

# MEETING NOTICE



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 1:30pm

Hampton Inn – Canal Park

Duluth MN

### Approval / Voting Items

- MIC Work Program Amendment
- Amendment #11 to the 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP

### Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items

- Harbor Planning Update
- TSM Update
- Safe Routes to School Update
- Central Entrance Study
- Human Services Transit Plan Update
- Sidewalk Study

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

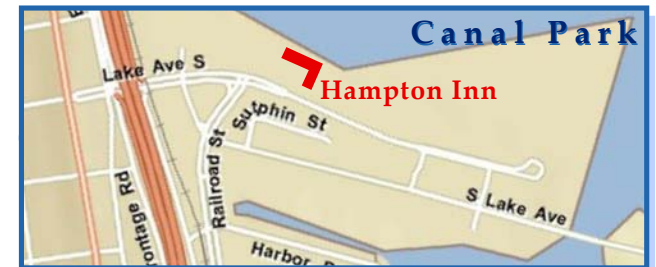
### Attendance / Meeting Quorum

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, **please contact Laurie Davis at [ldavis@ardc.org](mailto:ldavis@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

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COMMITTEE (TAC)  
MEMBERS**

**Airport**

Brian Ryks  
Alison Johnson (alternate)

**Bikes / Pedestrians**

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Cindy Petkac  
Cindy Voigt  
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David Salo  
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Jim Heilig (alternate)

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DULUTH-SUPERIOR  
METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.*

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**AGENDA**

<b>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</b>	5 min
<b>2. Committee Business</b> • Meeting Summary of May 17, 2011 ( <i>for approval</i> )	
<b>3. MIC Work Program Amendment</b> • Review for Approval, <i>Ron Chicka</i>	10 min
<b>4. Amendment #11 to the 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP</b> • Review for Approval, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i>	5min
<b>5. Harbor Planning Update</b> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i>	15 min
<b>6. TSM Update</b> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i>	10 min
<b>7. Safe Routes to School Update</b> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>James Gittemeier</i>	10 min
<b>8. Central Entrance Study</b> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i>	10 min
<b>9. Human Services Transit Plan Update</b> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i>	10 min
<b>10. Sidewalk Study</b> • Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i>	5 min
<b>11. Project Updates</b> • Social Media Update, <i>Rondi Watson</i> • CTS Meeting, <i>Robert Herling</i> • Duluth Area 2011-2015 TIP Administrative Change, <i>James Gittemeier</i>	5 min
<b>Next Month: Member Appreciation Dinner</b> Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Canal Park Inn, Duluth, MN Steven A. Fisher, Executive Director, American Great Lakes Ports Assoc. <i>Legislative &amp; Regulatory Issues Facing the Success of the Great Lakes Navigational System</i>	

# TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

June 14, 2011 Meeting



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## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

\* = Approval Item

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 05/17/11\* (separate attachment)

### 3. MIC WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT - Review for Approval, *Ron Chicka*

We will propose an amendment to the Work Program and Budget to the total of \$190,000 in federal funds with match coming exclusively from the submitting entities: St Louis County (Intersection Control Evaluation), Duluth Airport Authority (Air Service and Air Cargo Analysis), and the Duluth Seaway Port Authority (Cruise Ship Facility Study). In addition, I have been able to work with our modeling consultant that will conduct the work for Duluth's 6<sup>th</sup> AE study concerning new (potential) access measures and will be able to wrap this project into the current budget. I will still take advantage of the City's proposal to aid in cost-sharing (20%) for this project. A resolution amending the UPWP is up for approval. I will alter the actual document upon approval of this amendment from federal and state agencies. Request for Proposals (RFPs) could not be sent out until the federal and state representatives fully approve the amendment.

### 4. AMENDMENT #11 TO THE 2011-2014 SUPERIOR AREA TIP \* - Review for Approval, *Sheldon Johnson*

This amendment for approval is to make geometric changes and install signals at the juncture of the I-535/STH 53 eastbound off-ramp (from the Blatnik bridge) and N 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Engineering is set for this year with construction in 2012. Overall project cost is \$280,000.

