



## MIC Transportation Advisory Committee September 19, 2017 Meeting Summary

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| <b>Meeting Location</b> | WITC             |                               |
| <b>Note Taker(s)</b>    | Barb Peterson    |                               |
| <b>Members Present</b>  |                  |                               |
| <i>alternate</i>        | Lisa Austin      | Mn/DOT District 1             |
|                         | Jim Foldesi      | St. Louis County Engineering  |
|                         | Jason Jackman    | Douglas County                |
| <b>Vice-Chair</b>       | Todd Janigo      | City of Superior              |
|                         | Dennis Jensen    | DTA                           |
|                         | John Kelley      | City of Duluth Planning       |
|                         | John McDonald    | MnDOT District 1              |
| <i>alternate</i>        | Sophia Parr      | DTA                           |
|                         | Dena Ryan        | WisDOT NW Region              |
|                         | Cindy Voigt      | City of Duluth Engineering    |
|                         | Tom Werner       | Duluth Airport Authority      |
| <b>Members Absent</b>   |                  | * Excused Absence             |
|                         | Bryan Anderson*  | Mn/DOT District 1             |
| <i>alternate</i>        | Brian Boder      | St Louis County               |
| <b>Committee Chair</b>  | Dave Bolf*       | City of Hermantown            |
|                         | Mark Casey       | City of Proctor               |
| <i>alternate</i>        | Jeff Emerson     | WisDOT                        |
| <i>alternate</i>        | Rod Fournier     | DTA                           |
|                         | Josh Gorham      | BPAC Rep/St Louis County SHIP |
|                         | Chris Lee        | City of Duluth Planning       |
| <i>alternate</i>        | John Mulder      | City of Hermantown            |
| <i>alternate</i>        | Shawna Mullen    | BPAC Rep /HDAC                |
|                         | Cari Pedersen    | City of Duluth Engineering    |
|                         | Jason Serck      | City of Superior              |
|                         | Jim Sharrow      | Duluth Seaway Port Authority  |
|                         | vacant           | MN DEED Office                |
| <b>Others Present</b>   |                  |                               |
|                         | Chris Belden     | MIC Planner                   |
|                         | Ron Chicka       | MIC Director                  |
|                         | Jason DiPiazza   | MSA                           |
|                         | James Gittemeier | MIC Principal Planner         |
|                         | Barb Peterson    | MIC Admin Asst                |
|                         | Bobbi Retzlaff   | MnDOT                         |
|                         | Ricky Sarran     | GIS Technician                |
|                         | Mike Simonson    | MIC Intern                    |
|                         | Mike Wenholz     | MIC Planner                   |



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### 1. Introductions

Vice-Chair Todd Janigo called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### 2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 8.15.17**

Vice-Chair Janigo asked for any changes or corrections to the previous month's meeting summary. Noting one change on item #3-name correction. Hearing no other objections, he asked for a motion to approve.

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| <b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b> | Jim Foldesi/Dena Ryan moved to approve the 8.15.17 meeting summary with the revisions as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously. |
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### 3. 2017-2018 Work Program & Budget Amendment #1, Ron Chicka

Ron reviewed the amendment, which is for adding consulting services to the existing project scope for Rice's Point Freight Model (name change to Twin Ports Freight Model) as documented in the current 2017-2018 UPWP. This amendment does not require additional funds for the 2017 Budget. By adding this amendment, it will allow for an RFP to be posted after approval of the MIC Policy Board and then MnDOT approval.

*Jim Foldesi asked if this would include the Twin Ports Interchange project.  
Ron responded that he hopes it can dove tail onto the above project.*

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| <b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b> | John McDonald/Jim Foldesi moved to approve the proposed Amendment #1 to the 2017-2018 UPWP. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously. |
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### 4. 2017-2020 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #8, Dena Ryan

Dena briefly described that this amendment is for preliminary engineering and analysis work planned for the existing Blatnik Bridge which is a MnDOT lead project.

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| <b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b> | Lisa Austin/John McDonald moved to approve Amendment #8 to the 2017-2020 Superior Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously. |
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### 5. 2018-2019 Work Program & Budget, Ron Chicka

Ron is still working out the budget #s for 2018. He quickly reviewed the projects that are currently included.

*Bob Quade asked to have a City of Rice Lake Trails Plan included either in 2018 or 2019 if possible. Ron stated he would see what we could do.*

Stay tuned – more to come



## 6. Memorandum of Understanding- MnDOT/DTA/MIC, *Ron Chicka*

The memorandum was reviewed and Ron gave a brief description that this is just a long overdue update to the agreement. The Policy Board will be signing it at tomorrow night's meeting and moving it on to the DTA and then to MnDOT Central Office.

*Lisa Austin asked if she could be of any help  
Ron responded that most of it was being handled by Central Office.*

## 7. Canosia Township Trails, *Chris Belden*

Chris described an overview of the document which is now open for public comments until Oct 4<sup>th</sup> which at that time the township board will meet and hopefully approve the plan.

## 8. HTAC Update, *Mike Wenzholz*

Mike reviewed the meeting's agenda and the diverse subject matter and presentations.

Ron described his participation in the "Mega Group" of regional stakeholders in Chicago looking to work towards approaching area issues together and hope to be able to combine some of the funding as well.

## 9. Roundtable Discussion

- The MIC has provided a Letter of Support for the Waseca Industrial Road extension project.
- There were a few comments stating that the opening picture of the website for "Imagine Canal Park" appears to be a rendition that would include 3 parking structures – the comments related to the fact that we should be working towards eliminating (or strongly decreasing) the traffic in the area and use the trolley/transit services to get into the area making it more pedestrian friendly.
- RTAC voted to combine with the ATP. ATP will be taking a vote for the same. Each entity does the virtually the same thing and just creates more meetings covering the same topics.
- District 1 Bike Plan has taken the first step by combining all the various routes in the area into a specialized computer program which should provide where overlaps and gaps seem to occur.

## 10. Project Updates – (please see agenda item descriptions included in the meeting materials)

- Truck Route Study, *Mike Wenzholz*

Mike shared that it has been very difficult to get the stakeholders to meet and it has proven that trying to work back and forth with emails has also not worked. The stakeholders have decided that they should schedule meetings more often with shorter time frames. The survey should be ready to go out very soon.



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- Bike & Ped Update, *James Gittemeier*

Bike counts have been completed for a 6<sup>th</sup> year. Count locations were determined by where gaps existed. The MIC has purchased an Eco Counter.

### 11. Adjournment

With no further agenda items or discussions, Vice-Chair Janigo adjourned the meeting at 2:53 pm.