

# MEETING NOTICE



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 13, 1:30 pm

Superior Public Library

Superior, WI

### Guest Speaker

- US 2/I-35 Bong Bridge Rehabilitation

*Matt Dickenson, WisDOT & Jeff Abramson, Ayers & Associates*

### Approval / Voting Items

- 2012-2013 Work Program Final
- 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #9 & #10

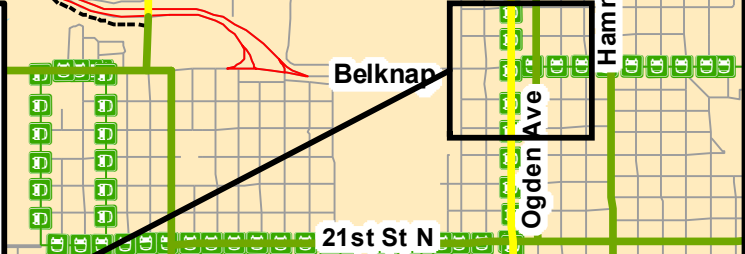
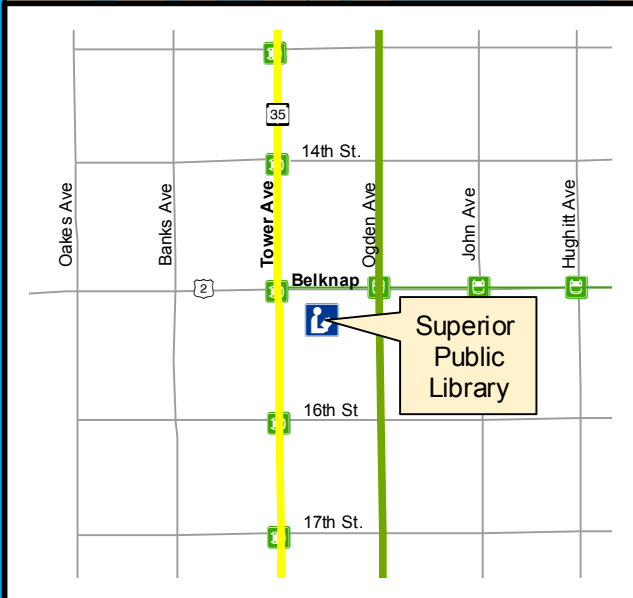
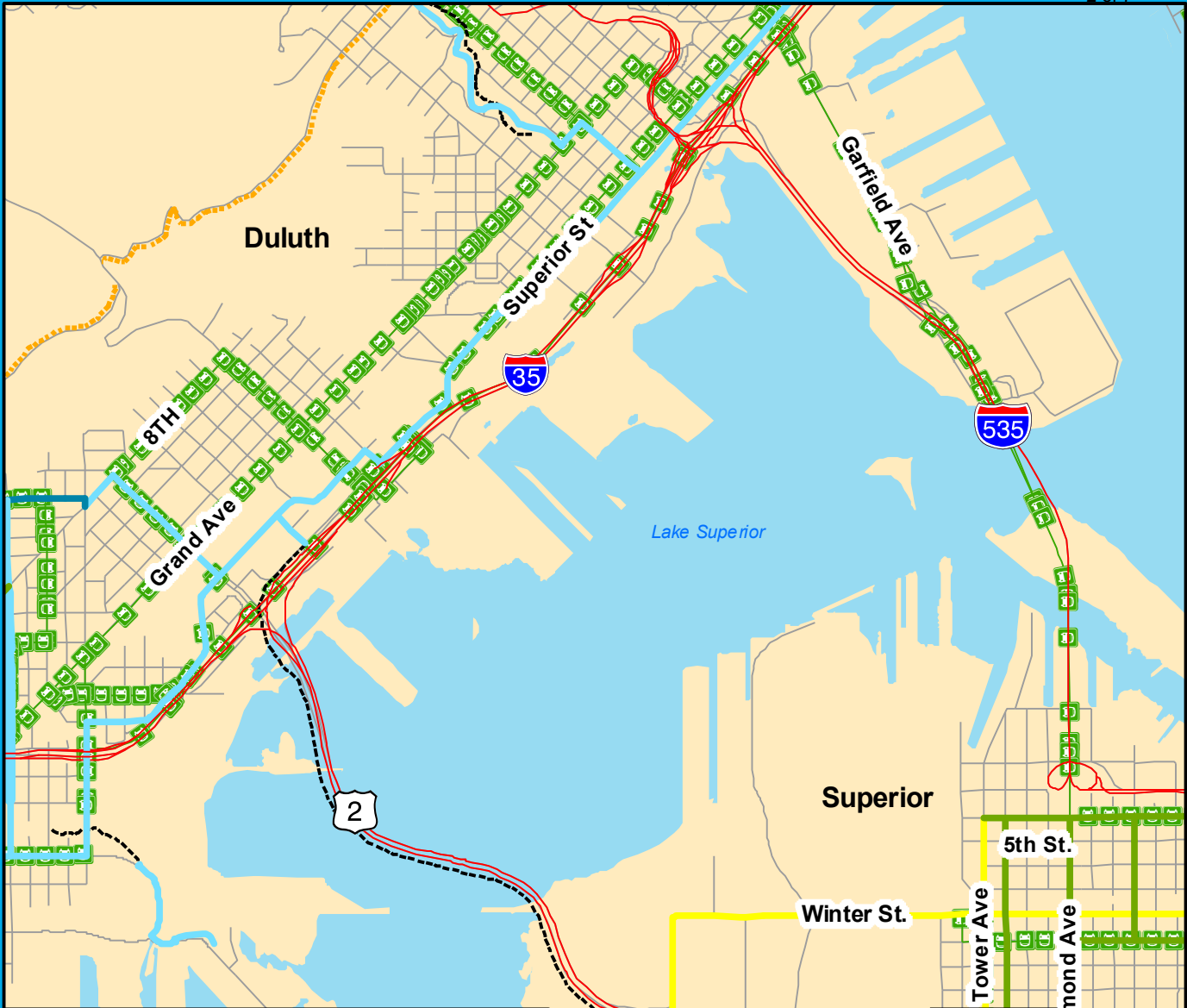
### Presentation / Discussion / Informational Items

