

MEETING NOTICE



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

WITC Conference Center
600 North 21st Street
Superior, WI

Approval / Voting Items

- Amendment #1 to the 2010-2013 Duluth Urbanized Area TIP
- Amendment #1 to the 2010-2013 Superior Urbanized Area TIP
- Readoption of the 2030 MIC Area Long Range Transportation Plan
- Kirkus Street Land Use Plan – Scope of Work

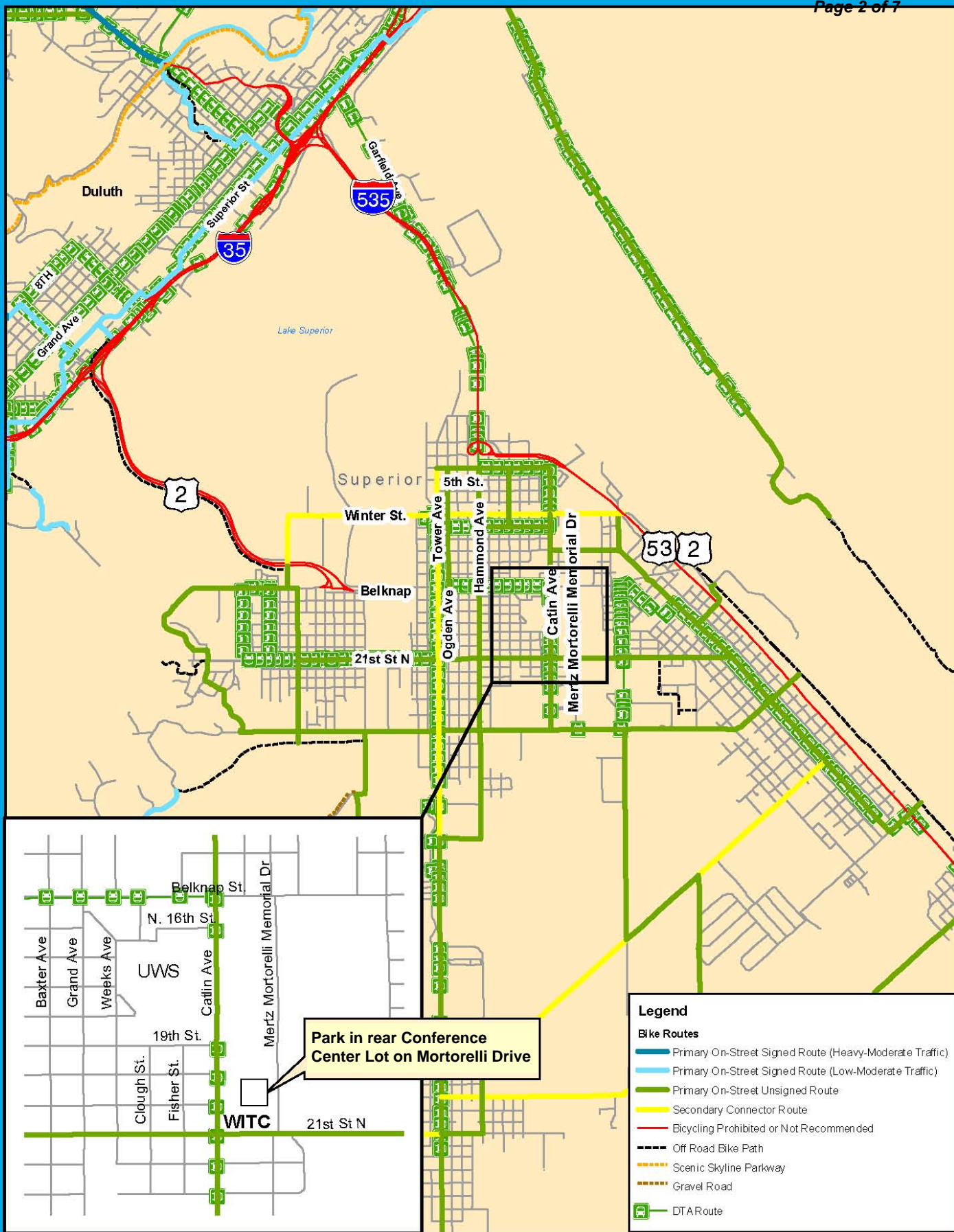
Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items

