MEETING NOTICE

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:30 pm

Douglas County Gov't Ctr Room 270

Superior, WI

Guest Speakers: Stephanie King, Superior Project Development, WisDOT

- East 2nd St Project Update

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 2.20.18

Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- 2018-2021 WI TIP Amendments #7 & 8
- 2022 TIP Application Approval

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- MIC Director's Report
- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, please contact Barb Peterson at bpeterson@ardc.org or 218-529-7541 to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

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Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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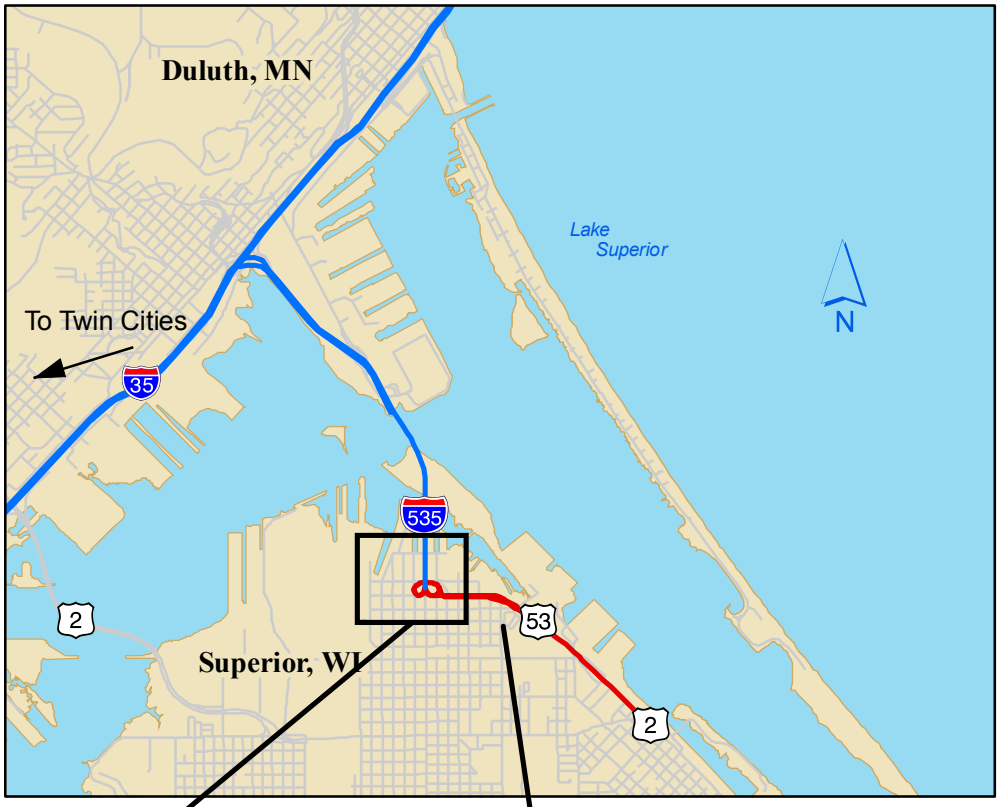

