

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council



MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00pm

Douglas County Government Center Rm 270

Superior, WI

Guest Speakers

- **US 2/I-35 Bong Bridge Rehabilitation**

Matt Dickenson, WisDOT & Jeff Abramson, Ayers & Associates

Approval / Voting Items:

- 2012-2013 Work Program Final
- 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #9 & #10
- TSM Assessment of Superior Area Intersections (Final)

Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- U.S. Senate's MAP-21 Proposed Transportation Bill – MIC Response
- Duluth Sidewalk Study
- Central Entrance Corridor Study
- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum:

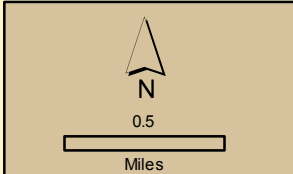
If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, **please contact Laurel Davis at ldavis@ardc.org or 529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

Driving Directions & Parking Information: See map on reverse.

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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> <p>2. Committee Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012 MIC Meetings Calendar • 2012 MIC Officers Election (<i>for approval</i>) • Meeting Summary of 10-19-11 (<i>for approval</i>) <p>3. Guest Speaker: Matt Dickenson, PM, WisDOT & Jeff Abramson, Ayers & Assoc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>US 2/I-35 Bong Bridge Rehabilitation</i> <p>4. 2012-2013 Work Program Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Ron Chicka</i> <p>5. 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP Amendments 9 & 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Robert Herling</i> <p>6. TSM Assessment of Superior Area Intersections (Final)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion/Request for Approval, <i>Robert Herling</i> <p>7. U.S. Senate's MAP-21 Proposed Transportation Bill – MIC Response (Resolution for Consideration)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Ron Chicka</i> 	<p>5 min</p> <p>25 min</p> <p>5 min</p> <p>5 min</p> <p>15 min</p> <p>10 min</p>
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>8. Duluth Sidewalk Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> <p>9. Central Entrance Corridor Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> <p>10. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP Modification, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i> • I-35/DTA Traffic Mitigation Study, <i>Robert Herling</i> • Harbor Planning, <i>Andy McDonald</i> • Bike/Ped Planning, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 	<p>15 min</p> <p>10 min</p> <p>10 min</p>
		<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 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

- 2012 MIC Meetings Calendar
- 2012 MIC Officers Election * (*for approval*)
- Meeting Summary of 10-19-11* (separate attachment)

3. GUEST SPEAKER – MATT DICKENSON, WISDOT & JEFF ABRAMSON, AYERS & ASSOC. *US 2/I-35 Bong Bridge Rehabilitation*

The US Highway 2 / Bong Bridge and approaches project begins at the intersection of USH 2 and Belknap in Superior and continues to Duluth terminating prior to the intersection of USH 2 and Michigan Street. Preliminary design is now underway with inter-agency coordination going into 2012 along with a public involvement component slated to conclude by the summer of next year. Construction is scheduled for 2014 and 2015 as the project would require phasing over the two year period to allow for limited traffic usage over the bridge during this time. The project includes mill and overlay of the deck, replacement of structural joints, painting of the truss, lighting upgrades and sidewalk maintenance. Improvements to the intersection of Belknap Street with the bridge approaches will also be incorporated into the project with a potential new roadway connection that would extend to the north (City Street) into the nearby industrial park. The specific traffic control device at this location is currently under review by the DOT and the City of Superior. Additionally, intersection modifications and signal installation at the south approach of the Blatnik Bridge will also be conducted as preparation for added diverted traffic is taken into account with this project.

4. 2012-2013 WORK PROGRAM FINAL *

The Work Program and Budget will be presented for approval at the December meeting. Upon approval, I would seek to get ARDC and NWRPC to agree to enter into contracts for 2012 to carry out the tasks described in the document. Since I mailed out the Work Plan a couple of weeks ago, I have received a couple of comments from TAC and MIC members and have incorporated those into the current version provided with this email. Please provide further comments back to me prior to the meeting, or at the meeting itself so that all additions are satisfied. At the meeting, I will provide a brief overview of the short range planning projects lined up for next year.

