Watson</i> • Transportation Systems Management, <i>Robert Herling</i> • Performance Measures, <i>Robert Herling</i> • CPG Funding Letter Distributed, <i>Ron Chicka</i> 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>Douglas County Suburban Townships Broc Allen</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. WITC Conference Center, Superior, WI</p>	

MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Summary of January 19, 2011 Meeting * (separate attachment)
- Summary of January 25, 2011 Special Meeting* (separate attachment)

3. AMENDMENT #5 TO 2011-2014 DULUTH AREA TIP – UDAC BUS PURCHASE *

UDAC has received FTA Section 5310, the Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program grant for the purchase of two Class 500 buses. The timing of the project selection for the FTA grant is not compatible with the TIP development process and in order for agencies to deploy their projects an amendment to the current 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP is needed. See project details below:

Agency	Project	Federal	Local	Total	Year
MnDOT (for UDAC)	FTA Section 5310 Grant - UDAC	\$188,800	\$47,200	\$236,000	2011
	Purchase of two Class 500 buses	(80%)	(20%)	(100%)	

Please contact James Gittemeier at (218) 529-7556 or jgittemeier@ardc.org with any questions or comments.

4. AMENDMENTS #3 AND 4 TO 2011-2014 SUPERIOR AREA TIP*

It is necessary to consider an amendment to add the following project(s) to the approved projects list in the 2011-2014 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. A summary of the proposed amendment is outlined below.

Amendment #3

This project enables the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to use federal funds to replace an existing culvert along STH 105 (Union Street) just west of Irondale Avenue in the Village of Oliver.

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2011 Transportation Improvements Projects (SRTS)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-11-011 Amended to TIP in February 2011	Culvert replacement on STH 105 west of Irondale Avenue in the Village of Oliver. 8760-00-30 (3R) 8760-00-60 (3R)	PE	29	7		36
		ROW				
		CONST	276	69		345
		TOTAL	305	76		381

Amendment #4

This project enables the expenditure of federal funds to be used to make improvements to Tower Avenue in the City of Superior. Improvements will occur along Tower Avenue from Belknap Street to 3rd Street and is scheduled to occur in 2013. Contact sensitive design improvements may include lighting, planters, trees/vegetation, etc.

2013 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-11-012 Amended to TIP in February 2011	Tower Avenue – Belknap Street to 3 rd Street (construction, str scape beautification) NOTE: project tied to 1195-13-71 801-07-74 8998-00-08	PE				
		ROW				
		CONST	1,000		250	1,250
		TOTAL	1,000		250	1,250
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Amendment #5

This project enables the expenditure of federal funds to be used to make improvements to the intersection of Belknap Street and Garfield Avenue along USH 2 in the City of Superior.

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Improvements include prohibiting northbound through and left turn movements from Garfield Avenue. A “porkchop” island would be placed on the Garfield approach (SE quad) to deter prohibited movements, and right turn only signs will be installed. Improvements are scheduled to occur in 2014.

2014 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	USH 2 – Intersection of Belknap Street and Garfield Avenue	PE	30.6	3.4		34
113-11-013		ROW CONST	33.3	3.7		37
Amended to TIP in February 2011	8680-00-00 PE 8680-00-70 CONST HSIP Funding	TOTAL	63.9	7.1		71

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by e-mail at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

5. PRIORITIZATION FOR 2015 DULUTH TIP PROJECTS *

At the February 15, 2011 TAC meeting, the two projects submitted for 2015 federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding will be scored and ranked. All MIC and TAC members are eligible to participating in this scoring process. If a member is not available to attend the scoring session, a designated alternate may participate in his or her place.

Please note: In order to score these projects, the member must be present for the presentation and discussion. The two projects are:

Duluth – West First Street reconstruction from Piedmont Avenue to Mesaba Avenue

St. Louis County – Martin Road resurface from Midway Road to Rice Lake Road

Please contact James Gittemeier at (218) 529-7556 or jgittemeier@ardc.org with any questions or comments.

6. KIRKUS STREET LAND USE PLAN DRAFT

The recommendations for the Kirkus Street Land Use Plan will be presented. Please review the recommendations and draft plan and submit any comments by the end of February. The plan will move through the City of Proctor approval process in February and March. Once approved by the city, the final plan will be presented for the MIC and TAC to approve. The major recommendations of the Draft Land Use Plan are:

1. Allow for a mix of land uses (retail, office and residential) along Kirkus Street.
2. Rezone city and school district owned property to a residential classification to allow for a

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variety of housing types, specifically with smaller square footage and smaller lot sizes.

