



MIC Transportation Advisory Committee

October 17, 2017 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	ARDC	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Committee Chair	Dave Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
Vice-Chair	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	Dennis Jensen	DTA
	John Kelley	City of Duluth Planning
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Sophia Parr	DTA
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Bryan Anderson	Mn/DOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Lisa Austin	Mn/DOT District 1
<i>alternate</i>	Brian Boder	St Louis County
	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
	Jason Jackman*	Douglas County
<i>alternate</i>	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
<i>alternate</i>	Shawna Mullen	BPAC Rep /HDAC
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth Engineering
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Jim Sharrow	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Tom Werner*	Duluth Airport Authority
	vacant	MN DEED Office
Others Present		
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	Elizabeth Bushaw	City of Duluth
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Planner



1. Introductions

Chair David Bolf called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 9.19.17 – Tabled until December mtg – wrong summary went out in packet**

Vice-Chair Janigo asked for any changes or corrections to the previous month's meeting summary. Hearing no other objections, he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	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. Guest Speaker: John McDonald, MnDOT District 1

Twin Ports Interchange project

John opened his presentation describing the area being addressed is from Highway 53/535 from Lincoln Park to the Garfield Interchange. Noting the roadway deficiencies, aging and dangerous infrastructure, load restrictions, and issues with OWOS (over weight/oversized) loads on the system.

MnDOT has been working on public outreach with affected stakeholders including an open house in Lincoln Park both in 2016 and 2017. (A November 1st date has been tentatively set).

John then discussed the comments that have been received such as:

- Blind merges
- Unexpected location of the stop light
- Improve aesthetics of Cross City Trail, bike trails
- Access to St Louis Bay/waterfront access

to name a few. Mesaba Ave was also discussed and the dangerous lane shifting trying to get over to I-35 entrance/Superior St.

John then discussed the planned improvement for the Mesaba/Superior area in 2018. He also reviewed 4 of the concepts that are being considered to untangle the “can of worms” all of which incorporate the connection of Courtland Ave and Garfield onto 27th Ave W.

The project timeline:

- Selection of Alternative (Spring 2018)
- Environmental Documentation (2018)
- Design (2018 – 2020)
- Construction (2019 – 2022)

All of which depend on funding which is currently being sought from many different sources. They will be continuing to work on Public Outreach looking for comments on the 4 “Concept” plans that will be presented.



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4. City of Superior/Proposed Grant App for STP Urban Funds, *Sheldon Johnson*

Sheldon described the project being considered. The roadway and the bridge would be replaced and widened while also moving to sidewalk to the other side of the road. Since the bridge is only 19'8" it cannot qualify for the usual bridge funding; a bridge needs to be at least 20' wide.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Todd Janigo/Jim Foldesi moved to approve and rank Marina Drive as the #1 project for consideration of STP Urban funding. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2018-2021 SUPERIOR AREA TIP - FINAL, *Sheldon Johnson*

Sheldon reviewed the 8 new project locations for 1 roadway project and 7 Rail projects which mainly include flashing lights and gates at the various intersections. Also, being included is the Blatnik Bridge investigation being done with WI State funds to determine the condition of the bridge. This was also amended to the 2017-2020 WI TIP at the September meeting.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Cindy Voigt/Todd Janigo moved to approve 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP as presented There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. Public Involvement Plan – Initiate 45-day Public Comment Period, *Rondi Watson*

Rondi began by discussing that a review of the current Public Involvement Plan stating that references to MAP-21 rules and regs needed to change to the current FASTact requirements. She also reviewed that the plan needed to be made useful and describe the needs to happen, when, how and who needs to be involved.

Also important is to actively seek input where the affected residents/businesses are early in the planning process before key decisions are made and have ample opportunity to influence decisions.

Rondi also discussed that all comments and input are summarized and the Public Involvement Plan describes how it is considered and/or incorporated into the final recommendations. Also shared was the various groups, agencies and businesses in the community that we try to reach out to and go to where these groups are.

Rondi then concluded by asking for approval to initiate the required 45-day public comment period.

Motion Discussion and Vote	John McDonald/Todd Janigo moved to approve the initiation of the 45 day Public Comment Period. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. Roundtable Discussion

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

- Long-Range Transportation Plan, *Mike Wenholz*
- 2018-2019 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #1, *Chris Belden*
- Duluth Superior Transportation Association Meeting, *Mike Wenholz*

9. Adjournment

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