

## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council



### MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

WITC Conference Center

Superior, WI

#### Guest Speakers:

- Jim Skoog, *6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Health Impact Assessment*
- Dennis Jensen or Jim Heilig, *Multimodal Terminal and Challenges Facing Service to Mall Area*

#### Approval / Voting Items:

- Draft of the 2012-2015 Duluth Area TIP
- BPAC Resolution of Support for London Road Project

#### Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update
- Safe Routes to School Update
- CPG Funding Update

#### Attendance / Meeting Quorum:

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, please contact Laurie Davis at [ldavis@ardc.org](mailto:ldavis@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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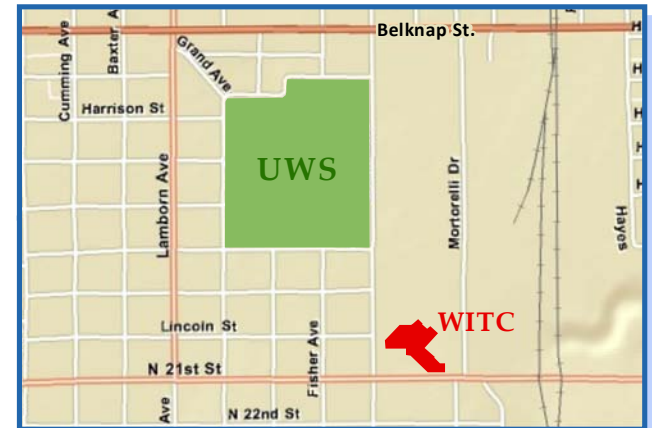
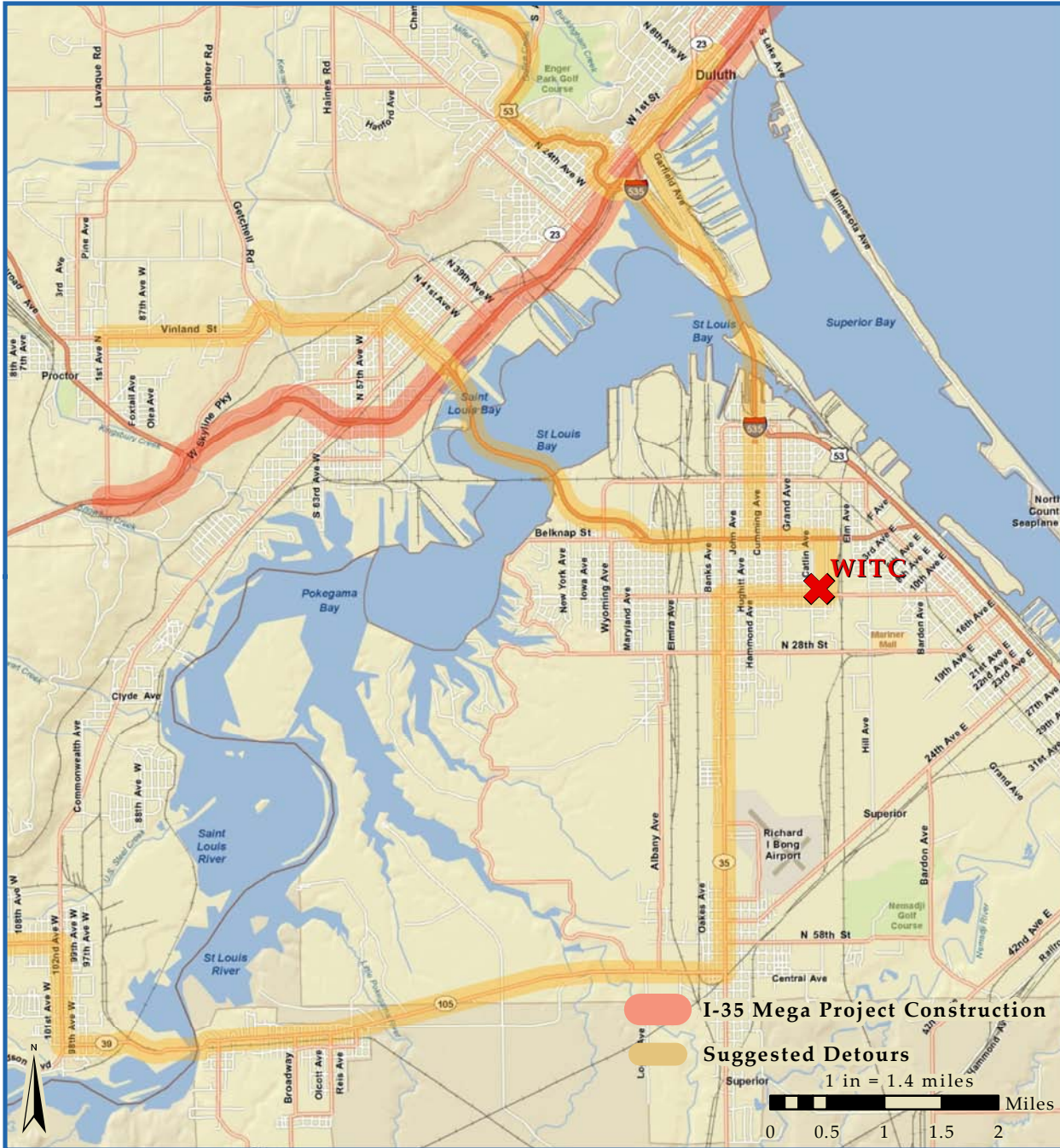
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# Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

