

# MEETING NOTICE



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.*

**WITC Conference Center**  
600 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Superior, WI

### Guest Speakers:

- **Design Work for the Tower Avenue Project in the City of Superior**  
*Jason Serck, City of Superior Planning and Port Director*
- **WisDOT Local Road & Bridge Program for 2011-2014**  
*Tom Beekman, Glenn Landis and Dena Young, WisDOT Northwest District*

### Approval / Voting Items

- **2010-2013 Duluth Area TIP Amendments # 5 & 6**
- **Proposed Changes to the TAC Bylaws**

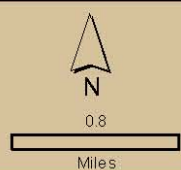
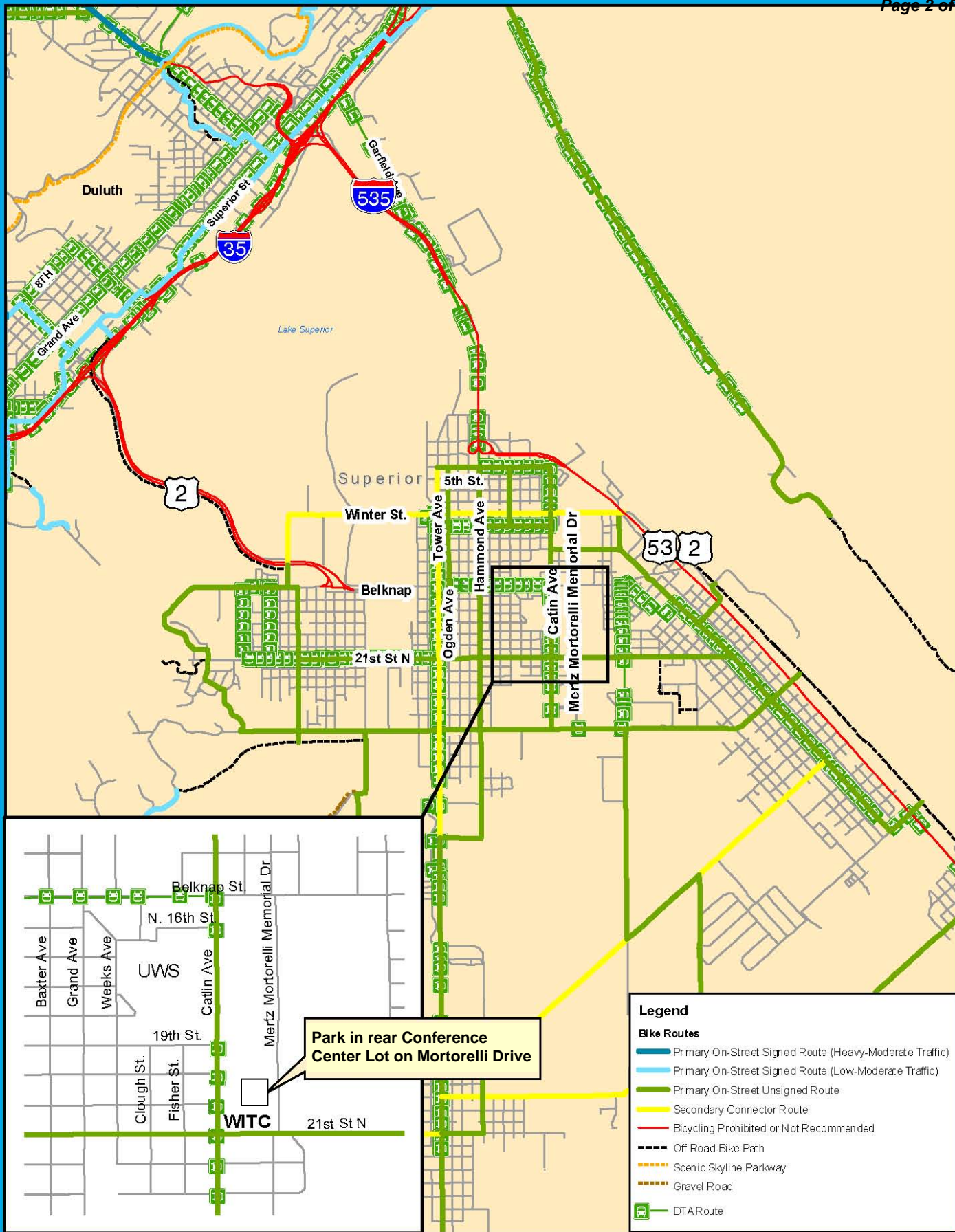
### Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items

- **2035 MIC Area Long Range Transportation Plan**
- **HTAC/Harbor Planning Update**

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

### 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](mailto: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  
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, *Vice-chair*  
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, *Chair*  
Brian Boder (alternate)

**WisDOT NW Region (1 rep)**

Dena Young

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**AGENDA**

<b>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</b>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>2. Committee Business – for approval</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of February 16, 2010</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Design Work for the Tower Avenue Project in the City of Superior</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Jason Serck, City of Superior Planning and Port Director</i></li> </ul>	<i>20 min</i>
<b>4. WisDOT Local Road &amp; Bridge Program for 2011-2014</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Tom Beekman, Glenn Landis and Dena Young, WisDOT Northwest District</i></li> </ul>	<i>20 min</i>
<b>5. 2010-2013 Duluth Area TIP Amendments # 5 &amp; 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review for Approval, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>6. Proposed Changes to the TAC Bylaws</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review for Approval, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> </ul>	<i>10 min</i>
<b>7. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	<i>10 min</i>
<b>8. HTAC/Harbor Planning Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i></li> </ul>	<i>15 min</i>
<b>9. Roundtable Discussion– Local Projects</b>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>10. Project Updates And Informational Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPAC Update, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> <li>Jobs Bill Update, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> <li>Green Jobs Update, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> <li>Blatnik Bridge Modeling Project Update, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	<i>5 min</i>

