

MEETING NOTICE



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 18, 1:30pm

Hermantown Training Center

Hermantown, MN

Approval / Voting Items

- 2012-2013 Work Program Draft
- Final 2012-2015 Superior Area TIP

Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items

- Central Entrance Study
- Superior TSM
- Sidewalk Study
- Emerging Issues/Roundtable

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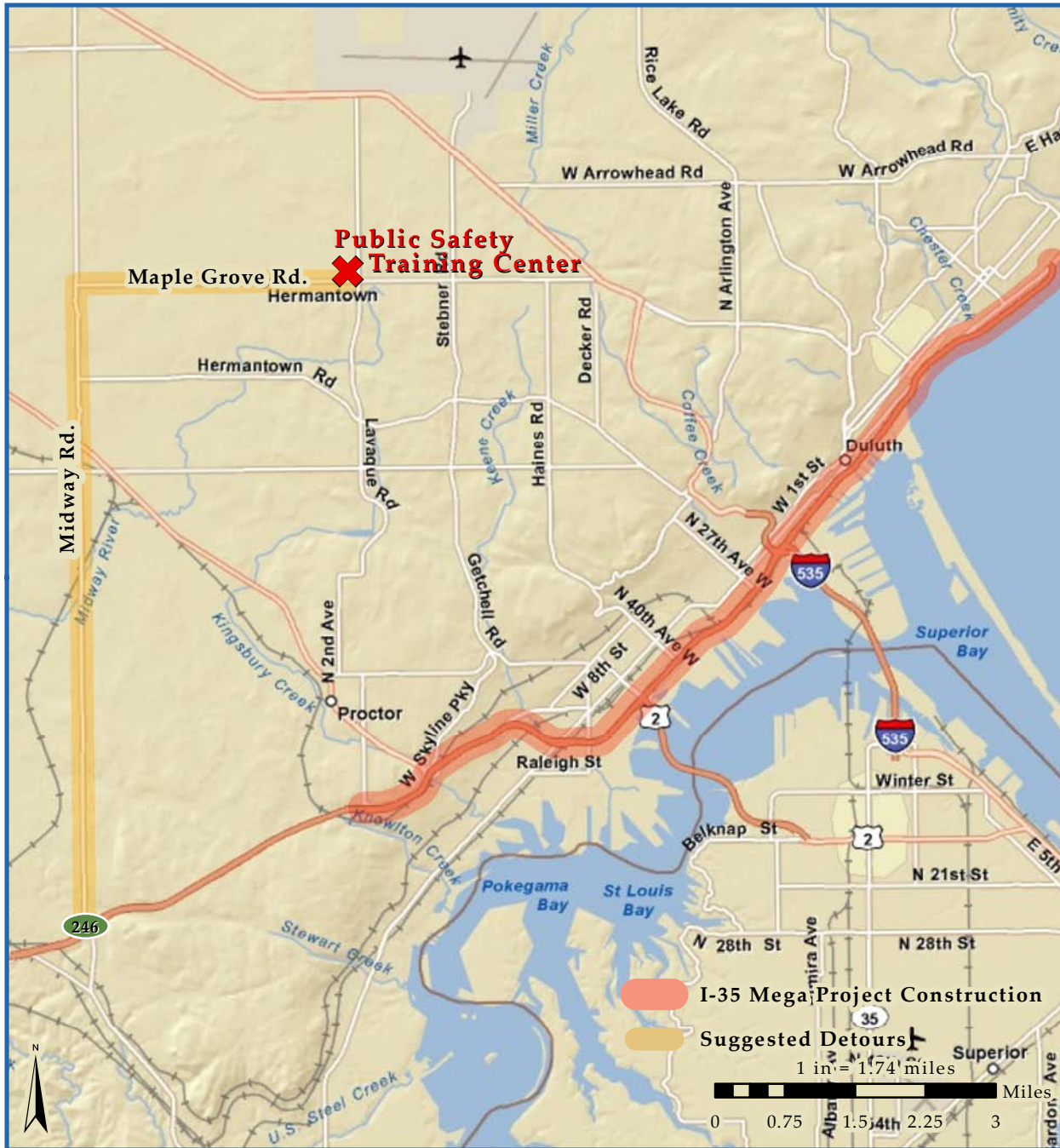
Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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AGENDA

1. Introductions / Agenda Review	<i>5 min</i>
2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 09-20-11 (<i>for approval</i>) 	
3. Draft of Work Program 2012-2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, <i>Ron Chicka</i> 	<i>15 min</i>
4. Final 2012-2015 Superior Area TIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i> 	<i>10 min</i>
5. Central Entrance Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<i>20 min</i>
6. Superior TSM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i> 	<i>15 min</i>
7. Sidewalk Study Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i> 	<i>20 min</i>
8. Emerging Issues/Roundtable Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24th Ave W and Piedmont Kenwood/Arrowhead Intersection 	<i>5 min</i>
9. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota GO VISION Draft, <i>Lynne Bly, Mn/DOT Central Office</i> Lincoln Park Pedestrian Study, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> Bike Share Forum, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> Walk to School Day – Superior Northern Lights Elementary, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> Duluth Charrette – Community Meeting on Connectivity, <i>James Gittlemeier</i> Minnesota State APA Conference, <i>Rondi Watson</i> 	<i>5 min</i>

Next TAC Meeting:

Tuesday, December 13, 1:30pm – Superior Public Library

TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 09-20-11 * (separate attachment)

3. DRAFT WORK PROGRAM 2012-2013 *

Per our discussion from the last meeting, I will propose a work program and budget for the upcoming 2-year cycle including the short range planning elements (with the added jurisdictional sponsored projects), planning activities incorporated into our long range endeavors, development of the annual TIP for both the Duluth and Superior areas and other general administrative functions of the MIC.