- DTA/Downtown Duluth Multimodal Terminal Project
- TSM Assessment of Duluth Area Intersections
- Duluth Sidewalk Study
- Central Entrance Corridor Study
- Roundtable Discussion – Local Projects
- Project Updates

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

### Attendance / Meeting Quorum

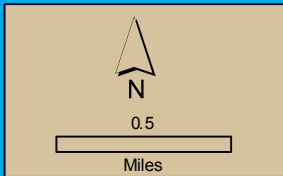
If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, **please contact Laurel Davis at [ldavis@ardc.org](mailto:ldavis@ardc.org) or 529-7541** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.



**Legend**

**Bike Routes**

- Primary On-Street Signed Route (Heavy-Moderate Traffic)
- Primary On-Street Signed Route (Low-Moderate Traffic)
- Primary On-Street Unsigned Route
- Secondary Connector Route
- Bicycling Prohibited or Not Recommended
- Off Road Bike Path
- Scenic Skyline Parkway
- Gravel Road
- DTA Route



**Superior Public Library**  
 1530 Tower Ave - Superior, WI



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (TAC)  
MEMBERS**

**Airport**

Brian Ryks  
Alison Johnson (alternate)

**Bikes / Pedestrians**

Bryn Jacobson

**City of Duluth**

Chuck Froseth  
Cari Pedersen, *Vice Chair*  
Cindy Petkac  
Cindy Voigt  
Matt Decur (alternate)

**City of Hermantown**

David Salo  
John Mulder (alternate)

**City of Proctor**

Jim Rohweder

**City of Superior**

Jason Serck, *Chair*  
Jeff Goetzman

**Douglas County**

Paul Halverson

**Duluth Transit Authority**

Dennis Jensen  
Jim Heilig (alternate)

**MN DEED Office**

Heather Rand

**MnDOT**

Bryan Anderson  
Walter Leu

**Port/Harbor**

Jim Sharrow

**St. Louis County**

Jim Foldesi  
Brian Boder (alternate)

**WisDOT NW Region**

Dena Young

DULUTH-SUPERIOR  
METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

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*Tuesday, December 13, 1:30 pm*

