

## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council



### MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 pm

Hermantown Training Center

Hermantown, MN

#### Guest Speakers

- **Minnesota GO Vision**

*Lynne Bly, Mn/DOT*

#### Approval / Voting Items:

- Draft 2012 -2013 Work Program
- Final 2012-2015 Superior Area TIP

#### Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- Central Entrance Study
- Superior TSM
- Sidewalk Study
- 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](mailto:ldavis@ardc.org) or **529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

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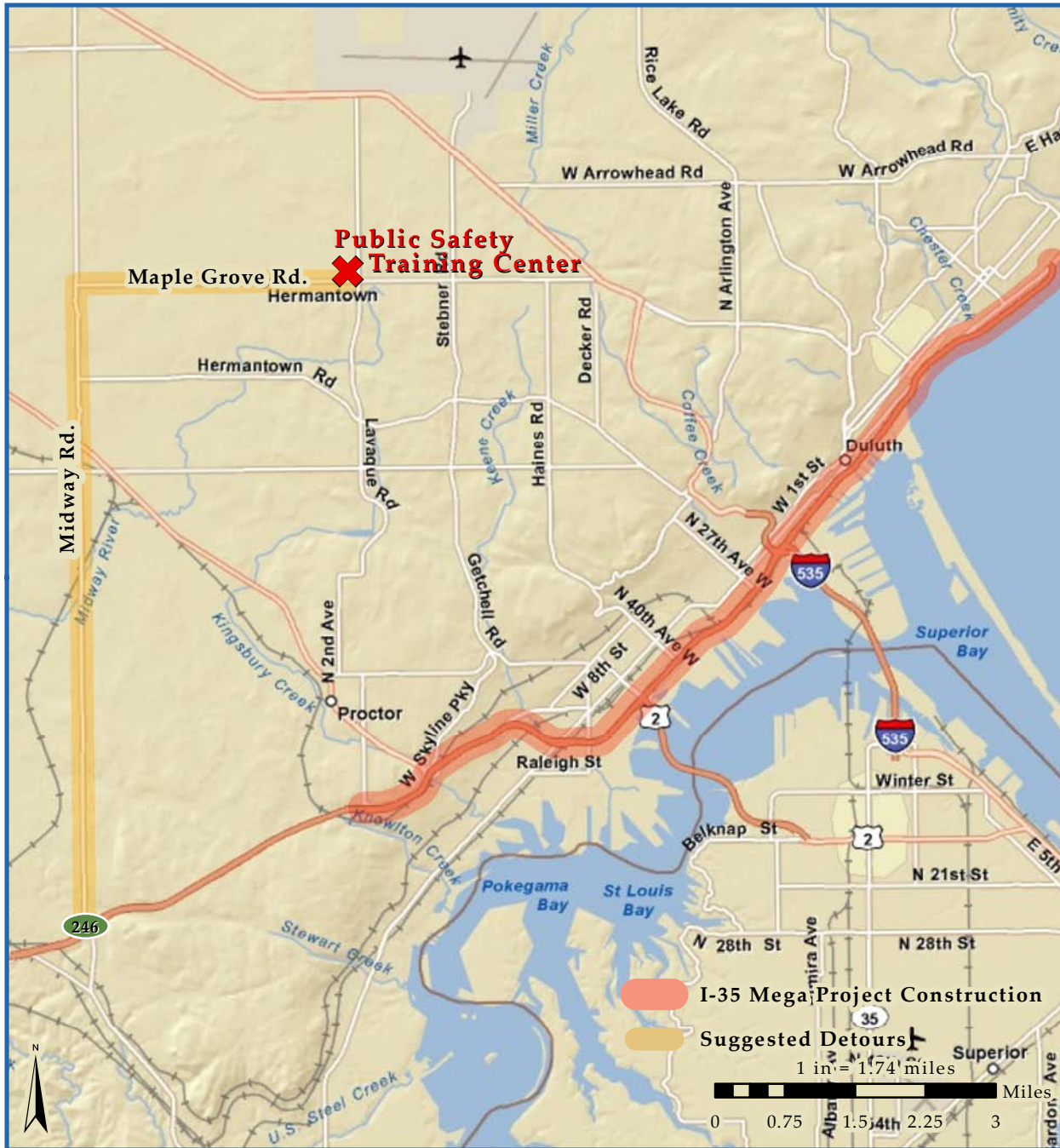
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## Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Meeting

