Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

Transportation Advisory Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, February 26, 2009, 3:00 PM

Meeting Location	ARDC Conference Room, 221 West First Street, Duluth, MN	
Meeting Chair(s)	Dena Young	
Note Taker	Rondi Watson	
Members Present	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
	Chuck Froseth	City of Duluth Planning Dept
	Jeff Goetzman	City of Superior
	Dennis Jensen	Duluth Transit Authority
	Denny Johnson	Mn/DOT District 1
	Walter Leu	Mn/DOT District 1
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth Engineering
	Cindy Petkac	City of Duluth Planning Dept
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Dena Young	WisDOT NW Region
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
Members Absent	Paul Halverson	Douglas County
	Bryn Jacobson	Bike/Pedestrian Rep
	Heather Rand	Mn DEED
	Jim Rohweder	City of Proctor
	Brian Ryks	Duluth Airport Authority
	David Salo	City of Hermantown
	Jim Sharrow	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Others Present	Ron Chicka	ARDC / MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	ARDC / MIC Planner
	Rondi Watson	ARDC / MIC Planning Assistant

1. Introductions and Agenda Review

TAC members called in to the MIC office to participate in the meeting via conference call. Chair Dena Young called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and meeting attendees introduced themselves. There were no changes put forward to the agenda.

2. 2009-2012 Duluth Area Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2

Ron Chicka referred meeting participants to the list, sent out prior to today's meeting, of possible transportation projects within the Minnesota side of the MIC area to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He noted that changes had been occurring to the final list of approved projects up until this afternoon.

James Gittemeier reviewed all approved projects (4 MnDOT, 2 local and 4 new transit projects) which, because they are utilizing federal funds and are located within the MIC planning area, must be amended into the 2009 TIP and STIP project lists for FY2009 (see attached project list

for details). He noted that 2 other DTA projects did not need to be formally amended into the TIP but were listed as Administrative Modifications because they are currently programmed in the 2009-2012 TIP and are being advanced to FY 2009 with no changes to project scope or cost.

Motion and Discussion Jim Foldesi/Chuck Froseth moved to approve Amendment #2 to the 2009-2012 Duluth Area Transportation Improvement Program as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Announcements

Ron Chicka reported, in regard to possible Wisconsin-area projects, that the City of Superior had forwarded two for consideration (listed at end of meeting summary) – but it was uncertain at this point whether either would be included in the final list of approved projects. He added that WisDOT has indicated it intends to initiate a second round of funding, at which point the Superior projects might have a better chance to be included in the funding stream. However, in the event that a Superior-area project is included in this first round, we will follow the normal Wisconsin TIP process which stipulates a 30-day public notice for all new projects, which staff has already initiated. This would also require that a separate special TAC meeting be held, again by conference call, on Monday, March 16 at 3:00 pm. Staff will keep committee members apprised of the Wisconsin projects and the TIP amendment process and send out the appropriate meeting notices.

4. Adjournment

With no further agenda items or announcements, Chair Young thanked all callers for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Duluth Metro Economic Recovery Projects - Mn/DOT

Amdmt #	Agency	Description	Length	Type of Funds	Fed S	State $	Other $	Project Total $	Air Quality Conformity	LRTP	Notes
2	MnDOT	**U.S. Hwy 53:** 1.1 mi N of Hwy 194 to 1.5 mi N of Hwy 33. NB 1 mi Industrial Rd to 2.6 mi N of Industrial Rd. SB 0.3 mi N of Hwy 8 to 0.4 mi S of Hwy 33. (6916-102, 6917-137)	18 mi	ARRA	18,000,000	0	0	**18,000,000**	Exempt Located outside City of Duluth	Long Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
2	MnDOT	**Central Entrance (MN Hwy 194):** Resurface Anderson Rd to Mesaba Ave (6933-88)	1.8 mi	ARRA	1,600,000	0	0	**1,600,000**	Exempt S-10	Mid Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
2	MnDOT	**Thompson Hill Rest Area:** At I-35 and U.S. Hwy 2 building and site preservation (6982-295)	0.0 mi	ARRA	487,000	0	0	**487,000**	Exempt O-9	Long Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
2	MnDOT Duluth	**MN Hwy 23:** Resurface between Fond du Lac and Gary (6910-86) & construct a portion of the SRTS project for Stowe Elementary School (118-591-05)	4.9 mi	ARRA	4,630,000	0	0	**4,630,000**	Exempt S-10	Mid & Long Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
		FY 2009 TOTAL			**24,717,000**	**0**	**0**	**$24,717,000**			

Note:

ARRA = American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

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Duluth Metro Economic Recovery Projects - Local

Amdmt #	Agency	Description	Length	Type of Funds	Fed S	State T.H. $	Other $	Project Total $	Air Quality Conformity	LRTP	Notes
2	Duluth	**Aerial Lift Bridge**: Bridge Painting & Rehab (118-140-100)	0.0 mi	ARRA	5,000,000	0	0	**5,000,000**	Exempt O-6	Mid Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
2	St. Louis County	**Rice Lake Rd:** Resurface from Arrowhead Rd to Mesaba Ave (69-604-67)	2.0 mi	ARRA	1,600,000	0	0	**1,600,000**	Exempt S-10	Mid Range	Project advanced from 2011 to 2009 with increase in cost more than 50%. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
		FY 2009 TOTAL			**6,600,000**	**0**	**0**	**$6,600,000**			

Duluth Metro Economic Recovery Projects - Transit

Amdmt #	Agency	Description	Length	Type of Funds	Fed S	State T.H. $	Other $	Project Total $	Air Quality Conformity	LRTP	Notes
2	DTA	**Transit Capital Sect. 5307:** Facility Improvements (TRF-0016-09A)	0.0 mi	ARRA	600,000	0	0	**600,000**	Exempt T-4	Short & Mid Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
2	DTA	**Transit Capital Sect. 5307:** ITS Infrastructure (TRF-0016-09B)	0.0 mi	ARRA	500,000	0	0	**500,000**	Exempt T-4	Short & Mid Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
2	DTA	**Transit Capital Sect. 5307:** Shop Equipment (TRF-0016-09C)	0.0 mi	ARRA	100,000	0	0	**100,000**	Exempt T-4	Short & Mid Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
2	DTA	**Transit Capital Sect. 5307:** Terminal Hub and passenger amenities (TRF-0016-09D)	0.0 mi	ARRA	500,000	0	0	**500,000**	Exempt T-8	Short Range	New Project, not in prior TIP. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
Admin Mod	DTA	**Bus Purchase:** 10 regular route buses, Class 700 (TRF-0016-10)	0.0 mi	ARRA	3,800,000	0	0	**3,800,000**	Exempt T-10	Short Range	Administrative Modification. Project advanced from 2010 to 2009, no cost change. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
Admin Mod	DTA	**Bus Purchase:** 3 STRIDE buses(TRF-0016-11)	0.0 mi	ARRA	210,000	0	0	**210,000**	Exempt T-10	Short Range	Administrative Modification. Project advanced from 2011 to 2009, no cost change. Funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
		FY 2009 TOTAL			**5,710,000**	**0**	**0**	**$5,710,000**			
		Total, All Projects			**$37,027,000**			**$37,027,000**			