

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council



MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

WITC Conference Center

Superior, WI

Approval / Voting Items:

- Duluth Aerial Imagery – MIC Contribution
- Amendment #6 to the 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP, funding downtown Duluth bus improvements
- Amendment #6, 7 and 8 to the 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP, funding bridge replacement or rehabilitation at three locations
- City of Duluth Sidewalk Inventory - Scope of Work
- HTAC Letter of Request

Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- HTAC Harbor Planning Update
- Transportation Systems Management
- Safe Routes to School Update

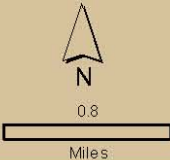
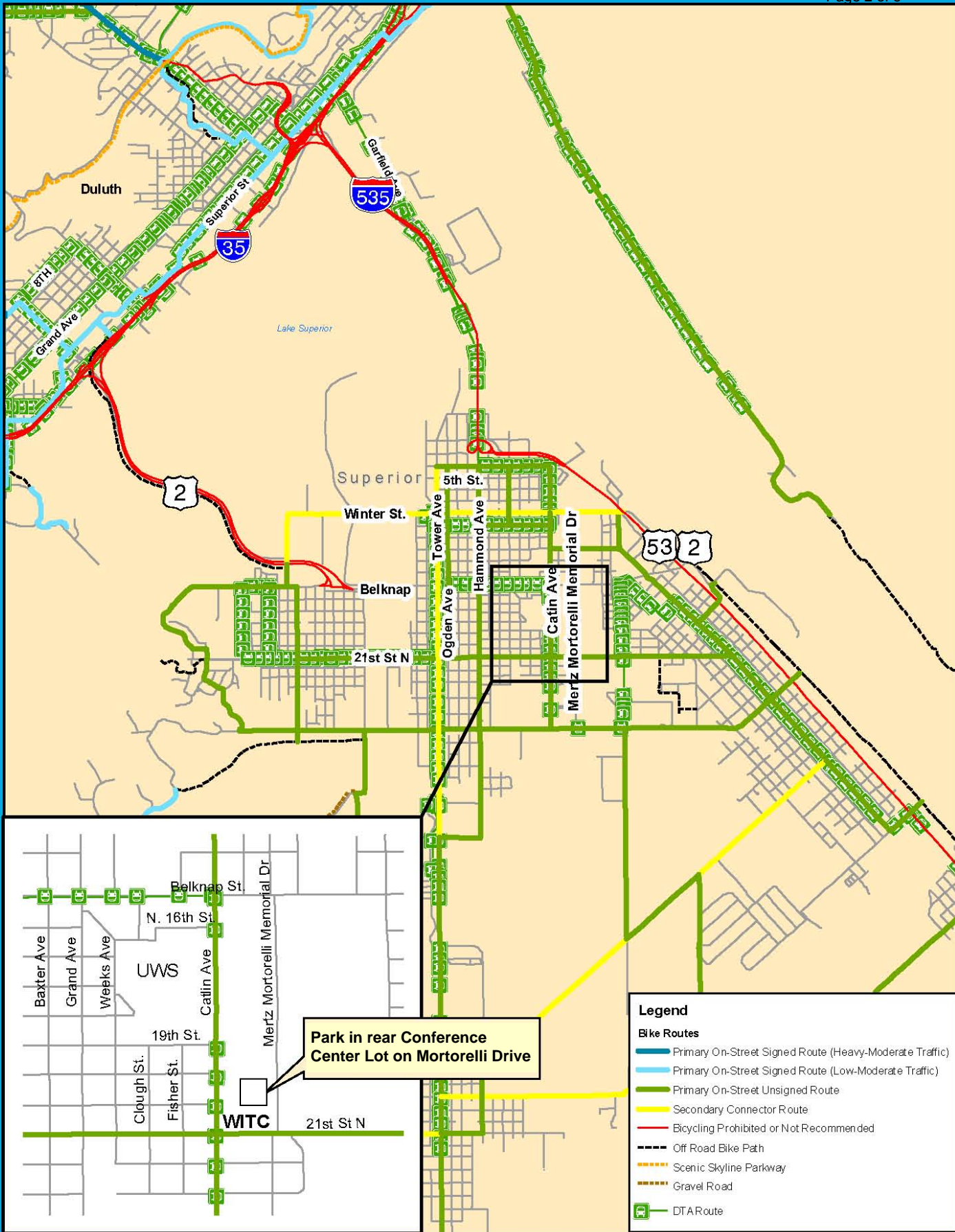
Attendance / Meeting Quorum:

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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 Wisconsin Indian Technical College
 600 North 21st St - Superior, WI





Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Meeting

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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 2/16/11 (<i>for approval</i>) • Duluth Aerial Imagery – MIC Contribution (<i>for approval</i>) 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>City of Duluth – Citizen Rep David Montgomery</p>	<p>3. Amendment #6 to the 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP (funding downtown Duluth bus improvements)</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 #6, 7 and 8 to the 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP (funding for bridge replacement or rehabilitation at three locations)</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. City of Duluth Sidewalk Inventory - Scope of Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<p>15 min</p>
<p>Duluth Transit Authority Melanie Hendrickson</p>	<p>6. HTAC Harbor Planning Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> • Letter of Request Review for Approval, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<p>20 min</p>
<p>St. Louis County Steve O'Neil, <i>MN Co-Chair</i></p> <p>St. Louis County Suburban Townships Earl Elde Cindy Moe</p>	<p>7. Transportation Systems Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i> 	<p>15 min</p>
<p>Wisconsin Members</p>	<p>8. Safe Routes to School Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 	<p>15 min</p>
<p>City of Superior Warren Bender Denise McDonald Dan Olson</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>9. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirkus Street Land Use Plan, <i>James Gittemeier</i> • CPG Funding Update, <i>Ron Chicka</i> • Duluth Trails and Bikeways Plan, <i>James Gittemeier</i> • MnDOT Toward Zero Deaths Initiative, <i>Robert Herling</i> 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>Douglas County Suburban Townships Broc Allen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 Hermantown Training Center, Hermantown, MN</p>	

MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of February 16, 2011* (separate attachment)
- Duluth Areal Imagery – MIC Contribution*

The City of Duluth has been presented a unique opportunity via the Minnesota DNR to purchase enhanced aerial imagery in 2011 for use in a multitude of GIS endeavors. The DNR is conducting the flight this spring. At a total cost of \$118,750, the city is considering moving forward with this purchase that would gain them 3-inch resolution plus LiDAR data that provides contour information. Both of these products are a big improvement to what they have now. Due to the logistics of the flight, Hermantown and Proctor would also be flown.

The city has reached out to the MIC and other local units of government to gain not only verbal support, but also a small financial contribution that may assist in the city's decision as to whether or not they move forward with the full imagery purchase. They (City of Duluth) are hoping to get a nominal amount (\$5K - \$10K) from a number of entities to aid in reducing their costs. The MIC certainly stands to gain with the data being discussed in virtually all of our planning projects conducted in Duluth and the urbanized area as well. In the past, the MIC has provided funding support for aerial imagery data. At the TAC and MIC, this issue will be discussed, in hopes of gaining support for aiding the city with some small contribution.

If you have questions or comments about this item, please contact Ron Chicka at 218-529-7506 or rchicka@ardc.org.

3. AMENDMENT #6 TO THE 2011-2014 DULUTH AREA TIP *

The Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) has asked the MIC to amend the 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP to include a project for Downtown Duluth Bus Improvements for FY 2011. The funding for this project originated as a FY 2010 congressional earmark. The funding is from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 program.

Agency	Description	Federal (FTA) \$	Local (DTA) \$	Total \$
DTA	FTA Section 5309 – Bus & Bus Related Equipment & Facilities Downtown Duluth Improvements	\$451,440	\$112,860	\$564,300

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If you have questions or comments, please contact James Gittemeier at 218-529-7556 or jgittemeier@ardc.org.

4. AMENDMENTS #6, 7 AND 8 TO THE 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 amendments is outlined below.

TIP AMENDMENT #6: 2011-2014 Superior Urbanized Area

This project enables Douglas County to use federal funds to replace an existing bridge located on Sleepy Valley Loop over the Middle River in the Town of Lakeside.

Preliminary engineering scheduled for 2011 and construction scheduled for 2013.

2011 (PE) & 2013 (CONST) Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County	Bridge Replacement on Sleepy Valley Loop over the Middle River Bridge P-16-0010 (T. of Lakeside)	PE	48		12	60
113-11- 014		ROW				
		CONST	240		60	300
		TOTAL	288		72	360
Amended to TIP in March 2011	8760-00-00 PE 8760-00-70 CONST Bridge					

TIP AMENDMENT #7: 2011-2014 Superior Urbanized Area

This project enables Douglas County to use federal funds to rehabilitate an existing bridge located on CTH C over the Nemadji River in the Town of Superior. Preliminary engineering scheduled for 2011 and construction scheduled for 2012.

