

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council



MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, August 17, 7:00 pm

Proctor Community Center

Proctor, MN

Approval / Voting Items:

- Final 2012-2015 Duluth Area TIP – Approval
- Draft 2012-2015 Superior Area TIP – Approve for Release for Public Comment Period

Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- Lincoln Park Pedestrian Study
- Central Entrance Study
- Arrowhead Road/Kenwood Road Intersection
- BPAC Update
- Sidewalk Study
- Social Media Update
- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum:

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, please contact **Laurel Davis** at 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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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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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Meeting

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AGENDA

Minnesota Members			
<p>City of Duluth Tony Cuneo Dan Hartman</p> <p>City of Duluth – Citizen Rep David Montgomery</p> <p>City of Hermantown Wayne Boucher</p> <p>City of Proctor David Brenna</p> <p>Duluth Transit Authority Melanie Hendrickson</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>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</p>		5 min
	<p>2. Committee Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 06/15/11 (<i>for approval</i>) 		
	<p>3. Final 2012-2015 Duluth Area TIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, <i>Robert Herling</i> 		5 min
	<p>4. Draft 2012-2015 Superior Area TIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Release for Public Comment Period, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i> 		5 min
	<p>5. Lincoln Park Pedestrian Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier & Brian Heaton</i> 		15 min
	<p>6. Central Entrance Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 		5 min
	<p>7. Arrowhead Road/Kenwood Road Intersection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling & Andy McDonald</i> 		15 min
	<p>8. BPAC Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 		10 min
Wisconsin Members			
<p>City of Superior Warren Bender Bob Browne 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>Douglas County Suburban Townships Broc Allen</p>	<p>9. Sidewalk Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald & Brian Heaton</i> 		5 min
	<p>10. Social Media Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Rondi Watson</i> 		15 min
	<p>11. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Routes to School Update, <i>James Gittemeier</i> Harbor Planning Update, <i>Andy McDonald</i> MIC Bike Map Awards, <i>Kody Thurnau</i> Human Services Transit Plan Update, <i>Robert Herling</i> Higher Education Small Area Plan, <i>Andy McDonald</i> Multimodal Facility Letter of Support, <i>Ron Chicka</i> 		10 min
<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 7:00pm – WITC Conference Center</p>			

MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 06/15/11* (separate attachment)

3. FINAL 2012-2015 DULUTH AREA TIP*

The Duluth Area TIP has a few minor changes (largely with Mn/DOT projects) since the draft was released in May. MIC staff will review these changes, final project costs, and total funding.

4. DRAFT 2012-2015 SUPERIOR AREA TIP APPROVE RELEASE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD *

The draft Superior TIP will be forwarded for your review and comment. The TIP includes 4 years of federally funded transportation projects, as well as some of the significant state funded projects. The Draft TIP will be released for a 30-day public comment period on or about August 22. The final TIP will be presented for approval at the October MIC meetings. For comments or questions, please contact Sheldon Johnson at sjohnson@nwrpc.com or (715) 635-2197, ext. 228.

5. LINCOLN PARK PEDESTRIAN STUDY

MIC staff is working with Neighborhood Housing Services of Duluth (NHS) on this pedestrian route project. The goal of the project is to encourage a safe pedestrian corridor connecting the new Lincoln Park Middle School (opens in fall of 2012) to the Clyde Iron campus. A peripheral outcome is a route connecting Skyline Parkway to the Cross City Trail, which is a recommendation of the Draft Duluth Trails and Bikeways Plan. The Clyde Iron Complex has the potential to be a trailhead and neighborhood hub with the sports facilities, Boys & Girls Club, and the Cross City Trail located there. There have been 3 meetings with a team of stakeholders, including a walkability audit. The report will be concluded at the end of August with a preferred corridor and recommendations to make it safer for pedestrians.

6. CENTRAL ENTRANCE STUDY

Data collection efforts continue for input into the modeling effort for this corridor study. We were unable to complete intersection turning movement counts prior to Arrowhead Road closing. Traffic levels were higher on Central Entrance during the Arrowhead Road closure leading us to wait until it reopens to collect the final counts. Once counts are complete we will forward the count information to URS, our modeling consultant, to be entered into the model.