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**AGENDA**

<b>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</b>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>2. Committee Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2012 Meetings Calendar</li> <li>• 2012 Volunteers for Vice-Chair</li> <li>• Meeting Summary of 10-18-11 (<i>for approval</i>)</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Guest Speaker: Matt Dickenson, PM, WisDOT &amp; Jeff Abramson, Ayers &amp; Accoc.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and Discussion, <i>US 2/I-35 Bong Bridge Rehabilitation</i></li> </ul>	<i>25 min</i>
<b>4. 2012-2013 Work Program Final</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review for Approval, <i>Ron Chicka</i></li> </ul>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>5. 2011-2014 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #9 &amp; #10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review for Approval, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>6. DTA/Downtown Multimodal Terminal Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and Discussion, <i>Dennis Jensen or Jim Heilig</i></li> </ul>	<i>10 min</i>
<b>7. TSM Assessment of Duluth Area Intersections (Draft)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and Discussion, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> </ul>	<i>10 min</i>
<b>8. Duluth Sidewalk Study</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald &amp; Kody Thurnau</i></li> </ul>	<i>15 min</i>
<b>9. Central Entrance Corridor Study</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and Discussion, <i>Andy McDonald</i></li> </ul>	<i>15 min</i>
<b>10. Roundtable Discussion– Local Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> W. &amp; Piedmont Photos</li> <li>• Hermantown Walmart Mall Drive Entrance/Exit</li> </ul>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>11. Project Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I-35/DTA Traffic Mitigation Study, <i>Robert Herling</i></li> <li>• 2011-2014 Superior Area TIP Modification, <i>Sheldon Johnson</i></li> <li>• Harbor Planning, <i>Andy McDonald</i></li> <li>• Bike/Ped Planning, <i>James Gittemeier</i></li> </ul>	<i>10 min</i>

**Next TAC Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 17, 1:30 pm— WisDOT Lake Superior Room, Superior WI

# TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

December 13, 2011 Meeting



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

\* = *Approval Item*

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

## 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 2012 Meetings Calendar
- 2012 Volunteers for Vice-Chair

At the December TAC meeting, I will be asking for a volunteer from the Minnesota side of the membership roster to serve as the Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. Following TAC protocol, current Vice-Chair Cari Pedersen (City of Duluth) will succeed Jason Serck (City of Superior) to serve as the 2012 TAC Chair. Nominations for both officers will be formalized by a vote at the start of the January 2012 meeting.

Please consider putting your name forward to serve as Vice-Chair in 2012 (and as Chair in 2013). If you have comments or questions, please contact Ron Chicka at 529-7506 or at [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org).

- Meeting Summary of 10-18-11 \* (separate attachment)

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER – MATT DICKENSON, WISDOT & JEFF ABRAMSON, AYERS & ASSOC. *US 2/I-35 Bong Bridge Rehabilitation*

The US Highway 2 / Bong Bridge and approaches project begins at the intersection of USH 2 and Belknap in Superior and continues to Duluth terminating prior to the intersection of USH 2 and Michigan Street. Preliminary design is now underway with inter-agency coordination going into 2012 along with a public involvement component slated to conclude by the summer of next year. Construction is scheduled for 2014 and 2015 as the project would require phasing over the two year period to allow for limited traffic usage over the bridge during this time. The project includes mill and overlay of the deck, replacement of structural joints, painting of the truss, lighting upgrades and sidewalk maintenance. Improvements to the intersection of Belknap Street with the bridge approaches will also be incorporated into the project with a potential new roadway connection that would extend to the north (City Street) into the nearby industrial park. The specific traffic control device at this location is currently under review by the DOT and the City of Superior. Additionally, intersection modifications and signal installation at the south approach of the Blatnik Bridge will also be conducted as preparation for added diverted traffic is taken into account with this project.

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#### 4. 2012-2013 WORK PROGRAM FINAL \*

The Work Program and Budget will be presented for approval at the December meeting. Upon approval, I would seek to get ARDC and NWRPC to agree to enter into contracts for 2012 to carry out the tasks described in the document. Since I mailed out the Work Plan a couple of weeks ago, I have received a couple of comments from TAC and MIC members and have incorporated those into the current version provided with this email. Please provide further comments back to me prior to the meeting, or at the meeting itself so that all additions are satisfied. At the meeting, I will provide a brief overview of the short range planning projects lined up for next year.