5. 2011-2014 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #9 & #10 *

MnDOT is adding to projects to the existing 2011-2014 TIP. The first (amendment #9) is a \$262,500 project to upgrade a number of accesses on STH 23 in Gary New Duluth up to ADA standards,

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which will include replacing various sidewalk segments in order to match grades. The second project (amendment #10) involves the installation of various ITS signs on I-35 and STH 23 to provide motorists with travel time information through the upcoming interstate construction in 2012. The breakdown of funding for these projects are shown in the table below. The accessibility improvements will be funded 80% with federal TEA funds, while the ITS signage will be funded with 50% federal STP funds.

Amendment	Description	Year	Federal \$	State \$	Total \$
#9 - MnDOT	ADA accessibility improvements on STH 23 in Gary New Duluth, JCT Prescott St to JCT RR BR#7622 under DM&IR tracks.	2012	210,000	52,500	262,500
#10 - MnDOT	I-35 Corridor work zone ITS travel time project (I-35 and STH 23 from District 1 border to City of Duluth)	2012	250,000	250,000	500,000

6. TSM ASSESSMENT OF SUPERIOR AREA INTERSECTIONS (FINAL)

Discussion that followed staff presentation of the 2011 Superior Transportation System Management (TSM) Assessment at the MIC's October meeting was tabled for further discussion. Staff will present further information and reconvene the conversation about recommendations for the intersection of Hammond Ave & N 5th St, as well as the intersections of Hammond Ave and Tower Ave with Winter Street.

7. U.S. SENATE'S MAP-21 PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION BILL – MIC RESPONSE (RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION)

For the meeting on Wednesday the 14th, I have drafted a resolution for your consideration that states the MIC Policy Board should retain its role as the transportation planning body for the Duluth – Superior metropolitan area and opposes the new population threshold as proposed by the U.S. Senate.

8. DULUTH SIDEWALK STUDY

MIC staff will be presenting the inputs and initial results of the test runs of the Pedestrian Priority Modeling. This modeling process is designed to identify areas most important to sidewalks users. The model has three components – pedestrian generators, pedestrian attractors, and pedestrian detractors. We will discuss what data was used as inputs into the model, how that data was weighted and what the preliminary results look like.

9. CENTRAL ENTRANCE CORRIDOR STUDY

MIC staff will be presenting some of the draft recommendations from the study. We will review

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the results of the pedestrian, bike and transit discussions from the October meetings. We will also show some of the access management recommendations which are very preliminary at this point.

10. PROJECT UPDATES

2011-2014 Superior Area TIP Modification, *Sheldon Johnson*

An administrative amendment to the 2011-2014 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. The amendment is to project 113-08-03 that increases the amount of funds available for the project from \$890,000 to \$1,376,000. No action is required by the MIC.

I-35/DTA Traffic Mitigation Study, *Robert Herling*

The MIC assisted the DTA with processing survey responses from their effort to survey ridership of the West Mainline during the 2011 construction work on I-35. MIC staff developed a database for the survey responses, which have been transferred to researchers with the University of MN who are carrying out a larger study regarding the effectiveness of various transit strategies as congestion mitigation during large reconstruction projects.

Harbor Planning, *Andy McDonald*

The HTAC will be meeting on Wednesday December 7th at 9am at the Inn on Lake Superior in Duluth. Our scheduled agenda includes reports of the following projects and activities:

- Army Corps Detroit District Activities in the Duluth-Superior Harbor
- Remediation to Restoration at 21st and 40th Ave. West Project Areas
- Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)
- Erie Pier Dredge Materials: Follow Up from Letter to MPCA and MnDOT Commissioners

Bike/Ped Planning, *James Gittemeier*

BPAC completed the action planning process in November. The process was set up to understand the role of the committee and the next tasks to be undertaken in the next year. From this series of action planning meetings, the BPAC has decided to focus on expanding the membership, develop more communication opportunities and processes for the committee to be more active, offer committee training on bike and ped initiatives, Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School specifically, and develop outreach and education strategies for the community.