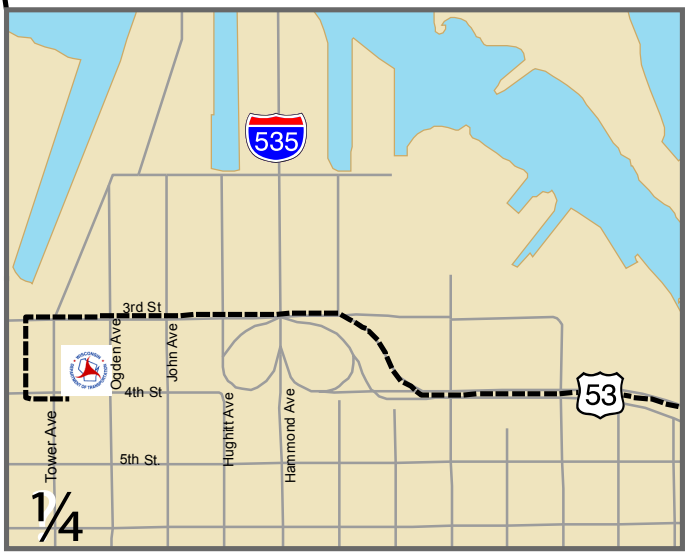

From Minnesota on either I-35 N or S:
Take 535 / 53 (Blatnik Bridge) to Superior, WI
Bear RIGHT off bridge, then straight following signs for South 35
At stop, turn LEFT onto 3rd St
Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave)
Turn LEFT at 4th St (1st left)
WisDOT will be on the left

From Wisconsin: Follow 53/2 from the south
Bear RIGHT at signs for **Superior Business District/ South 35 / Vehicle Registration Driver Licensing**
this becomes N 3rd St
Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave / South 35)
Turn LEFT at 1st left (4th St)
WisDOT will be on the left

-Parking lot in front of building
-Meeting held in Lake Superior Conference Room

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Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:30 pm

WisDOT/Lake Superior Rm, Superior, WI

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions / Agenda Review **2. Committee Business** • Meeting Summary of 2.14.17 (for approval) • MIC Director's Report	*5 min*
3. Guest Speakers: Stephanie King, Superior Project Development, WisDOT • East 2nd St Update	*30 min*
4. 2018-2021 WI TIP Amendments #7 & 8 • Review for approval w/ opportunity for public comment, *Dena Ryan*	*10 min*
5. 2022 TIP Application Approval • Review for approval w/ opportunity for public comment, *Chris Belden*	*15 min*
6. MIC Areawide Bike Plan • Presentation and Discussion, *James Gittemeier*	*15 min*
7. Roundtable Discussion	*5 min*
8. Project Updates • 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Modification #3 • TIP Modifications/Amendments/Applications • LRTP Update	*5 min*

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
ARDC Conference Rooms
Duluth, MN
1:30pm – 3:00pm

TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

March 20, 2018 Meeting

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

* = *Approval Item*

1. Introductions / Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 2.20.18 (separate attachment)
- MIC Director's Report
    - Association of MPOs (AMPO) Board Meeting - Federal Bill Update – The item included in your Board material highlights the priorities set forth by the AMPO Board and was discussed at our meetings with USDOT and Congressional staff members while in D.C. All are integral to the long term viability of transportation infrastructure in the country. Personally, I have been working locally and statewide on the freight planning component, noted in the handout, and will continue in this endeavor.

    - Twin Ports Infrastructure Report Card – Though held on Monday the 12th, I will have had staff at this informational event (hosted by Congressman Nolan) and hope to eventually be able to discuss the results at an upcoming TAC and/or MIC meeting. It is billed as a report card covering many forms of infrastructure, not just transportation. Modes covered by panelists include the port, the airport and road jurisdictions.

    - MNDOT Twin Ports Interchange (TPI) Update – A new stakeholder advisory committee has been set for the project; with a key focus on amenities in the Lincoln Park area of the project, or essentially on the local roadway system. A main component of the initial project, Courtland Street linking Garfield with 27th Ave W. to the south of the interchange, has been deemed not feasible at this time. The state is considering a couple of other options for this aspect of the project; that being a local road that acts as a service road to the Interstate. I should have some updates by the April meeting and will look to reschedule the DOT to present their latest design.

    - Duluth – Downtown Parking Study – At the last Duluth downtown parking advisory committee meeting, the group was informed that the City has moved forward with hiring a consultant for a downtown parking study. After looking over the scope, it seems to be focused on inventory/occupancy items and will also

examine scenarios of redevelopment that may then indicate the need for added off-street parking. However, it did show an analysis for the Canal Park area – as we have been discussing over the last several months. The MIC has been asked for some background socioeconomic data to aid the study. We are working on delivering this via our traffic modeling consultant.