3. Incorporate Proctor Connector Trail, which will connect the Community and Recreation Center to the Munger Trail, as part of development in this corridor.

4. Allow for flexibility with the prime location and visibility of the site, particularly as the market changes and future developments take place.

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7. BPAC MEETING UPDATE

The first BPAC meeting of 2011 was Monday, February 7. This meeting focused on 2011 work items, including the Update of the Duluth-Superior Bike Map, Superior Bike Routes, Duluth Sidewalk Inventory, and Bike to Work Day.

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8. CENTRAL ENTRANCE CORRIDOR STUDY

We would like to discuss which areas are most likely to see land use changes along the corridor and what the intensity of these changes may be. This information would be helpful as we work with URS on developing a small-area model for the corridor. We will also discuss the preliminary findings of the crash analysis. The social media strategy is being developed and we are developing materials and considering our approach to implementing each segment of the strategy.

Please contact Andy McDonald at (218) 529-7514 or amcdonald@ardc.org with any questions or comments.

9. SIDEWALK INVENTORY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

We will have preliminary discussions on this project. We want to meet with a number of groups prior to collecting any data to determine what expectations there are for the data and if there are any volunteers that could help us collect data. We will also discuss how to maintain the data and who is responsible for providing new sidewalk construction and maintenance information. The goal is to design the study to collect the most useful data with the resources we have available and to put together a data maintenance plan to keep this data useful for many years.

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10. PROJECT UPDATES

Federal Transportation Bill Outlook, *Ron Chicka*

The most recent extension of federal reauthorization of the transportation bill is set to expire on March 4th. From all sources that I correspond with concerning this topic, it is very likely that another Continuing Resolution (CR) will occur that extends federal legislation through at least the federal fiscal year – end of September 2011. The current Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Rep. Mica, R – Florida) has stated that he will attempt to move a bill through the House by mid-year. It is very uncertain as to whether he will get full House support, not to mention Senate or Administration approval that would actually end in a new transportation bill. If a bill would happen, it will most certainly be less than Oberstar's initial bill drafted in 2009 and will likely reduce funding for specific programs (i.e. transit and livable community funds) to name a couple. The House recently enacted a revised "rules" measure that will allow lowered funding in the next reauthorization bill. MPOs will continue their funding streams via any short term CR.

Safe Routes to School – Duluth, *James Gittemeier*

The second site team meeting for Denfeld High School and Laura MacArthur Elementary School took place on February 2nd. At this meeting, the improvements recommended for each school site were thoroughly discussed. The next steps are to follow up on questions for a number of the proposed improvements, determine costs and identify responsible parties. The third and final meeting for these two schools is scheduled for the first week of March, where a draft site assessment report will be presented for each school.

MIC Social Media and Public Involvement, *Rondi Watson*

Now that we have a new administrative assistant on board, I've been working with PureDriven to develop the underpinnings of our social media initiatives: designing a blog site, developing initial content, figuring out mail list and distribution systems, and putting together a "rules of engagement" social media policy for our staff to use. You'll be seeing more about the MIC and our projects very soon!

Transportation Systems Management, *Robert Herling*

The MIC is conducting area-wide crash analyses as part of Transportation Systems Management (TSM) effort for 2011. Results will be incorporated into a ranking process that also includes information regarding the traffic volumes, functional classification, and level of service (LOS) of various locations throughout the MPO. The aim of this effort is to identify locations where lower-cost, targeted improvement projects may have the greatest benefit-to-cost ratios.

Performance Measures, *Robert Herling*

The MIC is again engaging members of the TAC board in working to identify the most suitable performance measures to be used in the long range planning efforts of the MPO. Work for 2011 will begin with a continuation of discussions about performance measures to address system preservation and safety.

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The request letter is out to all MIC member jurisdictions and partners to submit a project for funding via the MIC funds to add to our 2011 and/or 2012 Work Plan. I have given all until April 8th to respond with the particular points noted in the letter. As mentioned, key items of the request is that the project must have a 20% non-federal match and that the MIC would proceed through an RFP process per federal guidelines to hire a consultant to conduct the chosen project(s). By the April MIC meetings, I should be able to report the results of the solicitation and discuss next steps which may include a priority ranking session among members, depending on the number of projects submitted and the amount of funding requested.