Conference Center - 600 N. 21st St. Superior, WI



### Alternative Route from Twin Cities:

#### Directions via Becks Rd:

- Take Exit 246 for Midway Rd.; turn **Right** onto Cty. 3 (Becks Rd.)
- Turn **Right** at Gary St.; then **Right** at Commonwealth Ave.
- Turn **Left** at McCuen St. (MN 39) becomes WI 105
- Turn **Left** at Tower Ave. (WI 35); turn **Right** at N. 21<sup>st</sup> St.
- Turn **Left** at Mertz Mortorelli Dr.

#### Alternative Route from Proctor:

#### Directions via Vinland St:

- Follow Vinland St.; continue onto Highland St.
- Turn **Right** at N. Central Ave.; take first **Left** onto W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- Turn **Right** at N. 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.; continue onto US Hwy 2 into WI (Belknap St.)
- Turn **Right** at Mertz Mortorelli Dr.

#### Alternative Route from Hermantown:

#### Directions via US Hwy 53:

- Follow US Hwy 53/I-535 into WI
- Turn **Left** at Belknap St. (US Hwy 2)
- Turn **Right** at Mertz Mortorelli Dr.

#### Alternative Route from downtown Duluth:

#### Directions via W. Superior St:

- Follow W. Superior St. south; turn **Left** onto Garfield Ave.
- Merge onto US Hwy 53/I-535 South (left lane) into WI
- Turn **Left** at Belknap St. (US Hwy 2)
- Turn **Right** at Mertz Mortorelli Dr.



## Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Meeting

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### AGENDA

Minnesota Members		
<p><b>City of Duluth</b> Tony Cuneo Dan Hartman</p>	<p><b>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</b></p>	5 min
<p><b>City of Duluth – Citizen Rep</b> David Montgomery</p>	<p><b>2. Committee Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of April 20, 2011 (<i>for approval</i>)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>City of Hermantown</b> Wayne Boucher</p>	<p><b>3. Guest Speaker: Jim Heilig or Dennis Jensen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Multimodal Terminal and Challenges Facing Service to Mall Area</i></li> </ul>	15 min
<p><b>City of Proctor</b> David Brenna</p>	<p><b>4. Guest Speaker: Jim Skoog</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Sixth Avenue East Health Impact Assessment</i></li> </ul>	20 min
<p><b>Duluth Transit Authority</b> Melanie Hendrickson</p>	<p><b>5. Draft of the 2012-2015 Duluth Area TIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval – Release for Public Comment, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	10 min
<p><b>St. Louis County</b> Steve O'Neil, <i>MN Co-Chair</i></p>	<p><b>6. Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update/Resolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> <li>London Road Project Resolution of Support – Review for Approval, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	10 min
<p><b>St. Louis County Suburban Townships</b> Earl Elde Cindy Moe</p>		
Wisconsin Members		
<p><b>City of Superior</b> Warren Bender Bob Browne Dan Olson</p>	<p><b>7. Safe Routes to School Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	5 min
<p><b>City of Superior – Citizen Rep</b> Ed Anderson</p>	<p><b>8. CPG Funding Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> </ul>	10 min
<p><b>Douglas County</b> Keith Allen Nick Baker, <i>WI Co-Chair</i> Kay McKenzie Jim Paine</p>	<p><b>9. Project Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel Demand Model-Traffic Analysis Zone Update, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> <li>Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 20, 2011, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	5 min
<p><b>Douglas County Suburban Townships</b> Broc Allen</p>		
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Hampton Inn – Canal Park, Duluth, MN</p>		

# MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

May 18, 2011 Meeting



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\* = Approval Item

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

## 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of April 20, 2011\* (separate attachment)

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER – JIM HEILIG, DENNIS JENSEN, DTA

### *DTA Update: Multimodal Terminal and Challenges facing Service to Mall Area*

The DTA will provide a status report on its effort to bring a multimodal transit terminal to Downtown Duluth and report on service challenges arising from Walmart expansion plans in Hermantown.