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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> <p><b>2. Committee Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 09-21-11 (<i>for approval</i>)</li> <li>Nominating Committee for 2012 MIC Officers</li> </ul>	<p>5 min</p>
<p><b>City of Duluth – Citizen Rep</b> David Montgomery</p>	<p><b>3. Guest Speaker: Lynne Bly, Mn/DOT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Minnesota GO Vision</i></li> </ul>	<p>30 min</p>
<p><b>City of Hermantown</b> Wayne Boucher</p>	<p><b>4. Draft 2012-2013 Work Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review for Approval, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> </ul>	<p>15 min</p>
<p><b>City of Proctor</b> David Brenna</p>	<p><b>5. Final 2012-2015 Superior Area TIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review for Approval, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i></li> </ul>	<p>5 min</p>
<p><b>Duluth Transit Authority</b> Melanie Hendrickson</p>	<p><b>6. Central Entrance Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i></li> </ul>	<p>10 min</p>
<p><b>St. Louis County</b> Steve O'Neil, <i>MN Co-Chair</i></p> <p><b>St. Louis County</b> <b>Suburban Townships</b> Earl Elde Cindy Moe</p>	<p><b>7. Superior TSM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	<p>15 min</p>
	<p><b>8. Sidewalk Study Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i></li> </ul>	<p>10 min</p>
<p><b>Wisconsin Members</b></p> <p><b>City of Superior</b> Warren Bender Bob Browne Dan Olson</p> <p><b>City of Superior – Citizen Rep</b> Ed Anderson</p> <p><b>Douglas County</b> Keith Allen Nick Baker, <i>WI Co-Chair</i> Kay McKenzie Jim Paine</p> <p><b>Douglas County Suburban Townships</b> Broc Allen</p>	<p><b>9. Project Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincoln Park Pedestrian Study, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> <li>Bike Share Forum, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> <li>Walk to School Day – Superior Northern Lights Elementary, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> <li>Duluth Charrette – Community Meeting on Connectivity, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> <li>Minnesota State APA Conference, <i>Rondi Watson</i></li> </ul>	<p>5 min</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm – Douglas County Government Center Rm 270</p>		

# MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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\* = Approval Item

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

## 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 09-21-11\* (separate attachment)
- Nominating Committee for 2012 MIC Officers

At the October MIC and TAC meetings, I will be recruiting volunteers to assist in the process of polling members to determine nominees for next year's committee officers, as well as appointments to the ARDC Board and Commission. The nominations will be put forward and voted upon at the December meetings.

Current MIC officers are Steve O'Neil (MN Co-Chair); Nick Baker (WI Co-Chair); and Earl Elde (Secretary). Historically, one or both of the MIC officers (on the Minnesota side only) also make a commitment to serve on the ARDC Board and Commission as representatives of the MIC. Earl Elde currently serves as the MIC representative to both the ARDC Board and Commission.

If you have comments or questions, please contact Ron Chicka at 529-7506 or [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org).

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER – LYNNE BLY

### *Minnesota GO Vision*

The Minnesota Department of Transportation launched the Minnesota GO visioning process to better align the transportation system with what Minnesotans expect for their quality of life, economy and natural environment.

The effort is based on an understanding that transportation is a means to other ends, not an end in itself. It also recognizes that infrastructure is only one of many elements necessary to achieving a high quality of life, a competitive economy and a healthy environment.

This 50-year vision for transportation will require consistency and collaboration across jurisdictions and sectors to be fully achieved. Although MnDOT initiated the effort to develop the vision, this is a vision for all forms of transportation, and ownership of the vision is a shared responsibility.

## 4. DRAFT 2012-2013 WORK PROGRAM\*

Per our discussion from the last meeting, I will propose a work program and budget for the upcoming 2-year cycle including the short range planning elements (with the added jurisdictional sponsored projects), planning activities incorporated into our long range endeavors, development of the annual TIP for both the Duluth and Superior areas and other general administrative

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functions of the MIC.