- Harbor Planning (HTAC) Update

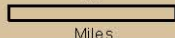
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Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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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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
Jim Benning (alternate)

City of Hermantown (1 rep)

David Salo
John Mulder (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	<i>5 min</i>
2. Committee Business – for approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAC Meeting Summary of October 20, 2009 • 2010 TAC Officers • 2010 TAC Meetings Calendar 	
3. Amendment #1 to the 2010-2013 Duluth Area TIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	<i>5 min</i>
4. Amendment #1 to the 2010-2013 Superior Area TIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	<i>5 min</i>
5. Readoption of the 2030 MIC-Area Long Range Transportation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>Robert Herling</i> 	<i>10 min</i>
6. Kirkus Street Land Use Plan – Scope of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> 	<i>10 min</i>
7. Harbor Planning (HTAC) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<i>15 min</i>
8. Roundtable Discussion– Local Projects	<i>5 min</i>
9. Project Updates And Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011-2014 MN TIP Project Solicitation, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> • City of Duluth Complete Streets Task Force, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> • Duluth, Proctor & Superior SRTS Projects, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> • NADO Award for No MN/NW WI Freight Plan, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<i>5 min</i>

Next TAC Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 1:30 pm
WITC Conference Center, Superior

TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of October 20, 2009 (attached) *

3. AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2010-2013 DULUTH URBANIZED AREA TIP *

An amendment to the 2010-2013 Duluth Urbanized Area TIP is being requested to include Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) project for the Duluth Transit Authority (DTA). This project will provide additional operating funds for transit service to the non-traditional employment centers outside of the central business district, particularly in the mall and airports areas. Please contact James Gittemeier at jgittemeier@ardc.org or (218) 529-7556 for comments or questions.

4. AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2010-2013 SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA TIP *

It is necessary to consider an amendment to add the following project to the approved projects list in the 2010-2013 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. A summary of the proposed amendment is outlined below:

2010 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-10-019	C Superior, Bong Bridge Painting Project 8680-04-73	PE ROW CONST	200,000			200,000
Amended to TIP in December 2009	St. Louis River Bridge B-16-0038, Const/BRPNT Subunit 00380001MnDOT	TOTAL	200,000			200,000

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

5. READOPTION OF THE 2030 MIC AREA LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN *

Due to a variety of circumstances which have impeded the progress of updating the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the MIC staff has been unable to meet the October 19th target date for release of the draft LRTP 2035. After consulting with FHWA and

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both MnDOT and WisDOT, it was determined that a variety of conditions (e.g., population growth, traffic demand, etc.) have not changed significantly enough to render the existing LRTP obsolete.

Therefore, in order to stay in compliance with federal regulations and not run the risk holding up jurisdiction's ability to amend project items in the TIP, staff is proposing that the MIC readopt its existing LRTP. Doing so will ensure that an "active" plan remains in place in the interim as staff continues working to complete the updated LRTP. Please contact Robert Herling at rherling@ardc.org or (218) 529-7573 for comments or questions.

6. KIRKUS STREET LAND USE PLAN – SCOPE OF WORK *

A new federally funded 1-mile long roadway will be constructed in 2010 providing a safe east-west connection across Proctor. This new roadway will be built in a relatively undeveloped section on the south end of the city. This plan will provide a guide for the city regarding the future land uses for the undeveloped lands, as well as a template to identify where key local and regional transportation connections should be made. MIC staff will present a scope of work for approval at the December meetings. Please contact James Gittemeier at jgittemeier@ardc.org (218) 529-7556 for comments or questions.

7. HARBOR PLANNING (HTAC) UPDATE

The HTAC will meet on Wednesday December 2 at 9 am at the Superior Public Library. The agenda includes presentations on the following topics:

- Bayfront District / Slips 2 & 3
- Factors Contributing to Corrosion of Steel Pilings in the Duluth-Superior Harbor
- Seasnake – Innovative Ship Design
- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- SS Meteor Rehabilitation

I will provide a brief summary of these topics and the discussions at our upcoming meeting. If you have you comments or questions, please contact Andy McDonald at amcdonald@ardc.org or (218) 529-7514.

