

# MEETING NOTICE



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.*

**Hampton Inn – Starboard Meeting Room**  
310 Canal Park Drive  
Duluth, MN

### Approval / Voting Items

- 2014 City of Superior TIP Project Submittal

### Presentation / Discussion Items

- Draft 2011-2014 Duluth Area Transportation Improvement Program
- Draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Update
- Project Updates

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

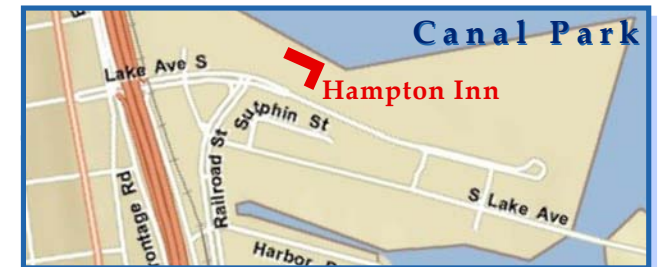
### Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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.



# Hampton Inn

310 Canal Park Drive Duluth, MN



### Alternative Routes from Twin Cities:

#### Directions via Becks Rd:

- Take **Exit 246** for Midway Rd.; turn **Right** onto Cty. 3 (Becks Rd.)
- Turn **Left** at 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. W./Commonwealth Ave.
- Continue onto Grand Ave. take a slight **Right** at Carlton St.
- Turn **Left** at W. Superior St.; then **Right** at Garfield Ave.
- Turn **Left** at W. Railroad St.; turn **Right** at Canal Park Drive

#### Directions via Midway Rd:

- Take **Exit 246** for Midway Rd.; turn **Left** onto Midway Rd.
- Turn **Right** at Old Hwy 2; continue onto Morris Thomas Rd.
- Turn **Right** at Piedmont Ave.; turn **Right** to stay on Piedmont Ave. (Hwy. 53)
- Turn **Right** at W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.; take first **Left** onto 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. W.
- Turn **Left** at W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.; turn **Right** at Piedmont Ave.
- Turn **Right** at Garfield Ave.; take first **Left** onto W. Railroad St.
- Turn **Right** at Canal Park Drive

### Alternative Routes from Superior:

- Head north on I-535; **Exit** onto Garfield Ave.
- Turn **Right** at W. Railroad St.; turn **Right** at Canal Park Drive

**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

DULUTH-SUPERIOR  
METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**AGENDA**

<b>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</b>	5 min
<b>2. Committee Business – for approval</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of May 18, 2010</li> </ul>	
<b>3. 2014 City of Superior TIP Project Submittal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review for Approval, <i>Jason Serck, Planning Director</i></li> </ul>	10 min
<b>4. Draft 2011-2014 Duluth Area Transportation Improvement Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	5 min
<b>5. Draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	5 min
<b>6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	10 min
<b>7. Roundtable Discussion– Local Projects</b>	5 min
<b>8. Project Updates and Informational Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior Safe Routes to School Projects, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> <li>Endion Land Use &amp; Transportation Plan Implementation, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> <li>Kirkus Street Land Use Plan, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> <li>Blueprint to End Poverty, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> <li>St. Louis County Township Association Meeting, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> <li>DTA Triennial Review, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> </ul>	10 min

**Next Month:**

**Annual Joint Meeting of the MIC and TAC**

**Wednesday, July 21, 2010**

**5:30 pm – Catered Dinner**

**7:00 pm – Meeting**

**Richard I Bong Veterans Historical Center, Superior, WI**

# TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

## Transportation Advisory Committee

June 15, 2010 Meeting

\* = Approval Item



### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of May 18, 2010\* (see separate attachment)

### 3. 2014 CITY OF SUPERIOR TIP PROJECT SUBMITTAL\*

Under the new Wisconsin DOT guidelines for TIP project solicitation, transportation projects need to be submitted by the MPO when a municipality is incorporated within a MPO. Therefore, the City of Superior now needs to funnel their TIP project requests through the MIC Policy Board—a change in procedure that provides us a bit more input into project selection. The idea is that the City's goals for project development align with those identified in the MIC's Long Range Transportation Plan. Should there be multiple projects; the MIC will also have to prioritize them, although this will not likely be the case, since the dollar amount available may prohibit multiple projects for the city.

The City of Superior has chosen to forward a project for 2014 to reconstruct North 28th Street from Hill to Bardon Ave. Based on rough costs, it is estimated at \$1.875 million, with an 80% federal share, 20% local breakout.

More details about this project will be provided at the meeting. Contact Ron Chicka at [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7506 or contact Sheldon Johnson at [sjohnson@nwrpc.org](mailto:sjohnson@nwrpc.org) or (715) 635-2197 for comments or questions.

### 4. DRAFT 2011-2014 DULUTH AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

MIC staff will review changes to the draft 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP and the public comments received. The public comment period closes Friday, June 18, 2010, with the public meeting held on Wednesday, June 16. The final version will be presented in July for approval.