### 5. HARBOR PLANNING UPDATE - Presentation and Discussion, *Andy McDonald*

The Harbor Technical Advisory Committee met on Wednesday June 1 at the Inn on Lake Superior in Duluth. We heard presentations on Detroit District Activities in the Duluth-Superior Harbor by the Army Corps, Floating Treatment Wetlands, Follow Up from Letter to MPCA and MnDOT Commissioners, and Section 10 Regulations Enforcement. I will provide a brief summary of these topics at our upcoming meetings. .

### 6. TSM UPDATE - Presentation and Discussion, *Robert Herling*

The MIC completed the 2011 TSM Assessment in February and identified a series of Duluth and Superior intersections as potential locations of concern. The MIC staff is preparing to meet with area jurisdictions during the summer of 2011 to discuss potential TSM mitigation strategies for a number of these intersections, which would be included as project recommendations in a final TSM plan.

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**7. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE** - Presentation and Discussion, *James Gittemeier*

The MIC will assist the City of Duluth, the Duluth School District, Fit City Duluth and the Proctor School District with putting together grant applications for 2011 Safe Routes to School funding for:

1. Bay View Elementary
2. Grant Elementary
3. Laura MacArthur Elementary

The grants applications have a quick timeframe, as they are due on June 15, 2011. The projects will be picked in July and awardees will be notified in August.

**8. CENTRAL ENTRANCE STUDY** - Presentation and Discussion, *Andy McDonald*

MIC staff recently met with City of Duluth, St. Louis County and MnDOT regarding data collection efforts this summer related to different traffic studies in the Central Entrance area. The purpose of this meeting was to identify opportunities to work cooperatively to maximize resources as we collect information in support of the traffic studies and modeling efforts. We will be working with our modeling consultant URS to develop a small area model of the Central Entrance corridor. MIC staff will be out in the field collecting turning movement counts at various intersections in support of this effort. Our counts will be shared with MnDOT to support some of their traffic signal coordination efforts. The City and County will also be collecting data that will be useful to a numbers of studies.

**9. HUMAN SERVICES TRANSIT PLAN UPDATE** - Presentation and Discussion, *Robert Herling*

A regional workshop focused on improving coordinating and improving transportation services in the Arrowhead region (including the Duluth metro) was held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Those who attended the workshop participated in activities designed to identify strengths and weaknesses in transportation services throughout the region, as well as potential Human Services Transit related improvements. The MIC will provide a summary report of these potential improvement projects, which will potentially become part of a Coordinated Human Services Transit plan and be eligible to receive federal transit funding.

**10. SIDEWALK STUDY** - Presentation and Discussion, *Andy McDonald*

MIC staff has gotten a good start in creating the sidewalk inventory and condition analysis with hard work from our recent intern Jessica Montgomery. We will be training in our new intern Brian Heaton to pick up where Jessica left off. I will provide an update on the progress of the inventory as well as some of the groups we have met with.

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**11. PROJECT UPDATES**

**MIC Social Media and Public Involvement Update, Rondi Watson**

We have launched some new social media initiatives in our effort to reach out to the public to educate them about the MIC's work and to gain their input into our planning initiatives. Our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/dsmic](http://www.facebook.com/dsmic)) garnered 57 'likes' (hopefully you are among them!) and over 3,000 page views during its first month. Our [OpenMIC](#) blog got off to a good start, as well, with 135 people visiting 2 to 3 of our posts. We put forward information about the federal gas tax and transportation infrastructure, the DTA's bike racks, Bike to Work Day and port-related topics. We encourage you to subscribe to receive the blog as posts are published at [www.duluthsuperioropenmic.org](http://www.duluthsuperioropenmic.org). Look for the "Want this Blog via Email?" section and sign up.

**CTS Meeting, Robert Herling**

MIC staff attended the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) 2011 Transportation Research Conference on May 24<sup>th</sup>, in St. Paul, MN. This conference offered a series of panels reporting on a variety of current research being done in a variety of transportation-related areas.

**Duluth Area 2011-2014 TIP Administrative Change, James Gittemeier**

A correction to the FTA amount of the DTA's Operating and Preventative Maintenance funding has been made for FY 2011. The federal funding was incorrectly listed as \$738,000, but should have been entered as \$1,300,000. Because there is no change in the project scope nor total project cost, MIC staff have administratively made the change.