8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – LOCAL PROJECTS

9. PROJECT UPDATES

2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP Project Solicitation, James Gittemeier

Applications for 2014 federal transportation funding for projects on the Duluth side of the MIC area due Friday, December 18, 2009 by 5pm. MIC staff will distribute the projects applications and supporting material at the January meetings, with a scoring and ranking session in February.

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City of Duluth Complete Streets Task Force, James Gittemeier

Two MIC staff members were invited to join the Mayor's Task Force on Complete Streets. The Task Force's mission is to develop a comprehensive streets policy that addresses design and usability of streets for bicyclists, walkers, bus riders, motorists, and wheelchair users. The Task Force is tentatively scheduled to meet for 3-4 months. The first meeting took place on November 16 with introductions, an overview of what's happening at the state level and a brief discussion of local issues. The next meetings are scheduled in December and will focus on educating the Task Force and other key players about what's involved with Complete Streets and will look at internal City policies and processes to implement Complete Streets within Duluth.

Duluth, Proctor and Superior SRTS Projects Update, James Gittemeier & Ron Chicka

Duluth SRTS projects are moving forward. A meeting with the City of Duluth, the Duluth School District and the MIC on November 10 took place to discuss the latest plans for Congdon and Lester Park Elementary schools and prioritize the SRTS improvements for both schools. The Lincoln Park SRTS infrastructure project will no longer take place, since the school is set to close; however, the non-infrastructure grant will still be used at Lincoln Park Elementary School.

The Proctor SRTS project grant is for non-infrastructure activities, including bicycling and pedestrian education. Over the past month, MIC staff assisted the Proctor School District with moving forward with implementing this project. The District is in the process of putting together the necessary project memo to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian education into their curriculum.

Superior SRTS project design for South Tower is still being worked on by the City's consultant. A solution to the facility improvement along Tower is undecided at this point. A note from the City stated that they are looking into conducting a traffic count at Tower and 58th next spring to determine if warrants are met; in the past they have not been. When the MIC staff receives word that designs can be commented on, we will attempt to get them before the Board.

NADO Award for Northern MN/Northwestern WI Freight Plan, Andy McDonald

ARDC and the MIC have been awarded a 2009 *Excellence in Regional Transportation Award* from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Northern Minnesota/Northwest Wisconsin Freight Plan. NADO is a Washington, DC-based association that promotes programs and policies to strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies. The awards showcase organizations for noteworthy projects and practices in planning, program delivery and special initiatives. Award winners received national recognition at the 2009 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, October 28 – 30 in Savannah, Georgia.

KIRKUS STREET LAND USE PLAN (Proctor)

Objective: *Identify land use and transportation corridor guidelines for Kirkus Street and the surrounding area prior to the completion of the new roadway.*

Background

The study encompasses the mostly undeveloped southern portion of Proctor, where a one-mile long new roadway is set to be constructed. This roadway, providing a key additional east-west connection from Boundary Avenue to Ugstad Road will include a grade-separated-crossing over the active CN rail line. In addition to providing a safer railroad crossing, the road will open up both undeveloped and potentially under-developed lands to future development. Following recommendations of the Proctor Comprehensive Plan, MIC staff will develop a future land use plan for the Kirkus Street corridor prior to its full build out.

Major Work Activities

- Examine Proctor Comprehensive Plan and other recent local planning efforts to determine long term needs.
- Conduct a public involvement process.
- Work with the City of Proctor staff and committees to identify opportunities and constraints.
- Identify natural resources (environmental and cultural) and their impact on this corridor.
- Analyze the City of Proctor Zoning and Subdivision regulations and recommend potential changes.
- Work with additional groups, organizations and agencies in the planning process, examining the market potential of the undeveloped land as well as design concepts for guiding what the future built environment will look like.
- Develop future land use recommendations, incorporating the principles of sustainability.

Final Product

The study will consist of a future land use plan for the Kirkus Street area, including recommendations and steps on implementing this land use through zoning, subdivision, and design guidelines.