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

### 5. DRAFT 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A draft of the MIC's updated long range transportation plan (LRTP), titled "Directions 2035" has been posted on the MIC's website, [www.dsmic.org](http://www.dsmic.org). An official 30-day public comment period began on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The MIC will be considering and responding to the comments received during this time. Barring any significant issues that require significant revision to portions of the plan, *Directions 2035* will be brought forward for final adoption at the joint meeting of the TAC and MIC on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

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

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### 6. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING UPDATE

Information will be presented on the following two initiatives that are currently underway:

#### **Bike to Work Day**

The MIC is coordinating a Bike to Work Morning Commuter Break event for Duluth and Superior. Each event will take place on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30am to 8:30am. The Duluth event will take place at Minnesota Power Plaza at Lake Ave and Superior Street and the Superior event will take place at Belknap Street and Tower Avenue. At these events there will be bicycle commuter information, safety checks and refreshments. As details come together, staff will update members and the community through e-mail as well as on the MIC website.

#### **Cross City Trail – Munger to Lakewalk Connection**

The alignment options for the trail are being narrowed down. The City of Duluth has met and will be having future meetings with the railroads, including BNSF, to determine final alignment. Duluth now has an idea of areas of right-of-way where the trail will be allowed, areas where it will not be and areas where there will need to be more discussion. The Trail Liaison Committee will be meeting in June to discuss these trail alignment options.

#### **Kenwood Avenue Bike Sharrows**

The City of Duluth has installed bike sharrow pavement markings on Kenwood Avenue between Skyline Parkway and Arrowhead Road. While they are used around the U.S., this is the first use of such markings in Minnesota. These pavement markings focus on vehicles and bikes sharing the lane. Their function is to alert motorists that bicycles are a legal vehicle on the road, and to provide visual information to bicyclists about where in the roadway they should be riding, including the correct direction in which they should be traveling.



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

### 7. Project Updates

#### **Superior Safe Routes to School Projects, Ron Chicka**

Jason Serck, Superior City Planning Director, and I have had discussions and met with staff representing the Superior School District as they are considering applying for infrastructure dollars toward a SRTS grant via the Wisconsin DOT. We have been informing the School District on the plans for sidewalk improvements that the City is already set to conduct this year, with the funds they received via the federal earmark in 2005 that was based on the MIC's plan. The City also is working to determine the exact type of street crossing device that is acceptable to all parties, to be implemented per the MIC's plan along South Tower for Bryant Elementary. We will continue to work with the District as the new application is due July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Endion Land Use and Transportation Plan Implementation**, *Ron Chicka*

The City of Duluth is moving forward with implementing key components of the Endion Plan this summer. One project is already underway, with the addition of a downhill lane to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. This will relieve congestion at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East as it will allow for a left turn onto the eastbound only 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. In addition, 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues East will be converted from one-way streets to two-way streets. Both avenues are remnants of the pre-I-35 Minnesota Trunk Highway System that is no longer needed.

### **Kirkus Street Land Use Plan**, *James Gittemeier*

The Kirkus Street Taskforce is in the data gathering stage of the Land Use Plan. The Plan will be a guide for the City of Proctor in determining the appropriate land uses for the Kirkus Street corridor. The taskforce has been compiling and reviewing information regarding the housing and retail market, national and local trends as well as reviewing site opportunities and constraints. Proposed transportation connections, including the Proctor Connector Trail and others will be included in this Land Use Plan.

### **Blueprint to End Poverty**, *Robert Herling*

Community Action Duluth's Transportation Action Committee (part of its "Blueprint to End Poverty") has been working to address local transportation issues as they relate to low-income members of the community. Since the beginning of the 2010, the group has been revisiting its objectives in an attempt to identify its efforts in the coming years. Recognizing a significant momentum within the community at present to address non-motorized transportation issues, the group has decided to network with and assist the efforts of other local groups currently studying local non-motorized issues, while working to ensure that such studies are sufficiently accounting for the barriers or needs of low-income individuals.

### **St. Louis County Township Association Meeting**, *Ron Chicka*

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to speak to this group about the work of the MIC, with a focus on planning we've done on behalf of the suburban towns. This Association consists of all towns in the County, and is the group that appoints our two Suburban Township representatives to the MIC, Earl Elde and Cindy Moe. There was a good turnout and the discussion went well. There was interest in our Duluth Urban Area Growth Study of a few years back as it outlined growth potential in the entire MIC planning area. There was also considerable interest in the passenger rail work we've been doing with the County and the Northern Lights Express, in general.

### **DTA Triennial Review**, *Ron Chicka*

Every three years the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) visits transit agencies across the country to review all the work that is conducted, both planning and operationally, concerning usage of funds. The MIC is involved in that we receive planning funds to work on transit related projects and certainly multimodal planning projects, in general. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, I participated in meetings with FTA staff reviewing our Work Program, TIP and Long Range Plan concerning how each addresses transit issues. We also went over various other regulatory documents and procedures including finances. Ultimately, the DTA receives a "stamp of approval" on their operation from the FTA.