



MEETING NOTICE

MIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 1:30 pm

WisDOT/Lake Superior Room

Superior, WI

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summaries of 9.19.17 & 10.17.17
- 2018 TAC Officer Nominations/Elections

Items for Approval with Opportunity for Public Comment:

- 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- Director's Report
- MIC Area Wide Bike Plan
- Michigan St Protected Bikeway Demonstration/Final Report
- 2018 UPWP-Downtown Duluth Parking Advisory Committee
- 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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- Meeting held in Lake Superior Conference Room

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(TAC)**

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Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Transportation Advisory Committee

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WisDOT/Lake Superior Rm, Superior, WI

MEETING AGENDA

<p>1. Introductions / Agenda Review</p> <p>2. Committee Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Summary of 9.19.17 & 10.17.17 (for approval) • 2018 TAC Officer Nominations/Elections • Director's Report 	<p>10 min</p>
<p>3. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Approval w/opportunity for public comment, Chris Belden 	<p>10 min</p>
<p>4. MIC Area Wide Bike Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier 	<p>15 min</p>
<p>5. Michigan St Protected Bikeway/Final Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion, James Gittemeier 	<p>20 min</p>
<p>6. 2018 UPWP-Downtown Duluth Parking Advisory Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Parking Study/ Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka 	<p>10 min</p>
<p>7. Roundtable Discussion</p>	<p>10 min</p>
<p>8. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRTP – Connections 2045, Mike Wenholz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subcommittee Mtg to Follow TAC Mtg starting 1/16/18 with separate agenda • 2018-2021 Duluth TIP Administrative Modification #1, Chris Belden • 2019-2022 TIP Project Solicitation, Chris Belden • Public Involvement Plan Update, Rondi Watson • Truck Route Study, Mike Wenholz • 2018 Meeting Calendar, Barb Peterson 	<p>10 min</p>

Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Vintage Italian Pizza (VIP)
Superior, WI
1:30 pm



1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summaries of 9.19.17 & 10.17.17 (separate attachment)
- 2018 TAC Officer Nominations/Elections
- 2018 Meeting Calendar
- MIC Director's Report
 - MNDOT Freight Investment Committee Awards – Good news out of this funding pot of the DOT. After many meetings assisting this DOT committee, an approved list of projects over the next five years has been officially approved by the legislature. The Port Authority is getting nearly \$2M for expansion of its intermodal facility; District 1 is gaining some funds (\$6M) toward the Twin Ports Interchange project; and the District is also getting \$200K toward a regional freight plan – this will update the one the MIC conducted in 2009. In fact, the District is already setting up the MIC and the Regional division at ARDC to begin to think through roles for the upcoming large-scale study. As the sole representative for the greater MN MPOs on this freight investment committee, I stressed the importance of addressing needs across the state network and, in particular, non-state roadways and maritime/intermodal opportunities.
 - Congress, Tax Reform and the Federal Transportation Bill – AMPO has went on record stating the proposed federal tax reform act will have negative impacts to transportation projects across the nation. It's detailed, but there are a number of finance tools and tax credits (proposed to be eliminated) that many entities rely upon to push forward infrastructure projects or transit operating projects. For example, with transit, elimination of the alternative fuels (Compressed Natural Gas) tax credit for a transit system would impact cash flow thereby impacting service hours provided to the public. Also, the insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) is still being put off to the future. AMPO has stated that the timeline for such a bill is becoming increasingly uncertain. As of now, the HTF is set to become insolvent by 2021 and cannot incur a negative balance. As a member of the AMPO Board of Directors, we are on top of this issue and continue to meet as a group and push both Congress and the Administration to take action.
 - Twin Ports Interchange – MNDOT has an online survey up to gain input toward the selection of a preferred concept; among the numerous options put together to date. This news release containing a link to the survey was recently sent to all MIC committees. We will look to invite Roberta Dwyer (MNDOT Project Mgr) back to the MIC Board early next year to further the discussion. She has also spoken to the HTAC for input.
 - Grants – Letters of Support – Recent ongoing requests have come to me to support grant opportunities. These include:
 - a) NLX – MNDOT 2018 State Bonding proposal plus federal TIGER grant.