## 4. GUEST SPEAKER – JIM SKOOG, ST. LOUIS COUNTY STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### *Sixth Avenue East Health Impact Assessment*

This health impact assessment examines the potential health effects of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East as it currently exists a four-lane roadway, as well as the effects from the proposed re-design into a 3-lane roadway with boulevards. The outcome of this assessment is to provide recommendations to increase positive health outcomes and minimize adverse health impacts on all the users of the roadway facility as well as on the surrounding neighborhood.

## 5. DRAFT OF THE 2012-2015 DULUTH AREA TIP \*

The MIC is releasing the Draft 2012-2015 Duluth Area TIP for a 30-day public comment period. The changes in the TIP include modifications to the existing projects and the addition of the 2015 projects. An analysis of the fiscal capacity as well as air quality conformity review will be available in the Draft TIP. A public meeting will be held during this comment period.

## 6. BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE AND RESOLUTION \*

The BPAC met in May and discussed minor changes to the Bylaws, discussed the use of social media, particularly Facebook, as a discussion and communication tool for the committee as well as current bike and pedestrian projects, including Bike to Work Day, Sidewalk Study, Duluth Trail and Bikeways Plan and the soon to be released new Bike Map. Additional items discussed was the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and London Road projects. Regarding the London Road project, the BPAC voted on a resolution of support for the redesign of London Road..

## 7. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

MIC staff is finalizing the recommendations and cost estimates for the first 2 school sites (Denfeld

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and Laura MacArthur). In addition, MIC staff just recently found out about another round of Safe Route to School funding available. MIC staff will lead an effort with the SRTS Steering Committee to put together funding applications for this funding.

#### 8. FEDERAL CPG FUNDING UPDATE

I have attached the four work proposals for your review. At the meeting, I will discuss steps that I recommend taking with each over the coming months. All four have indicated a full local 20% match toward the federal funds. Each is summarized briefly below.

- 1) City of Duluth – 6<sup>th</sup> AE Traffic Study (2<sup>nd</sup> St to Mesaba): A comprehensive traffic analysis is proposed that would serve as the design element for the work completed to date by the City that resulted in a schematic of the corridor that used CDBG funding. The concept is to turn the corridor into one that is easier for non-auto modes to use. \$50,000 was requested.
- 2) St Louis County – Intersection Control Evaluation Planning Study – Duluth Area: This “first of its kind” study would analyze a series of intersections that are either under the authority of the City of Duluth or the County to ascertain the appropriate traffic operational control with a focus on modern roundabout feasibility. The application of roundabouts may provide an improvements in both traffic operations and traffic safety. \$80,000 was requested.
- 3) Duluth Airport Authority – Air Service and Air Cargo Leakage and Expansion Analysis: The primary goal of this study is to maintain and potentially expand air service opportunities at the Duluth International Airport. With origin and destination data pulled from the airport, future growth markets can be identified and financial analysis performed to ascertain profitability of new markets. \$50,000 was requested.
- 4) Duluth Seaway Port Authority – Duluth Cruise Ship Dock Facility Study: This study proposes the construction of a cruise ship terminal adjacent to the Convention Center area or the Great Lakes Aquarium and its resulting traffic impacts landside at these locations. The study is a more focused look at an area of development and its impacts that was first analyzed within the MICs *Port Land Use Plan*, completed in 2006 as well as our *Downtown Modal Connections Study*, conducted in 2009. \$60,000 was requested.

#### 9. PROJECT UPDATES

##### **Travel Demand Model – Traffic Analysis Zone Update, Robert Herling**

MIC staff is presently working on delineating Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) boundaries that will be compatible with future deliveries of the US Census Bureau’s 3-year American Community Survey (ACS) data and 5-year Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) data. The MIC is responsible for defining these zones for all of St. Louis County, MN and Douglas County, WI.

##### **Bike to Work Day – Friday May 20, 2011, James Gittemeier**

The MIC is leading the sixth annual Bike to Work Day morning commuter events for the Twin Ports. The event will include 2 bike stations, one in Duluth at Lake Avenue and Superior Street and the other in Superior at Tower Avenue and Belknap Street. Both events will have

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refreshments, safety inspections, and bicycle commuter information. In addition, the DTA will be at the Duluth event for a bikes on bus rack demonstration. Both events will take place from 6:30am to 8:30am and are free and open to the public. No registration is needed.