#### 5. 2011-2014 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #9 & #10 \*

MnDOT is adding to projects to the existing 2011-2014 TIP. The first (amendment #9) is a \$262,500 project to upgrade a number of accesses on STH 23 in Gary New Duluth up to ADA standards, which will include replacing various sidewalk segments in order to match grades. The second project (amendment #10) involves the installation of various ITS signs on I-35 and STH 23 to provide motorists with travel time information through the upcoming interstate construction in 2012. The breakdown of funding for these projects are shown in the table below. The accessibility improvements will be funded 80% with federal TEA funds, while the ITS signage will be funded with 50% federal STP funds.

Amendment	Description	Year	Federal \$	State \$	Total \$
#9 - MnDOT	ADA accessibility improvements on STH 23 in Gary New Duluth, JCT Prescott St to JCT RR BR#7622 under DM&IR tracks.	2012	210,000	52,500	262,500
#10 - MnDOT	I-35 Corridor work zone ITS travel time project (I-35 and STH 23 from District 1 border to City of Duluth)	2012	250,000	250,000	500,000

**TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates, continued**

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**Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council****6. DTA/DOWNTOWN MULTIMODAL TERMINAL PROJECT**

Being unable to secure additional grant funding necessary to complete the planned multimodal terminal project, the DTA is now exploring opportunities to use an alternative site that was identified in their 2009 DTA Downtown Multi-Modal Transportation Terminal Analysis. They are looking at the potential for a public-private arrangement that will help fund the construction of a terminal/parking ramp facility at the SE corner of Michigan Street & 3rd Avenue W. The project would include an indoor bus staging area, bike facilities, retail space, and upgrades to the NW Passage skywalk. The design will also take into consideration future connections with potential NLX passenger rail service. Estimated project cost, \$26 million.

**7. TSM ASSESSMENT OF DULUTH AREA INTERSECTIONS (DRAFT) \***

MIC staff met with traffic engineers from the City of Duluth and St. Louis County to discuss the results of the 2011 TSM Assessment of Duluth Area Intersections. From these discussions, a number of low-cost treatments were identified for recommendation, which have been added to the assessment document that was drafted earlier in the year. Together, the assessment and recommendations are being brought before the MIC Policy Board as the *2011 TSM Assessment of Duluth Intersections* for approval.

**8. DULUTH SIDEWALK STUDY**

MIC staff will be presenting the inputs and initial results of the test runs of the Pedestrian Priority Modeling. This modeling process is designed to identify areas most important to sidewalks users. The model has three components – pedestrian generators, pedestrian attractors, and pedestrian detractors. We will discuss what data was used as inputs into the model, how that data was weighted and what the preliminary results look like.

**9. CENTRAL ENTRANCE CORRIDOR STUDY**

MIC staff will be presenting some of the draft recommendations from the study. We will review the results of the pedestrian, bike and transit discussions from the October meetings. We will also show some of the access management recommendations which are very preliminary at this point.

**10. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – LOCAL PROJECTS**

- 24<sup>th</sup> W. & Piedmont Photos
- Hermantown Walmart Mall Drive Entrance/Exit

**TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates, continued**

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**Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council****11. PROJECT UPDATES****I-35/DTA Traffic Mitigation Study, Robert Herling**

The MIC assisted the DTA with processing survey responses from their effort to survey ridership of the West Mainline during the 2011 construction work on I-35. MIC staff developed a database for the survey responses, which have been transferred to researchers with the University of MN who are carrying out a larger study regarding the effectiveness of various transit strategies as congestion mitigation during large reconstruction projects.

**2011-2014 Superior Area TIP Modification, Sheldon Johnson**

An administrative amendment to the 2011-2014 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. The amendment is to project 113-08-03 that increases the amount of funds available for the project from \$890,000 to \$1,376,000. No action is required by the MIC.

**Harbor Planning, Andy McDonald**

The HTAC will be meeting on Wednesday December 7th at 9am at the Inn on Lake Superior in Duluth. Our scheduled agenda includes reports of the following projects and activities:

- Army Corps Detroit District Activities in the Duluth-Superior Harbor
- Remediation to Restoration at 21st and 40th Ave. West Project Areas
- Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)
- Erie Pier Dredge Materials: Follow Up from Letter to MPCA and MnDOT Commissioners

**Bike/Ped Planning, James Gittemeier**

BPAC completed the action planning process in November. The process was set up to understand the role of the committee and the next tasks to be undertaken in the next year. From this series of action planning meetings, the BPAC has decided to focus on expanding the membership, develop more communication opportunities and processes for the committee to be more active, offer committee training on bike and ped initiatives, Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School specifically, and develop outreach and education strategies for the community.