- Duluth-Superior Transportation Association - Mike Wenholz attended the November Duluth-Superior Transportation Association (DSTA) meeting. It was an opportunity for Mike to introduce himself to DSTA membership, and reconnect the MIC with DSTA. Additionally, Mike was able to briefly describe the MIC's ongoing Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study (TRS), and encourage members to take the survey that will be distributed in the near future. In all Mike was given 5 minutes to talk to the audience, and met many individuals. DSTA was grateful to reconnect with the MIC, and has expressed interest in helping to distribute the TRS survey and provide feedback. Mike plans to attend at least a couple DSTA meetings each year.
- Wisconsin Annual MPO/RPC Conference – I was asked to speak to the topic of 'Megaregions' at the recent MPO/RPC statewide conference in Milwaukee addressing the group on economic development and infrastructure needs. The work the MIC has done to date with respect to freight planning was, once again, a main focal point of discussion. The term 'Megaregions' is defined by the geographic area (7 states) of the upper Midwest that functions in concert with each other in terms of transportation networks and economic similarity. It is a Federal Highway Administration term out of their reports. A point of this ongoing FHWA discussion is to examine how a larger pot of (freight and maybe other) funds might be better distributed across the entire region as opposed to funds being solely spent at the individual state level. The theory goes that funds spent in Chicago, for example, could likely have positive impacts throughout the region in terms of transportation flows/congestion. The partnerships developed via the MICs HTAC and working across state lines was a key point of my presentation which sets the stage for possible infrastructure needs being met on a regional level.
- Wisconsin Freight Advisory Committee – I spoke to the statewide committee recently in Madison concerning the future direction for this committee; ongoing initiatives that the group will undertake. From how the Minnesota DOT did their freight committee work, I advocated for the Wisconsin group to consider a subcommittee that would tackle actual projects put forward for funding across the state. The subcommittee would work with DOT staff at an investment strategy to best place the dollars for the highest return on investment.

3. 2018-2021 DULUTH AREA TIP, Amendment #2, *Chris Belden*

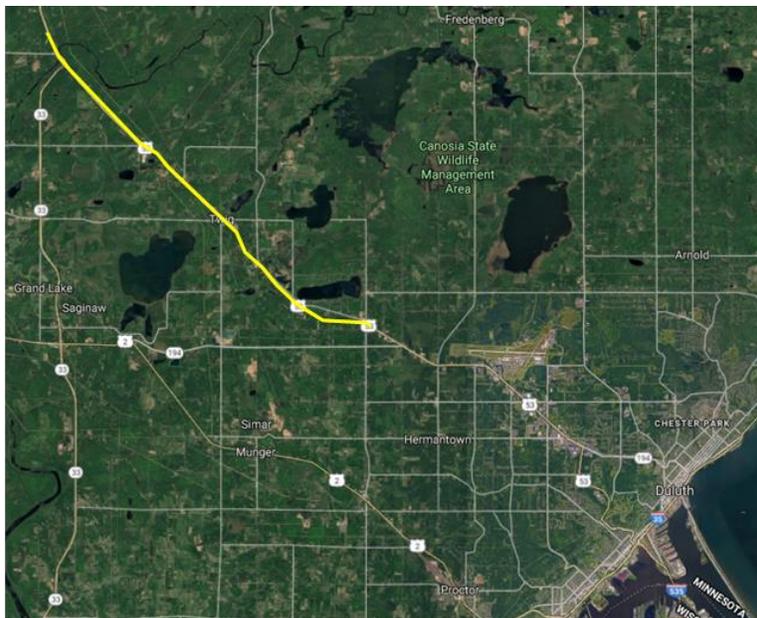
MnDOT has requested that Project 6916-111 is added to the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP for the year 2018. Federal funding will be provided via Amendment #1 to project 3108-70 which had a cost reduction due to scope change. These changes and additions are noted in the chart below.



