

# MEETING NOTICE



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.*

**Hermantown Public Safety Bldg - Training Center**  
5111 Maple Grove Road  
Hermantown, MN

### Approval / Voting Items

- Draft 2011-2014 Superior Area Transportation Improvement Program

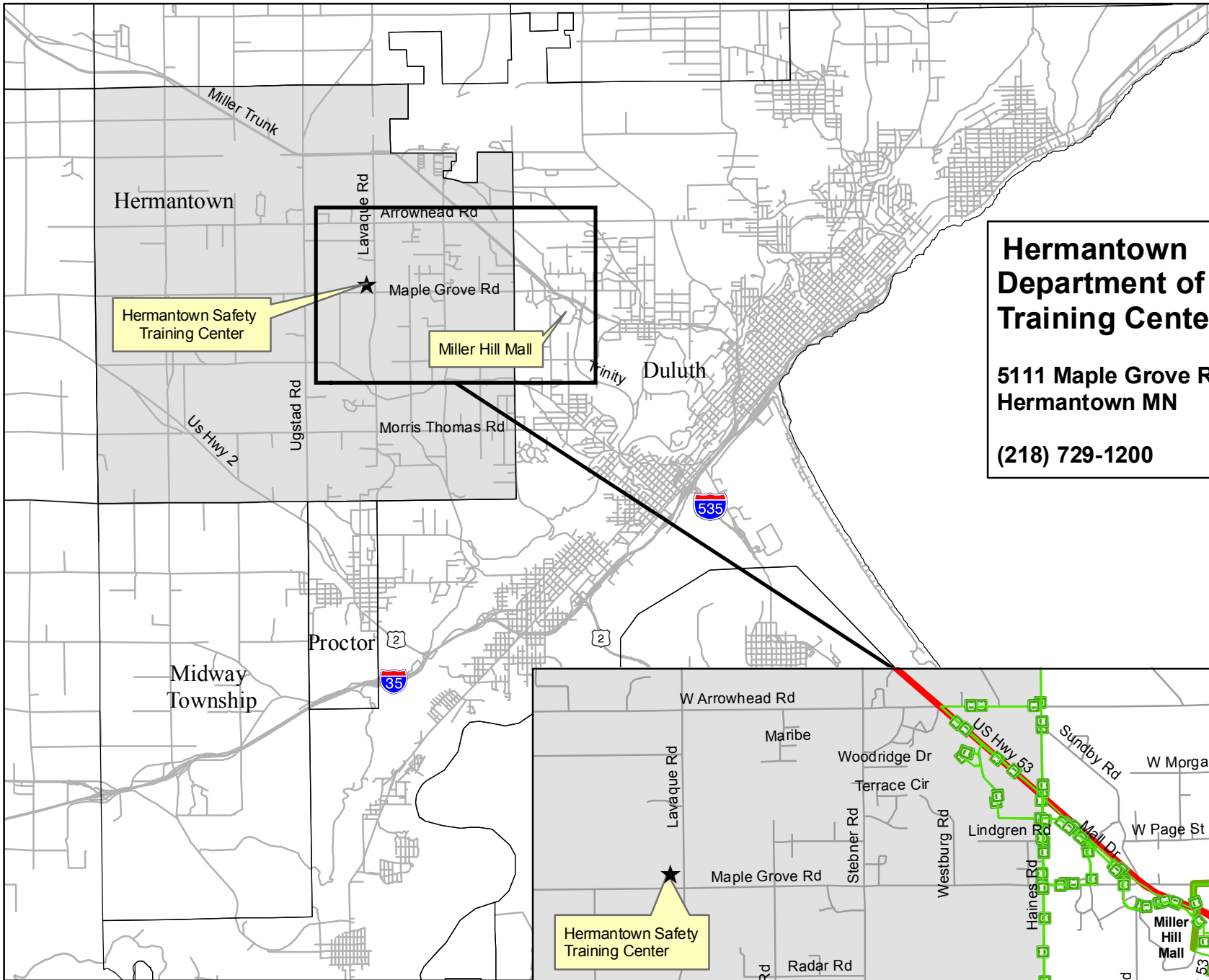
### Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items

- Interactive Mapping - Long Range Transportation Plan Projects
- Kirkus Street Land Use Plan
- Developing Transportation Performance Measures for the Duluth-Superior Area
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Update

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

### Attendance / Meeting Quorum

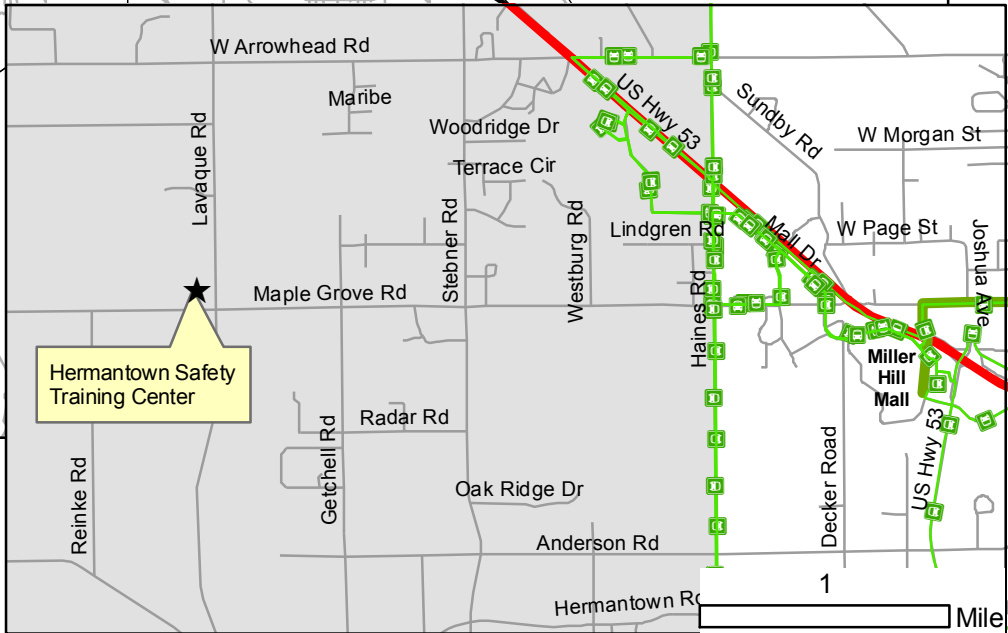
If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, **please contact Rondi Watson at [rwatson@ardc.org](mailto:rwatson@ardc.org) or 529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.



