

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council



MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 pm

Douglas County Government Center Rm 270

Superior, Wisconsin

Approval / Voting Items:

- 2012-2015 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #1 & #2
- TSM Assessment of Duluth Area Intersections

Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items:

- U.S. Senate MAP-21 Update
- Duluth Area TIP Projects 2016
- Duluth Sidewalk Study
- Central Entrance Corridor Study
- Harbor Planning Update

Attendance / Meeting Quorum:

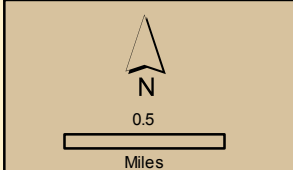
If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, please contact **Laurel Davis** at ldavis@ardc.org or **529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

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"> • Meeting Summary of 12-14-11 (<i>for approval</i>) • Midway Township/Proctor/Duluth – Potential Annexation Discussion <p>3. 2012-2015 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #1 & #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Robert Herling</i> <p>4. TSM Assessment of Duluth Area Intersections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Robert Herling</i> <p>5. U.S. Senate MAP 21 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Ron Chicka</i> <p>6. Duluth Area TIP Projects 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i> <p>7. Duluth Sidewalk Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> <p>8. Central Entrance Corridor Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<p>10 min</p> <p>5 min</p> <p>5 min</p> <p>10 min</p> <p>15 min</p> <p>15 min</p> <p>15 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>9. Harbor Planning Update</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"> • 2012-2015 Superior Area TIP Administrative Amendment, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i> • 6th Avenue East, <i>James Gittemeier</i> • Cross City Trail, <i>James Gittemeier</i> • Safe Routes to School, <i>James Gittemeier</i> 	<p>15 min</p> <p>5 min</p>
<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 pm – Hermantown Training Center</p>		

MIC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 12-14-11* (separate attachment)

3. 2012-2015 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #1 & #2*

There are two TIP amendments for consideration this month. Amendment #1 is the combination of two Lakewalk Extension projects (projects #118-090-016 And #118-090-017) into one project, and Amendment #2 is related to a request by MnDOT Office of Transit to relist the transit projects for FY 2012 and FY 2013 into separate smaller projects. Please contact Robert Herling at 218-529-7573 or by email at rherling@ardc.org

4. TSM OF DULUTH AREA INTERSECTIONS *

MIC staff have consulted with officials from the City of Duluth, St. Louis County and MnDOT and worked to finalize the recommended TSM options that are being published as part of the final 2011 TSM Assessment document. The recommendations represent suitable low-cost options for each of the intersections identified in the assessment. If you have any questions regarding the TSM assessment, please contact Robert Herling at 218-529-7573 or by email at rherling@ardc.org

5. U.S. SENATE MAP-21 UPDATE

Per suggestions at the last meeting, I am working to have the two host organizations of the MIC (ARDC and NWRPC) take action concerning the proposed bill at their upcoming meetings this month. The language would be similar to that of the MIC resolution with minor changes denoting the host organization. Second, I hope to present to the MIC Board a short briefing paper (2 – 4 pages) that highlights the “success” story’s or projects of the Duluth – Superior MIC. This was a suggestion by the MIC Board last month and also was suggested by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) as a way of showcasing the unique characteristics of the MPO and their importance to an urban area. The intent of this short summary document is to show legislators the benefits of having the MPO and their extensive planning expertise and how we serve as a forum for local stakeholder input into transportation decisions. I will work with both host organizations to put together a packet of resolutions and supporting material for both the Minnesota and Wisconsin Congressional delegation. We may also consider sending these resolutions to the DOTs, Federal Highway Administration, state legislators and the

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national AMPO staff in Washington that works on behalf of MPOs nationwide. Lastly, the collective MPOs within Minnesota and Wisconsin are also actively drafting a letter to Congress in opposition to the proposed Senate bill.

6. DULUTH AREA TIP PROJECTS 2016

The MIC received two projects for 2016 federal funding. An overview of the projects will be presented at the January TAC and MIC meetings, as well as any comments received through outreach via traditional or social media, or at the January 11th public information session held at the Holiday Center from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Here are the 6 projects being submitted for inclusion in the 2013-2016 Duluth Area TIP for FY 2016:

Agency	App ID	Project Location And Description	Estimated Costs And Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
City of Duluth	D-1	Duluth Heights Connector (Joshua Ave) Construction: Maple Grove Rd to Arrowhead Rd.	\$3,200,000	\$0	\$4,600,000	\$1,400,000
DTA	T-1	Purchase of Regular Route Buses: Replacement of 10 Class 700 buses.	\$3,766,800	\$0	\$941,700	\$4,259,200
City of Hermantown	H-1	Stebner Road Reconstruction: Maple Grove Rd to Hwy 53; including geom. Reconfiguration and signal installation at Arrowhead Rd.	\$900,000	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$1,600,000
MnDOT	M-1	Trunk Highway 23 Rehabilitation: Mill 4 Pave 4, Replace Curb and Gutter, Replace Storm Sewer, ADA improvements including replacing all sidewalk, ped ramps and 2 signal systems, between I35 and 77th.				\$9,589,000
MnDOT	M-2	US Highway 53 Resurfacing & Kingsbury Creek Bridge Replacement: Mill & Overlay from TH 194 from Anderson to TH 53. Replacement of BR# 88544 on Trunk Highway 23.				\$2,406,000
St. Louis County	S-1	Arlington Avenue Resurfacing: Trinity Rd to Arrowhead Rd; Reclaim, mill and overlay.	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$2,000,000
Total 2014 Federal Funding Request:			NA	NA	NA	\$21,254,200

Please note, as in previous years, the actual scoring session will be held at the February

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TAC meeting (February 14th, 1:30 pm at WisDOT in Superior). In order to participate in the prioritization discussion and scoring process, MIC and TAC members must attend that meeting. The prioritized project list that results from that meeting will then be reviewed at the following night's MIC Policy Board meeting for questions and discussion. The MIC Policy Board will then be asked to vote to adopt the prioritized list that will be forwarded to the NE MN ATP for further funding consideration.

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact Robert Herling at 218-529-7573 or by email at rherling@ardc.org

7. DULUTH SIDEWALK STUDY

At our upcoming meetings I will be presenting draft sidewalk guidelines, which are designed to assist the City of Duluth in making decisions on where sidewalks will be developed. These guidelines will describe what national experts say about sidewalks, what factors influence where sidewalks should be located, what other communities are doing, complete streets policies and context sensitive design guidelines. The sidewalk guidelines are the third section of the sidewalk study and will be combined with the sidewalk inventory and condition analysis and the pedestrian priority modeling.

8. CENTRAL ENTRANCE CORRIDOR STUDY

At our upcoming meetings I will be reviewing feedback I've received to date on some of the draft recommendations from the study such as the proposed backage roads, medians, sidewalks, bike facilities and pedestrian crossings. The small area model is under development by URS, our modeling consultant. I will provide an update on the modeling work.

9. HARBOR PLANNING UPDATE

The HTAC met on Wednesday December 7th at the Inn on Lake Superior in Duluth. Our agenda included Army Corps Detroit District Activities in the Duluth-Superior Harbor, Remediation to Restoration at 21st and 40th Ave. West Project Areas, Lake Superior Natural Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR), and Erie Pier Dredge Materials: Follow Up from Letter to MPCA and MnDOT Commissioners. I will provide a brief update on these topics at our upcoming meetings.

10. PROJECT UPDATES

2012-2015 Superior Area TIP Administrative Amendment, *Sheldon Johnson*

Two administrative amendments have been made to the 2012-2015 Superior Urbanized TIP. Project 113-12-006 has a shortened project limit and project 113-12-010 has a reduction in total cost and a new state id number. Both projects are design only projects for development in 2012.

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6th Avenue East, *James Gittlemeier*

The City of Duluth's Community Development Department worked with community members already concerned about this corridor and developed a Schematic Redesign Study, which discusses a series of concepts to improve the roadway but more so the redesign study sets a vision for the future of this transportation facility. Following this conceptual redesign study, St. Louis County Public Health conducted a Health Impact Assessment on the study. The Health Impact Assessment was presented to the Duluth City Council in December. Next, the MIC will be undertaking a traffic study to understand the impacts the 6th Ave East redesign will have on traffic flow in this corridor as well as surrounding streets.

Cross City Trail, *James Gittlemeier*

The process of securing the exact alignment of this trail continues to be held up. The trail is scheduled to begin construction next summer starting at the current northern terminus at 75th Avenue West, moving eastward.

Safe Routes to School, *James Gittlemeier*

The MIC will continue examining school sites in Duluth that have not been previously reviewed. The MIC will be partnering with St. Louis County Health Department and the Healthy Duluth Area Coalition as this safe routes to school planning process continues to move forward. Site assessments will be conducted for Laura MacArthur Elementary, Lincoln Park Middle School, Myer-Wilkins Elementary School, Piedmont Elementary.