Below are the proposed additions.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
6916-111	US 53 FR. 0.13 MI E. CSAH 13 MIDWAY RD TO 1.3 MI. N. JCT CSAH 47 SWAN LAKE RD & US 61 FR CROW CREEK TO GOOSEBERRY RIVER. DIAMOND GRINDING. (ASSOC. 3805-107)	2018	960,000 (NHPP)	240,000	1,200,000

Approx. Location Map



4. MIC AREA WIDE BIKE PLAN

A review of the proposed updates to the Bikeways Plan will take place, specifically including an overview of the recommended changes to the bikeway system. The MIC will explain what is guiding these changes and facilitate a discussion. The plan will then be sent out for formal review and comment by each jurisdiction.



5. Michigan St Protected Bike Lane, Final Report

A full review and analysis of the Michigan Street Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project has transpired. MIC staff with assistance from the Toole Design Group completed an analysis of the survey results. The findings from the survey and the project overall will be presented. Based on the findings, staff have made recommendations that will be open for discussion, including the next steps.

6. 2018 UPWP – DOWNTOWN DULUTH PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The MIC has been requested to look into what we might do/conduct as to an update of our 2000 Downtown Duluth Parking Study (that did include Canal Park). The discussion was that an updated inventory/occupancy study be conducted to better indicate current usage conditions. This study could put forward parking options for the entire area and discuss general policy recommendations. Also, a more detailed study might be examined that actually recommends locations for new off-street parking, given build-out scenarios and what the City of Duluth envisions. I'll discuss more details at the MIC Board meeting.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. PROJECT UPDATES

- LRTP – Connections 2045, *Mike Wenholz*
 - Subcommittee Mtg to Follow TAC Mtg starting 1/16/18 with separate agenda

Progress continues to be made in developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The MIC Team has held meetings approximately every 2-3 weeks to identify the overall purpose and goals, identifying specific objectives and the data and

information that will be needed to support the goals and objectives, and more. All of this will help us determine how best to share information and gather feedback from the public and others moving forward. We also identified changes in the MIC-area roadways and submitted to our consultants to update the MIC traffic demand model. Finally, we have met with the Cities of Hermantown, Duluth, and Superior to gather TAZ-related information updates that we need to provide to our consultants to update models and analyses.

- **2018-2021 Duluth TIP Administrative Modification #1, *Chris Belden***

The City of Duluth has requested that Projects 118-178-006 and 118-134-017 are changed to reflect changes in project year and funding. Project 118-178-006 has received additional federal funding through the DEMO repurposing process. The local share on the project was also adjusted. Projects 118-178-006 and 118-134-017 are swapping project years as well. These changes and additions are noted in the chart below.



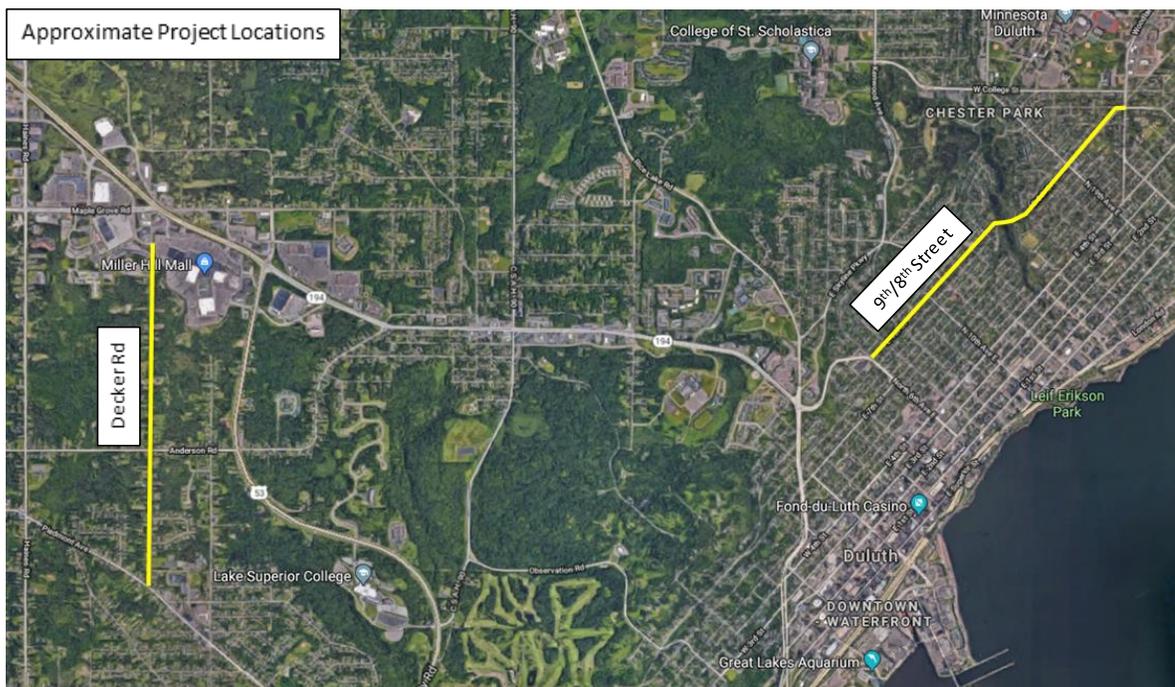
TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