7. ARROWHEAD ROAD/KENWOOD ROAD INTERSECTION

With the development of a new Walgreens at the intersection of Arrowhead Rd & Kenwood Ave, this location has been receiving a lot of attention. In June, the City of Duluth engaged MIC staff in discussions about a potential modeling and analysis of the intersection. Staff will be presenting

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some background information and hopes to engage the TAC and board members in a discussion about possible MIC involvement in further studying this intersection.

8. BPAC UPDATE

The BPAC met on August 1st for its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. At this meeting, the first half of an interactive Action Planning Process was undertaken with the committee members and the technical advisors. The Action Planning process was set in order to fully engage the BPAC on what they see and want their role to be and say in the future direction of the committee, with a focus on 2012 and 2013, which are the next years in the MIC's Work Program. MIC staff facilitated this planning process. The second half of this Action Planning Process is scheduled to take place in September.

9. SIDEWALK STUDY

Development of the sidewalk inventory and condition analysis continues. MIC staff will provide an update on our progress and describe plans to complete this phase of the study.

10. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

One year ago, our consultants from PureDriven presented information about the MIC's new effort to incorporate social networking tools into its public participation strategies. Rondi Watson will present an update on this initiative to make the MIC's plans and programs more accessible to a wider audience.

11. PROJECT UPDATES

Safe Routes to School Update, James Gittemeier

MIC and Fit City Duluth have partnered together to conduct a safe routes to school site assessment process. The focus in the past month has been on the two Duluth Public High Schools, Duluth East and Denfeld, both of which are scheduled to re-open this fall. This safe routes to school assessment is focused on infrastructure improvements, with the idea of assisting the district as they finishing the school projects. The assessment has looked at bike and pedestrian connections to the school, including the location of bike racks, transit stops and real time message board locations. Staff continues to meet with school officials, DTA and the City of Duluth and others as the process moves forward.

Harbor Planning Update, Andy McDonald

The HTAC as a model was presented at the Coastal Zone 11 Conference in Chicago on July 18. We are sharing the HTAC model with Great Lakes and national audiences to provide an example of a collaborative harbor planning committee that others communities can use as a template to start their own harbor committees. We have recently been in communication with representatives from Toledo, Ohio as they are preparing proposals to start a harbor committee.

MIC Bike Map Awards, Kody Thurnau

The **Duluth-Superior Bike Map** was awarded first prize in the category [Best Cartographic Design](#)

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[Single Map Product – Large Format Press Copy](#) at the [2011 Esri International User Conference](#) in San Diego, CA. Judged by 38 Esri staff members for general and specific cartographic quality, entries in this category had to be a single map product larger than 11 in. x 17 in. but not exceeding 48 in., printed professionally on a printing press. Judging criteria included 'efficiency in communication of intended message' and 'maximization of the user's cognitive experience.'

The map was also one of three overall winners of the [Cartography Special Interest Group \(Carto SIG\) Map Awards](#), out of 1,200 conference Map Gallery entries.

Human Services Transit Plan Update, *Robert Herling*

The steering committee for this effort will have reconvened for its 2nd meeting by the time of the TAC and MIC meetings. The purpose of the meeting: to revisit the results of the June 7th workshop and recommend action strategies and projects for inclusion in an updated HS Transit plan.

Higher Education Small Area Plan, *Andy McDonald*

MIC staff has been invited to participate on the Higher Education Small Area Plan Committee. This committee represents residents, businesses, property managers, colleges, students and government agencies. From 2001 until 2010, the student population increased by 30%. This has created challenges in neighborhoods surrounding UMD and CSS. The purpose of this planning effort is to identify how to balance student needs with those of the neighborhoods.

Multimodal Facility Letter of Support, *Ron Chicka*

The MIC was requested to write a letter of support for the Duluth Transit Authority's 5309 Bus and Buss Facility; State of Good Repair grant for the Twin Ports Multi Modal Transportation Facility. Ron Chicka provided a letter which was forwarded to the DTA for review and then will be forwarded on to the U.S. Department of Transportation.