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**Legend**

- DTA Bus Route
- Bike Routes**
- Primary On-Street Unsigned Route
- Bicycling Prohibited or Not Recommended



**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

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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 June 15, 2010</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Draft 2011-2014 Superior Area Transportation Improvement Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve Release for Public Comment, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i></li> </ul>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>4. Long Range Transportation Plan Projects Interactive Mapping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Kody Thurnau, Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	<i>15 min</i>
<b>5. Kirkus Street Land Use Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	<i>10 min</i>
<b>6. Developing Transportation Performance Measures for the Duluth-Superior Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	<i>15 min</i>
<b>7. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	<i>15 min</i>
<b>8. Roundtable Discussion– Local Projects</b>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>9. Project Updates and Informational Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-35 Congestion Mitigation Ridership Study, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> <li>Arrowhead Regional Comprehensive Plan for Sustainability, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> </ul>	<i>5 min</i>

**Next TAC Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 15, 1:30 pm  
WITC Conference Center, Superior, WI

# TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

## Transportation Advisory Committee

August 17, 2010 Meeting

\* = Approval Item



### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of June 15, 2010\* (see separate attachment)\*

### 3. DRAFT 2011-2014 SUPERIOR AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM\* (see separate attachment)

The draft Superior TIP is attached for your review and comment. The TIP includes 4 years of federally funded transportation projects, as well as some of the significant state funded projects. The Draft TIP will be released for a 30-day public comment period, which will run from August 19 through September 17. The final TIP will be presented for approval at the October MIC meetings. For comments or questions, please contact Sheldon Johnson at [sjohnson@nwrpc.com](mailto:sjohnson@nwrpc.com) or (715) 635-2197, ext. 228.

### 4. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS INTERACTIVE MAPPING

An interactive map of the long-range transportation projects was developed as part of the MIC's LRTP, "Directions 2035." Staff will be using the August TAC and MIC meetings as an opportunity to showcase this tool and give a brief presentation of how to use it to get information about the specific projects listed in the LRTP. Please contact GIS Specialist Kody Thurnau at [kthurnau@ardc.org](mailto:kthurnau@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7515 or Planner Robert Herling at [rherling@ardc.org](mailto:rherling@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7573 for comments or questions.

### 5. KIRKUS STREET LAND USE PLAN

The task force is reviewing the current situation of Proctor and its surrounding area, including examining the housing and retail markets. This background information, as well as is being analyzed by the taskforce in an effort to devise a future land use strategy for the mostly undeveloped southern portion of Proctor. For comments or questions, please contact James Gittemeier at [jgittemeier@ardc.org](mailto:jgittemeier@ardc.org) or (218) 529-7556.

### 6. DEVELOPING TRANSPORTATION MEASURES FOR THE DULUTH-SUPERIOR AREA

MIC staff attending the 2010 Minnesota MPO Conference in Fargo, ND last month were exposed to some good presentations regarding the increasing attention being given to performance measures in transportation planning. Much of this information was directly applicable to developing performance measures at the MPO level. A summary of this information will be presented to the TAC and MIC for discussion. The MIC's recently adopted LRTP, "Directions 2035" sets the stage for developing future performance measures relevant to the Duluth-Superior MPO, and staff at the MIC hope to work closely with TAC and MIC members in developing such measures in the coming year that are both useful and appropriate in further advancing the

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

### 7. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING UPDATE

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

#### **Bike-Ped Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

MIC staff is implementing a new more interactive communication strategy for the BPAC. The BPAC will be the MIC's first committee where online social media outreach techniques will be undertaken. More information will be presented at the meeting.

#### **Superior Bike Routes**

The Bicycle Compatibility Index (BCI) model has been run for the proposed bike routes in Superior. MIC staff will present the BCI model results, and next steps including forming a steering committee to move this project forward.

#### **Bike Signage Inventory**

MIC staff are putting together a complete inventory of all the existing bike signage, including geographic coordinates utilizing GPS, as well as noting signage type and wayfinding arrow and text information specific to each sign location.

#### **Connecting Duluth Bike Route Assessment**

The data collected from the 6 public meetings has been compiled. At the meeting, MIC staff will present a series of draft maps illustrating the information collected including routes cyclists currently use and routes cyclists would prefer to use. The goal of the assessment is to serve as a reference tool for planners, engineers, and other groups working to improve Duluth's bike route system.

### 8. 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>.

#### **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

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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.