

MEETING NOTICE



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

WITC Conference Center
600 North 21st Street
Superior, WI

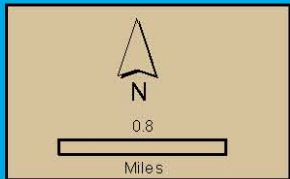
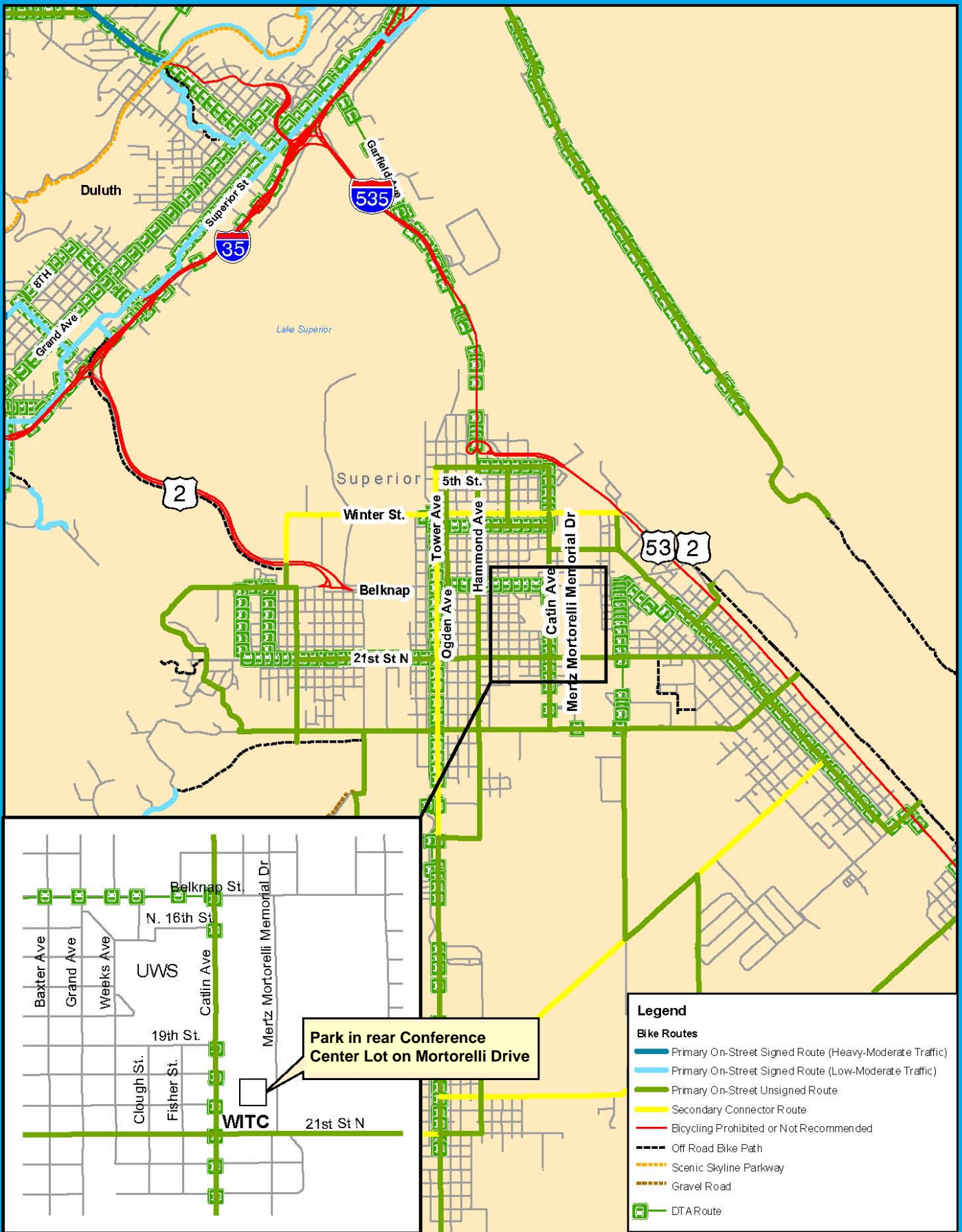
Discussion / Informational Items:

- MIC Long Range Transportation Plan – Objectives & Strategies
- Northern Minnesota/Northwest Wisconsin Freight Study
- Complete Streets Workshop Overview
- Harbor Planning/HTAC Update

Driving Directions & Parking Information: *See map on next page*

Attendance for Meetings:

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



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 Wisconsin Indian Technical College
 600 North 21st St - Superior, WI



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (TAC)
MEMBERS**

Airport (1 rep)

Brian Ryks
Alison Johnson (alternate)

Bikes / Pedestrians (1 rep)

Bryn Jacobson

City of Duluth (4 reps)

Chuck Froseth
Cari Pedersen
Cindy Petkac
Cindy Voigt

City of Hermantown (1 rep)

David Salo
Lynn Lander (alternate)

City of Proctor (1 rep)

Jim Rohweder

City of Superior (2 reps)

Jason Serck
Jeff Goetzman

Douglas County (1 rep)

Paul Halverson

Duluth Transit Authority

(1 rep)

Dennis Jensen
Jim Heilig (alternate)

MN DEED Office (1 rep)

Heather Rand

MnDOT (2 reps)

Denny Johnson
Walter Leu

Port/Harbor (1 rep)

Jim Sharrow

St. Louis County (1 rep)