- Bike + Walk Minnesota Conference – Some exciting news, the MIC was chosen to present our Michigan Street Bike Lane Demo project at this upcoming conference in the state. James and Chris will be attending and presenting our work. It is very satisfying to see some recognition of this very key piece of work completed in Duluth last year.

3. Guest Speaker: Stephanie King, Project Manager, WisDOT

- East 2nd Street Project Update

4. 2018 – 2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #7 & 8, *Dena Ryan*

Douglas County has requested a TIP amendment for work planned in the Town of Parkland along CTH Z for installation of a flashing beacon on the Canadian National Railroad Bridge. Preliminary engineering work scheduled to begin 2018 and installation to occur in 2019.

New Project TIP Amendment #7 and #82018 Transportation Improvements Projects (Rail)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County 113-18-016 Amended to TIP in March 2018	CTH Z – T. of Parkland Rail Safety - flashing beacon install at CN Rail Bridge P160070 8744-00-02 HSIP Funding	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	18 18		2 2	20 20

2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Rail)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County 113-18-017 Amended to TIP in March 2018	CTH Z – T. of Parkland Rail Safety - flashing beacon install at CN Rail Bridge P160070 8744-00-72 HSIP Funding	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	46 46		5 5	51 51

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

5. 2022 Duluth Area TIP Application Approval, *Chris Belden*

The 2022 TIP project solicitation for federal funding in the Duluth area closed on Monday, February 5th. The MIC received applications for a joint project from St. Louis County and the City of Duluth. The project is broken into three parts but is anticipated to go for bid as one project. Applications were also submitted by MnDOT and the DTA for their proposed projects within the MIC Planning Area. The details of these requests are shown in the table below. Full applications will be attached with meeting materials and can also be found at https://dsmic.org . MIC staff will begin various public involvement activities regarding the proposed projects. The TAC and MIC policy board will see these projects again in March, where the projects will be considered for prioritization/approval. An approved project list will then be forwarded to the Northeast MN Area Transportation Partnership (NEMNATP) for final approvals. For more information on the NEMNATP visit - https://nemnatp.org/

Agency	Description	Federal $	State $	Other $	Total $
St Louis Co. & City of Duluth	**Pt 1/3: Snively Rd - Mill and Overlay W/Roundabout:**	**$1,290,000** *$690,000 – SLC*	**$510,000** *$360,000 – SLC*	**--**	**$1,800,000**

	Mill & overlay of Snively Rd. between Woodland Ave. and Glenwood St. with a roundabout at Snively Rd./Glenwood St. Intersection	*$600,00 - Duluth*	*$150,000 – Duluth*		
St Louis Co. & City of Duluth	**Pt 2/3: Woodland Ave – Mill & Overlay W/Traffic Signals:** Mill & overlay of Woodland Ave. between Arrowhead Rd. and Anoka St. with replacement signals at the intersections of Woodland Ave. & Snively Rd. and Woodland Ave. & Arrowhead Rd.	**$800,000** *$650,000 – SLC* *$150,000 - Duluth*	**$606,250** *$568,750 – SLC* *$37,500 - Duluth*	**$93,750** *Total = Duluth*	**$1,500,000**
City of Duluth	**Pt 3/3: Arrowhead Rd Preservation:** Mill & overlay of Arrowhead Rd. between Woodland Ave. and Dodge St. ADA upgrades & spot repair to curb, gutter, and sidewalks as well.	**$590,000**	**$147,500**	--	**$737,500**
MnDOT	**Thompson Hill Reconstruction:** Reconstruction of north and south bound lanes on I-35 from the bridge over DMIR Railway to the north end of bridge 69879 over Trunk Highway 23	**$11,700,000**	**$1,300,000**	**--**	**$13,000,000**