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2011 (PE) & 2012 (CONST) Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County 113-11-015 Amended to TIP in March 2011	Bridge Rehabilitation located on CTH C east of STH 35 over the Nemadji River B-16-0022 (T. of Superior)	PE	40		10	50
		ROW				
		CONST	392		100	492
		TOTAL	432		110	542
	8745-00-01PE					
	8745-00-71 CONST					
	Bridge					

TIP AMENDMENT #8: 2011-2014 Superior Urbanized Area

This project enables Douglas County to use federal funds to rehabilitate an existing bridge over the abandoned Soo Line grade located on CTH C in the Town of Superior. Culverts will be installed after bridge removal to allow for proper drainage in the area. Preliminary engineering scheduled for 2011 and construction scheduled for 2012.

2011 (PE) & 2012 (CONST) Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County 113-11-016 Amended to TIP in March 2011	Bridge Rehabilitation over abandoned Soo Line grade located on CTH C west of STH 35. Bridge B-16-0047 (T. of Superior)	PE	32		8	40
		ROW				
		CONST	215		58	273
		TOTAL	247		66	313
	8758-00-00 PE					
	8758-00-70 CONST					
	Bridge					

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

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Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council**5. CITY OF DULUTH SIDEWALK INVENTORY – SCOPE OF WORK ***

We will be meeting with City of Duluth staff to get their input for this project to include in the Scope of Work. We will meet with other sidewalk stakeholder groups to get their input shortly after the project begins. We will identify a base level of data we will collect and also identify additional levels of data we could collect if we have additional resources available for the inventory. We will present the Scope of Work for approval at the TAC and MIC meetings.

If you have questions or comments about this project, please contact Andy McDonald at 218-529-7514 or amcdonald@ardc.org.

6. HTAC HARBOR PLANNING UPDATE*

The HTAC met on March 2nd at the Superior Public Library. We heard presentations on U.S. Coast Guard activities, development plans for the Bayfront area, and about the latest meetings of the Great Lakes Ballast Water Collaborative. During the subcommittee reports, the Dredging Subcommittee recommended to the HTAC that they request the MIC to write a letter to the Commissioners of MPCA and MnDOT asking them to resolve permitting issues related to using Erie Pier materials in state construction projects. MIC staff will present the letter to the MIC for their review and approval.

If you have questions or comments about this item, please contact Andy McDonald at 218-529-7514 or amcdonald@ardc.org.

7. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (TSM)

The MIC is currently conducting a TSM assessment of intersections in the metropolitan area. The assessment will rank intersections based on a number of factors related to traffic safety and operational efficiency. The aim of this work is to identify locations where low-cost TSM improvements would have the potential to yield the greatest degree of improvement per investment dollar.

If you have questions or comments about this item, please contact Robert Herling at 218-529-7573 or rherling@ardc.org.

8. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

The final recommendations and cost estimates for proposed improvements for Denfeld High School and Laura MacArthur Elementary are being developed. A report for each school will be released as completed. The next two schools to be analyzed are Duluth East High School and Piedmont Elementary school sites. MIC staff and Fit City Duluth are forming the steering committee for these two schools.

If you have questions or comments, please contact James Gittemeier at 218-529-7556 or jgittemeier@ardc.org.

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The recommendations of the plan were presented to the Proctor Planning & Zoning Commission. A number of alterations to the recommendations for land use and zoning changes are being worked out. The alterations involve the zoning of land further away from Kirkus Street as well as issues over the commercial and industrial rezoning proposal. Once the recommendations are agreed upon, the final plan will be presented to Proctor City Council and then the MIC Policy Board.

CPG Funding Letter Distributed, Ron Chicka

Local units of government and MIC member partners have until April 8th to respond to the project solicitation letter concerning reserve funds that we have at our disposal. The 20% match to these federal funds needs to come from the applicant. To date, I have been in contact with a few members as to what they may put forward for consideration and may be able to speak to these at the upcoming meeting.

Duluth Trails and Bikeways Plan, James Gittemeier

The City of Duluth has begun a Trails and Bikeways Plan. This plan will have a 20-year vision of what the region's trails and bikeways might be, including both recreational trails and transportation routes. The plan will be a regional plan with a long term outlook. MIC staff is assisting the city with data collections and has participated in the initial information gathering meeting and will continue to be involved with this project as it moves forward.

MnDOT Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Initiative, Robert Herling

In a continuing effort to reduce deaths and serious injuries on Minnesota roadways, Mn/DOT and the Dept. of Public Safety have recently hired a Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Coordinator, Holly Kostrzewski, to coordinate TZD initiatives throughout Mn/DOT Districts 1 and 2. The MIC has been asked to participate in a regional steering committee to help organize a TZD workshop for District 1, held annually in June. The steering committee's main focus is to bring together traffic safety-related data for the region, develop a strategic plan and to implement evidence-based strategies to combat this epidemic on Minnesota roads. The accomplishments will grow, based on the stakeholders interdisciplinary partnership referred to as the 4 "E"s - Engineering, EMS, Enforcement and Education - as well as the court system and local community members.