Jim Foldesi, *Vice-chair*
Brian Boder (alternate)

WisDOT NW Region (1 rep)

Dena Young, *Chair*

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AGENDA

1. Introductions / Agenda Review	5 min
2. Committee Business – for approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAC Meeting Summaries of February 17 and 26, 2009 	
3. Long Range Transportation Plan–Objectives & Strategies Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion , <i>Robert Herling</i> 	45 min
4. Northern Minnesota / Northwest Wisconsin Freight Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	15 min
5. Complete Streets Workshop Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	15 min
6. Harbor Planning/HTAC Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	15 min
7. Roundtable Discussion– Local Projects	10 min
8. Project Updates And Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTA Intermodal Facility Update, <i>Ron Chicka</i> WLSSD Comprehensive Plan Work Group, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 2013 Duluth TIP Project/ATP Update, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	5 min

Next TAC Meeting:

Tuesday, April 17, 2009, 1:30 pm
Hermantown Training Center, Hermantown, MN

TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

March 17, 2009 Meeting



Transportation Advisory Committee

* = *Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summaries of February 18 & February 26, 2009*

3. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2035 –OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

During the February TAC and MIC meetings, board members participated in an exercise to help rate the priority of series of transportation objectives. The responses that were gathered will be used as the basis for a follow-up exercise at the upcoming March meetings, in which board members will be asked to break into groups and assist the MIC staff in developing appropriate strategies the MIC should employ to meet specific objectives. The results of February's exercise are enclosed in this mailing. Please look them over in preparation for the March meetings. If you have you comments or questions, please contact Robert Herling at rherling@ardc.org or (218) 529-7573.

4. NORTHERN MN/NORTHWESTERN WI REGIONAL FREIGHT STUDY

As part of our stakeholder input process for the Northern Minnesota/Northwest Wisconsin Freight Plan, the plan partners hosted a Freight Forum on Wednesday February 25 from 8am to noon at the MnDOT District Office in Duluth. We began the meeting with an overview of the freight plan, explanation of the area freight movement system components, description of commodity flows, and markets and trends. After a break we moved to breakout discussion groups for port/rail issues, road infrastructure, and truck operations and policy. We had 31 participants plus staff from the plan partners in attendance. I will provide a summary of the results of the breakout groups' discussions at our upcoming meetings. For comments or questions, please contact Andy McDonald at amcdonald@ardc.org or 529-7514.

5. COMPLETE STREETS WORKSHOP

The MIC partnered with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota to sponsor national speakers Michael Ronkin and Dom Nozzi, on the topic of Complete Streets for the Duluth-Superior and Arrowhead region. Elected officials, policy makers, planners, engineers and city administrators attended this 1-day interactive workshop on March 12 at the Hermantown Public Safety Building. The Complete Streets Workshop brought together key and diverse stakeholders to compare current roadway design policies and practices and identify next steps for local governments to implement Complete Streets principles. For comments or questions, please contact James Gittemeier at jgittemeier@ardc.org or 529-7556.

6. HARBOR PLANNING / HTAC UPDATE

The HTAC met March 4th at the EPA Lab Conference Center in Duluth. Our agenda included the Annual Report from the US Coast Guard Duluth Marine Safety Unit, an Update on the St Louis

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River Interlake Duluth Tar Superfund Site, Maritime Days and NOAA Great Lakes Stakeholders Meeting, and the Freight Plan. We also updated the HTAC Bylaws and made three changes to the HTAC Membership. Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grants were moved from Technical Advisors to voting members and EPA Region 5 was moved from voting member to Technical Advisor. For comments or questions, please contact Andy McDonald at amcdonald@ardc.org or 529-7514.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – LOCAL PROJECTS

8. PROJECT UPDATES

DTA Inter-modal Facility, Ron Chicka

The DTA together with the consulting firm held an Open House last month taking comment on site options for the Multimodal Transportation Terminal. Seven initial sites have been narrowed to two encompassing parcels along Michigan Street between 2nd Avenue West and 5th Avenue West. The ability of the surrounding road network to handle traffic into and out of a new facility will be integral in making the chosen site functional for all the modes. A site is to be selected by next month with the DTA Board having the final approval. Funding for such a facility may look toward the upcoming federal transportation reauthorization bill or possibly the Economic Stimulus bill that is allowing more time for transit projects to be assembled.

WLSSD Comprehensive Wastewater Services Master Plan Work Group, Andy McDonald

WLSSD planning staff asked the MIC to participate on their Comprehensive Plan Work Group. On Thursday March 5th, we reviewed the history of comprehensive planning at WLSSD, the status of recommendations from the 2003 plan, comments from jurisdictions within WLSSD's boundaries and discussed the proposed revisions to the Urban Services Boundary. They have asked Work Group members to come to the next meeting prepared to talk about goals to be included in this plan.

2013 Duluth TIP Projects/ATP Update, James Gittemeier

The five projects submitted for federal transportation funding for FY 2013 were prioritized at the February 17th TAC meeting. Here is the prioritized order as adopted by the MIC Policy Board:

1. Duluth Heights Connector (Joshua Avenue)
2. 10th Ave East Reconstruction
3. I-35 Preservation
4. Martin Road Rehabilitation

This project list has now been submitted to the Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (NE MN ATP) for funding consideration. The ATP will consider this as they develop their list of projects to be funded for the region, based on the prioritized projects submitted by the other eight counties as well as funding constraints. This list will then move to the Minnesota Department of Transportation central office for their approval and inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (or STIP).