MnDOT	**TH 194 Mill & Overlay:** Medium Mill & Overlay of TH 194 from the intersection of TH 2 to the west junction of TH 53.	**$3,634,479**	**$908,620**	**--**	**$4,543,099**
Duluth Transit Authority	**Section 5307:** Duluth Operating	**$1,000,000**	**--**	**$20,000,000**	**$21,000,000**
Duluth Transit Authority	**State/Local Funds:** STRIDE Operations	**--**	**--**	**$1,450,000**	**$1,450,000**
Duluth Transit Authority	**Section 5307:** Operating and Preventive Maintenance	**$1,000,000** FTA funds	**--**	**--**	**$1,000,000**
Duluth Transit Authority	**Section 5307:** Bus Support Equipment/Facility Rehabilitation	**$120,000** FTA funds	**--**	**$30,000**	**$150,000**
Duluth Transit Authority	**Section 5307:** Technology Updates	**$80,000** FTA funds	**--**	**$20,000**	**$100,000**
Duluth Transit Authority	**Section 5307:** Bus Stop/Stations/Terminal Updates	**$60,000** FTA funds	**--**	**$15,000**	**$75,000**

6. MIC Areawide Bike Plan, *James Gittemeier*

The MIC hosted a meeting with the City of Duluth and St. Louis County to review and discuss the proposed bikeway network. The meeting concluded with consensus on a typology structure noting which bikeways are existing and which ones are future planned bikeways. The jurisdictions will receive an updated map with the proposed bikeway network and the new typologies and will be given time to review and request changes. In addition, a follow up meeting will take place with each jurisdiction to allow for a final discussion.

7. Roundtable Discussion

8. Project Updates

- **2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP (MnDOT) Administrative Modification #3,** *Chris Belden*

The Minnesota Department of Transportation District 1 has requested that Project 6982-321 be changed to reflect a description revision and a decrease in project cost. The project is 100% state funded. These changes and additions are noted in the chart below.

RED are proposed deletions from the original project listing. Black are proposed changes/additions.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
6982-321	~~I 35, IN PROCTOR, 0.3MI S BOUNDARY AVE TO JCT 26TH AVE E IN DULUTH, & US2 0.7 MI E JCT I-35/US2 & US 53/JCT I 35 & MN 61 FR JCT I 35 TO 0.25 MI N FREEWAY LIGHTING, SIG REV, LIGHTING CABINETS~~ IN DULUTH, I35 FROM MESABA AVE TO 26TH AVE E & US 61 FR JCT I-35 TO 0.25 MI. NE. & US 2 0.2 MI. SE JCT I-35. BONG BR. PIER 20. FREEWAY LIGHTING, SIG REV, LIGHTING CABINETS. (ASSOC. 6937-103, 6925-143)	2018	$0	~~$750,000~~ $ 410,000	~~$750,000~~ $ 410,000

- **TIP Amendment and Administrative Modification Application,** *Chris Belden*

MIC staff will be looking at ways to make the TIP amendment and administrative modification process smoother and more efficient. In researching other MPO's and their processes, an application for changes to the TIP was common and appeared beneficial. As new projects are sometimes added into the TIP without going through the usual TIP solicitation, project details are sometimes incomplete and inconsistent in terms of record keeping. An application could be a simple way to gather all needed information about a project change or addition of a completely new project. This would simplify MIC staff time and help in being more transparent with the public. MIC staff will be doing more research and start to develop an application template. Consultation with TIP project jurisdictions will occur before any final application is brought forward.

- **LRTP Update,** *Mike Wenholz*

  Progress continues to be made in developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). A title of the LRTP has been selected: Sustainable Choices 2045 – Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan. Additionally, a logo has been created for the LRTP that includes the official MIC logo and colors. The MIC Team has met numerous times to develop our MetroQuest Phase 1, and are nearing completion of the draft to send to our consultant to finalize it so it can go live. Comments received from TAC members are being considered in this final draft. We have been working with our consultant as questions arise.

- **Congdon Park Elementary SRTS Plan,** *James Gittemeier*

  The Safe Routes to School Plan for Congdon Park Elementary School is moving forward. An initial meeting identifying barriers to walking and bicycling as well as observations have been conducted for the school morning drop-off and afternoon pick up times. The 2nd meeting is scheduled for March 21st, and will include a walk-about around the school site to review identified issues, a discussion on the issues and begin some solution identification.