**Next TAC Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 1:30 pm  
Proctor Community Center, Proctor, MN

## TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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\* = Approval Item

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of February 16, 2010\* (see separate attachment)

### 3. DESIGN WORK FOR THE TOWER AVENUE PROJECT IN THE CITY OF SUPERIOR

Jason Serck, Planning and Port Director for the City of Superior, and Stephanie King, WISDOT Project Design Leader, will present the design work for Tower Avenue – Hwy 35 project at this month's meeting. Construction is slated for 2013. To date, preliminary design work is underway and public comment is being received. The proposal does call for enhanced pedestrian and bike amenities including bike lanes and center lane boulevards that include plantings. The limits of the work are from Belknap to North 3rd Street.

Please contact Ron Chicka at [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7506 for comments or questions.

### 4. WISDOT LOCAL ROAD & BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR 2011-2014

Tom Beekman, Glenn Landis along with Dean Young from the Region and local offices of the DOT will be in attendance to discuss the state's Surface Transportation Program for urban and rural roads plus the bridge program. The DOT is currently soliciting projects for all three programs for the 2011-2014 TIP cycle. They are wanting to present this program to the TAC and MIC as one avenue for enhanced visibility since they can hit the local jurisdictions from an administration and elected official perspective.

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### 5. 2010-2013 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS # 5 & 6\*

#### Amendment #5

The potential federal FY 2010 Jobs bill has moved along in Congress far enough to where the MIC can reasonably expect additional federal funds in this region. Therefore, the DTA has proposed 3 transit projects to be funded in FY 2010 through the Jobs bill.

Agency	Project	Federal	Local	Total
DTA	Bus Purchase (Sect. 5307) – 3 class 400 buses	\$204,000	0	\$204,000
DTA	Transit Capital (Sect. 5307)	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000
DTA	Operations (Sect. 5307)	\$150,000	0	\$150,000

#### Amendment #6

The DTA received a FTA Section 5309 grant for additional funding for FY 2010 for the Downtown Duluth Passenger Facility.

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Agency	Project	Federal	Local	Total
DTA	Funding for Downtown Multimodal Transit Center (Sect. 5309)	\$432,000	0	\$432,000

Please contact James Gittemeier at [jgittemeier@ardc.org](mailto:jgittemeier@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7556 for comments or questions.

### 6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TAC AND MIC BYLAWS\* (see separate attachment)

Following our discussions at last month's meeting, we are proposing some changes to the current language in the TAC / MIC Bylaws. Preliminary changes may be provided via a handout at the meetings.

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### 7. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Drafts of the "Trends" chapter of the 2035 update of the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation (Directions 2035) has been completed, as has the 2010-2035 list of improvement projects and the accompanying Financial Assessment. These items have been sent to members of the TAC and MIC Boards for review, and are also posted on the MIC website for public comment.

Please contact Robert Herling at [rherling@ardc.org](mailto:rherling@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7573 for comments or questions.

### 8. HTAC/HARBOR PLANNING UPDATE

The HTAC met on March 3rd at the WITC Conference Center. Agenda items included a report from the Captain of the Port – U.S. Coast Guard Duluth Marine Safety Unit; an update on activities related to Accelerated Freshwater Corrosion Study & Remediation of Steel Structures; an update of project submittals for the Great Lakes restoration Initiative; and a report on the Asian Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash Borer for the Maritime Industry.

Please contact Andy McDonald at [amcdonald@ardc.org](mailto:amcdonald@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7514 for comments or questions.

### 9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – LOCAL PROJECTS

### 10. PROJECT UPDATES

#### BPAC Update, James Gittemeier

The MIC held an informational public meeting to get the word out about this new MIC committee on February 25, 6:00 pm. The attendees were asked to participate in one or all of 3 working groups: Membership & Bylaws, Bike to Work Day and Superior Bike Routes. MIC staff will be moving forward with them 3 working groups. At the May meeting, the voting members will

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officially approve the bylaws and setting of priorities for 2010. All meetings will be at 4pm and will be held at ARDC in the main floor conference room. The next meetings are set for:

- May, 5, 2010
- August 4, 2010
- November 3, 2010

### **Jobs Bill Update, Ron Chicka**

At the time of this agenda packet being compiled, the House and the Senate still continue to work toward a short term “Jobs Bill” as well as the larger federal reauthorization legislation to follow the expired SAFETEA-LU. The House has approved an amended job-creation bill that extends for 10-months (Dec 31) highway trust fund authorization. The bill is now returned to the Senate before going to full committee. Spending authorization was given another 1 month (March 28th) in order to keep projects moving and cease furloughs of the federal DOT.

### **Green Jobs Update, Ron Chicka**

I have been representing the MIC by working on the Transportation issue section that has focal points of the former US Steel plant as a new jobs center; the Bayfront plan and its potential as a jobs growth area; and DTA’s possible plans to extend service hours. Together with Port Authority staff, we drafted an Action Plan that outlines the transportation infrastructure needs for the US Steel site that would make it more ‘marketable’ for Duluth. This is a long-term endeavor and one that will require many partners including local, state and federal levels of government. CN, the predominant landowner, would also be a key player in future redevelopment. Our Action Plan discusses the possibility of an Intermodal Center at this location moving goods between rail and truck modes. The most important objective to making this happen is to have the proper amenities in place such as adequate connections to I-35 and the ability for the main arterials to handle large or heavy loads as well as bridge clearance issues.