

August 11-12-13

Duluth, MN

Minnesota MPO Summer Workshop

2008

Highlights

The Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council welcomes you to this year's MN MPO Summer Workshop for Directors and Planners. Tuesday will feature a panel discussion on the topic of **Community Sustainability**, sponsored in part by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. Hennepin County Commissioner **Peter McLaughlin** will give the keynote presentation about regional approaches to transit planning. Strong transit systems are associated with greater daily physical activity, so we'll also hear about planning and design considerations for successfully integrating active transportation into multi-modal community designs.

Congressman Jim Oberstar has been invited to participate as part of the Tuesday afternoon session covering the **next federal transportation bill** – the successor to SAFETEA-LU. Panel members will include **Peter Ruane**, President of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, and **Jack Schenendorf**, Vice Chair of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Review Study Commission. In addition, we will feature a presentation from the national association of MPOs (**AMPO**) covering their perspectives on legislative priorities for the next federal bill.

Location

All workshop sessions will be held at the **Canal Park Lodge**, the newest hotel in Duluth's unique Canal Park area.



A special lodging rate of **\$139** per night for Lakeside rooms and **\$99** per night for City-side rooms* is available for workshop participants for room reservations made by **Friday, July 11**.

Contact:

Canal Park Lodge
250 Canal Park Drive
Duluth, MN 55802
800-777-8560

"MN MPO" group rate
www.canalparklodge.com

* The conference rate applies for the nights of Sun, 8/10 through Wed, 8/13



Registration

1. Registration—Due by July 17.
[CLICK HERE](#) to register online
(or use the link in the original email)

2. Payment

Since we are unable to accept credit cards or other electronic payments, you will need to **mail a check for the workshop registration fee** (attach a copy of this form with your name and organization shown below).

\$125 registration fee includes all lunches and Vista Queen harbor cruise on Monday evening. (Note: Guests age 21 and over may attend evening harbor cruise — space permitting. Cost: \$26 per person, payable at conference check-in on Monday a.m.).

Your Name:

Your Organization:

I registered online on _____ (date)

Make checks payable to: Arrowhead
Regional Development Commission

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Monday 8.11.08

A.M.

9:30 Registration / Check-in

10:15 Micro-simulation Models

Presentation(s) by Mn/DOT's Travel Demand Model Coordinating Committee

P.M.

12:00 Lunch (provided)

1:15 Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 *Connie Kozlak, Metropolitan Council*

2:00 Fargo-Moorhead Security Plan

Wade Kline, Fargo-Moorhead Council of Governments (FMCOG)

2:45 Break

3:00 Expanding Transit Service to West Salem, WI *Tom Faella, LaCrosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC)*

3:45 Downtown Duluth Modal Connections Study *Holly Butcher, Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC)*

4:15 Harbor Preview
Andy McDonald, MIC

4:30 End of Sessions

5:30 Evening Reception / Harbor Cruise
Board the Vista Queen at the Vista Fleet dock in Canal Park for a narrated harbor cruise with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Boat departs at 6 pm sharp and will return to dock at 8:00 pm.

Tuesday 8.12.08

A.M.—Community Sustainability

8:00 Registration / Check-in

8:30 Part 1—Keynote Presentation *Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County Commissioner*

9:30 Break

10:00 Part 2—Panel Discussion *Speakers TBD*

P.M.—TEA IT UP: The Next Federal Transportation Bill

12:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00 Part 1—Panel Discussion

Congressman James L. Oberstar, US House of Representatives (invited); Jack Schenendorf, Nat'l Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission; Dr. T. Peter Ruane, American Road & Transportation Builders Association

3:15 Break

3:30 Part 2—AMPO Perspective
AMPO staff TBD

4:30 End of Sessions

Wednesday 8.13.08

A.M.

8:30 West Metro Corridor Scoping and Environmental Assessment *Scott Marek, St. Cloud Area Planning Organization (APO)*

9:15 Elk Run Proposal – Role of City & State Agencies *Phil Wheeler, Rochester Olmsted Council of Governments (ROCOG)*

10:00 Break

10:30 Bridge Incident Traffic Mgmt Planning
Earl Haugen, Grand Forks/E. Grand Forks MPO

11:15 Statewide Transportation Plan
Mn/DOT Staff TBD

P.M.

12:15 End of Sessions / Workshop Wrap-up

12:30 MPO Directors Meeting (lunch provided)

3:30 End of MPO Directors Meeting

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The August 12 morning session is sponsored in part by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. As Minnesota's largest health plan, Blue Cross encourages all Minnesotans to build physical activity into their daily routines as part of a healthy, sustainable lifestyle. Blue Cross is working in many areas to help healthier behaviors become the norm, including collaboration with Minnesota cities and counties to make walking and bicycling a part of community transportation systems. Our shared hope is that the healthy transportation choice can become the easier choice.



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