#### 5. FINAL 2012-2013 SUPERIOR AREA TIP \*

The FINAL Superior Urbanized Area 2012-2015 TIP will be considered for approval at the upcoming October meetings. After having the document available for public comment at the Superior Public Library and the MIC webpage since August 26 and a public information session on September 20 at the Government Center located in Superior, no formal comments have been provided. The only change to the plan document since its public release on August 17 is the inclusion of project number 113-12-013 Belknap Avenue rehabilitation from Banks Avenue to Hill Avenue. This project is scheduled for preliminary engineering in 2012. Construction related to this project is not included in the 2012-2015 TIP as the construction phase is currently programmed for calendar year 2018.

#### 6. CENTRAL ENTRANCE STUDY

We have currently finished our collection of turning movement data and are working with URS, our modeling consultant, on development of a small area model. This model will show us how future proposed land use changes will impact traffic flow in the corridor. We have received some input on our access management section and we will review that at our upcoming meetings. We will also be bringing forward draft sections relating to pedestrian, bike and transit issues. We conducted a post card mailing to area residents directing them to a survey about Central Entrance and we will review preliminary results.

#### 7. SUPERIOR TSM

In September, MIC staff met with the traffic engineers from the City of Superior and Wisconsin DOT to discuss potential safety and operational issues at those locations identified in the MIC's 2011 Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Assessment of Superior area intersections. From these discussions, a number of low-cost treatments were identified for recommendation. These recommendations are being added to the TSM assessment document that was drafted earlier in the year. Together, this information and is being brought before the MIC Policy Board as the *2011 TSM Assessment of Superior Intersections* for approval.

#### 8. SIDEWALK STUDY DISCUSSION

Our temp worker, Marc Mayer has nearly completed the sidewalk inventory. This is the first phase of the study. The second phase of the study includes identifying priority segments of sidewalk. A tool we are considering utilizing is a pedestrian priority model used in San Diego (see attached pdf file). The model has three basic components – pedestrian generators, attractors and detractors. We would replicate this model but make adjustments to reflect the unique characteristics of our area.



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#### 9. PROJECT UPDATES

##### **Lincoln Park Pedestrian Study**, *James Gittlemeier*

A public meeting on the draft Lincoln Park Study was held. A few minor changes were requested, but the major recommendations were accepted. Therefore, MIC staff will complete work on the Lincoln Park Pedestrian Corridor Plan.

##### **Bike Share Forum**, *James Gittlemeier*

MIC hosted a discussion forum on the concept of bike sharing. Bike Sharing is a city wide rental bicycling system that is being implemented in cities across the country, including Minneapolis and St. Paul. The forum took place on October 14, and was led by a group who helped put together the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Twin Cities' system.

##### **Walk to School Day – Superior Northern Lights Elementary**, *James Gittlemeier*

The MIC, Healthier Douglas County and Northern Lights Elementary participated in National Walk to School Day on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The event had the assistance of the City of Superior Police Department, Superior School District, PTA, and other parents as well. The students at Northern Lights were encouraged to meet at 3 different locations (parks closest to their houses (Wade Bowl, Hammond Park & Heritage Park) and form into walking parades as they walked to school together that morning.

##### **Duluth Charrette –Community Meeting on Connectivity**, *James Gittlemeier*

The MIC participated in the Duluth Charrette Update, organized by Duluth LISC and the City of Duluth. The Duluth Charrette originally took place in 2005. The update was organized to recognize the successes and refocus on areas still in need of improvement. MIC staff participated in a Housing Meeting and a Connectivity Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss the latest news on these topics.

##### **Minnesota State APA Conference**, *Rondi Watson*

There is a great deal of interest in the MIC's new effort to incorporate social networking tools into our public participation strategies, as evidenced by several recent invitations to speak on this topic. Most recently I presented information about planning for and implementing the [OpenMIC blog](#) and the MIC's [Facebook page](#) at the statewide conference of the Minnesota chapter of the American Planning Association, held in St. Cloud on September 28 – 30.