4. FINAL 2012-2015 SUPERIOR AREA TIP *

The FINAL Superior Urbanized Area 2012-2015 TIP will be considered for approval at the upcoming October meetings. After having the document available for public comment at the Superior Public Library and the MIC webpage since August 26 and a public information session on September 20 at the Government Center located in Superior, no formal comments have been provided. The only change to the plan document since its public release on August 17 is the inclusion of project number 113-12-013 Belknap Avenue rehabilitation from Banks Avenue to Hill Avenue. This project is scheduled for preliminary engineering in 2012. Construction related to this project is not included in the 2012-2015 TIP as the construction phase is currently programmed for calendar year 2018.

5. CENTRAL ENTRANCE STUDY

We have currently finished our collection of turning movement data and are working with URS, our modeling consultant, on development of a small area model. This model will show us how future proposed land use changes will impact traffic flow in the corridor. We have received some input on our access management section and we will review that at our upcoming meetings. We will also be bringing forward draft sections relating to pedestrian, bike and transit issues. We conducted a post card mailing to area residents directing them to a survey about Central Entrance and we will review preliminary results.

6. SUPERIOR TSM

In September, MIC staff met with the traffic engineers from the City of Superior and Wisconsin DOT to discuss potential safety and operational issues at those locations identified in the MIC's 2011 Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Assessment of Superior area intersections.

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From these discussions, a number of low-cost treatments were identified for recommendation. These recommendations are being added to the TSM assessment document that was drafted earlier in the year. Together, this information and is being brought before the MIC Policy Board as the *2011 TSM Assessment of Superior Intersections* for approval.

7. SIDEWALK STUDY DISCUSSION

Our temp worker, Marc Mayer, has nearly completed the sidewalk inventory. This is the first phase of the study. The second phase of the study includes identifying priority segments of sidewalk. A tool we are considering utilizing is a pedestrian priority model used in San Diego (see attached pdf file). The model has three basic components – pedestrian generators, attractors and detractors. We would replicate this model but make adjustments to reflect the unique characteristics of our area.



8. EMERGING ISSUES/ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

24th Avenue W and Piedmont – The MIC was contacted by a person in this neighborhood (along Springvale east of Piedmont) concerning traffic concerns near this intersection. The concern is mainly a sight distance and reaction time issue concerning the flow on Piedmont; however, it might be worth looking into the level of service at 24th Avenue W especially during the peak as gaps on Piedmont are infrequent, causing atypical queuing and traffic backups on 24th Avenue W. The question is: should some data be collected to confirm the perception of a problem?

Kenwood/Arrowhead intersection – As discussed at prior meetings, MIC staff would like to collect turn movement information at this intersection in conjunction with the City of Duluth's wishes to detail the traffic for a proposed development on the southwest corner. We will propose for the TAC to comment on concerning our tasks to document the needed data for the City.

9. PROJECT UPDATES

Minnesota GO Vision Draft, *Lynne Bly, Mn/DOT Central Office*

The Minnesota Department of Transportation launched the Minnesota GO visioning process to better align the transportation system with what Minnesotans expect for their quality of life, economy and natural environment.

The effort is based on an understanding that transportation is a means to other ends, not an end in itself. It also recognizes that infrastructure is only one of many elements necessary to achieving a high quality of life, a competitive economy and a healthy environment.

This 50-year vision for transportation will require consistency and collaboration across jurisdictions and sectors to be fully achieved. Although MnDOT initiated the effort to develop the

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vision, this is a vision for all forms of transportation, and ownership of the vision is a shared responsibility.

Lincoln Park Pedestrian Study, James Gittlemeier

A public meeting on the draft Lincoln Park Study was held. A few minor changes were requested, but the major recommendations were accepted. Therefore, MIC staff will complete work on the Lincoln Park Pedestrian Corridor Plan.

Bike Share Forum, James Gittlemeier

MIC hosted a discussion forum on the concept of bike sharing. Bike Sharing is a city wide rental bicycling system that is being implemented in cities across the country, including Minneapolis and St. Paul. The forum took place on October 14, and was led by a group who helped put together the 2nd phase of Twin Cities' system.

Walk to School Day – Superior Northern Lights Elementary, James Gittlemeier

The MIC, Healthier Douglas County and Northern Lights Elementary participated in National Walk to School Day on October 5th. The event had the assistance of the City of Superior Police Department, Superior School District, PTA, and other parents as well. The students at Northern Lights were encouraged to meet at 3 different locations (parks closest to their houses (Wade Bowl, Hammond Park & Heritage Park) and form into walking parades as they walked to school together that morning.

Duluth Charrette - Community Meeting on Connectivity, James Gittlemeier

The MIC participated in the Duluth Charrette Update, organized by Duluth LISC and the City of Duluth. The Duluth Charrette originally took place in 2005. The update was organized to recognize the successes and refocus on areas still in need of improvement. MIC staff participated in a Housing Meeting and a Connectivity Meeting on October 3rd, to discuss the latest news on these topics.

Minnesota State APA Conference, Rondi Watson

There is a great deal of interest in the MIC's new effort to incorporate social networking tools into our public participation strategies, as evidenced by several recent invitations to speak on this topic. Most recently I presented information about planning for and implementing the [OpenMIC blog](#) and the MIC's [Facebook page](#) at the statewide conference of the Minnesota chapter of the American Planning Association, held in St. Cloud on September 28 – 30.