October 17, 2017 Meeting

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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

Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
118-178-006	<p>MSAS 178 (DECKER RD) FROM PIEDMONT AVE TO MALL DRIVE, MILL & OVERLAY, STORM SEWER REPAIRS</p> <p>**MN134** MSAS 178 (DECKER RD) FROM PIEDMONT AVE TO MALL DRIVE, MILL & OVERLAY, STORM SEWER REPAIRS</p>	2018	<p>\$603,304</p> <p>(STBCP 5k-200k)</p>	<p>\$809,196</p>	<p>\$1,412,500</p>
		2019	<p>\$1,221,368</p> <p>(STBGP/DEMO 134)</p> <p>[\$860,000 FROM 118-134-017 + \$361,368 DEMO 134]</p>	\$305,342	\$1,526,170
118-134-017	MSAS 134, 9TH/8TH ST, IN DULUTH, 6TH AVE E TO WOODLAND AVE, MILL & OVERLAY, RECLAMATION, STORM SEWER, CURB & GUTTER SIDEWALK & ADA	2019	<p>\$ 860,000</p> <p>(STBCP 5K-200K)</p>	\$ 440,000	\$ 1,300,000
		2018	<p>\$ 603,304</p> <p>(STBGP)</p> <p>[FROM 118-178-006]</p>	\$ 696,696	





- **2019-2022 TIP Project Solicitation**, *Chris Belden*

The TIP project solicitation process for 2022 is now open. Now that the 2018-2021 TIP has final approvals, MIC staff begins preparing for work related to the development of the next Duluth Area TIP. It is also a time that staff would like the eligible jurisdictions to begin thinking about what projects they would like to bring forward for federal transportation funding in the year 2022. We are encouraging MIC members to have dialogue with the corresponding TAC members from their communities about potential projects, and we ask that all members keep in mind the objective of submitting project applications that best reflect the goals and objectives that are outlined in the area's long-range transportation plan, Connections 2040, and are connected to the Unified Transportation Planning Work Program. Applications for 2022 Duluth area projects will be due February 5th, 2018 at 5 PM. Applications have been sent to area jurisdictions corresponding TAC members and are also available online at dsmic.org.

- **Public Involvement Plan Update**, *Rondi Watson*

The update to the MIC's Public Involvement Plan will be presented for approval in January, to allow more time to develop the required stakeholder contact lists and to conduct a more thorough public engagement process as part of the Plan's development.

- **Truck Route Study**, *Mike Wenholtz*

St Louis County submitted truck count data from more than 40 sites in and adjacent to the MIC area. This data, as well some additional truck count data from additional sources was added to the MIC's truck route study GIS. Efforts are being made to collect more truck counts in a few key locations. Also, attempts are being made to collect updated MIC-area truck accident/crash data to include in the GIS.

A final test run of the truck route study survey was completed and it is ready to be distributed. Feedback from key stakeholders is to wait until after the new year to release it.

Mike Wenholtz attended the November Duluth-Superior Transportation Association (DSTA) meeting. He introduced himself, reminded the group of the MIC, and briefly shared about the Truck Route Study, as it pertains to their members. Additionally, DSTA members were encouraged and invited to participate in the upcoming Truck Route Study survey. This is a reconnecting of the MIC with this organization. The MIC has been a member but has not participated in DSTA meetings because their monthly meeting is on the same night as MIC Board meetings.