



MIC Transportation Advisory Committee

January 16, 2018 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	VIP Pizza	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
Committee Chair	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	John Kelley	City of Duluth Planning
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	Shawna Mullen	Bike & Ped Rep/Zeitgeist Arts
Vice-Chair	Sophia Parr	DTA
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Cindy Voigt*	City of Duluth Engineering
Members Absent	* Excused Absence	
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
alternate	Brian Boder	St Louis County
	Mark Casey	City of Proctor
alternate	Jeff Emerson	WisDOT
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
alternate	Rod Fournier	DTA
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
alternate	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
	Cari Pederson	City of Duluth - Engineering
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Jim Sharow	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
	vacant	MN DEED Office
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff	MnDOT
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist
	Darrell Washington	MnDOT Office of Transit
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Senior Planner



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1. Introductions

Chair Todd Janigo called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 12.12.17** 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	David Bolf/Dena Ryan moved to approve the 12.12.17 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Directors Report**

Ron briefly reviewed the items addressed in the item descriptions.

- **TAC Membership**

James discussed a letter that was received from St Louis County stating that they have decided to no longer have representatives on the advisory committees representing community health. These funds will be budgeted to Zeitgeist Arts as the voice of health. Zeitgeist currently has 2 programs including "Places for People" and Active Transportation.

3. 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #1-3, Sheldon Johnson

Sheldon quickly reviewed the highlights of the 3 amendments included in the meeting packet.

- Amendment 1 covers the continuation of the voucher system administered by North Country Independent Living Center which provides individuals with disabilities who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events.
- Amendment 2 covers the ability to operate a mobility management program funding staff member who coordinate rides for the region's population seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers.
- Amendment 3 enables the Challenge Center to replace a current fleet vehicle with a new Metro Lite Minibus (gas) with seating for 7 ambulatory & 2 non-ambulatory passengers.

With no questions he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	C Cindy Voigt/Dena Ryan moved to approve amendments 1 -3 to the 2018-2021 Superior TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously
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4. 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #3, Chris Belden

Chris shared that the Duluth Port Authority was awarded federal funding via the MN Highway Freight Program for an expansion of the Duluth Intermodal Terminal which includes extending the freight rail tracks an additional 2,500 feet for intermodal well-car loading and unloading; paving approximately six acres of terminal space to provide a more stable footing for stacking of containers and more efficient maintenance and snow removal activities; construct a check-in gate for trucks; and address storm water management, security fencing, and lighting.

Ed Anderson commented that he was very supportive of the container shipping but regrets that Superior didn't do it first.

With no questions or comments Chris asked for approval.

Motion Discussion and Vote	John Kelley/David Bolf moved to approve the 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #3. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2018 Update of the Public Involvement Plan, Rondi Watson

Rondi briefly reviewed the changes from the 2013 version and why these changes needed to be made. Some of these changes included:

- update language from most recent transportation bill
- new stakeholder requirements
- precede the 2045 update of the MIC's LRTP
- added a "Strategy Worksheet" in the Staff Guide section
- Tourism industry
- Reduction of risk of natural disasters
- Intercity bus operators
- Employer-based commuting programs

After answering a few questions Rondi asked for a motion to approve the updated PIP.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sophia Parr/Cindy Voigt moved to approve the 2018 Update of the MIC's Public Involvement Plan. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously
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6. NHS Intermodal Connector Revisions, Mike Wenzel

Mike proposed that the following segments be included as NHS Intermodal Connectors:

- N 3rd Avenue West adjacent to DTC
- W Michigan Street adjacent to DTC
- N 2nd Avenue West adjacent to DTC
- Entire segment of Helberg Drive on Rice's Point



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Mike also noted that MnDOT has already given their support to these revisions. After reviewing the maps and the segments themselves Mike asked for a motion to approve these revisions.

Motion Discussion and Vote	C Cindy Voigt/David Bolf moved to approve the revisions to the NHS Intermodal Connector system. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. MIC Resolution Adopting MnDOT's Safety Performance Measures, *Mike Wenzel*

Mike explained that according to Federal law they have identified 5 safety performance measures for all public roads. Each state and MPO must establish the targets for each as well. The MPO can either adopt the State targets or establish their own. The first performance measure is safety and MnDOT has set its targets as follows:

- # of Traffic Fatalities = 375
- Rate of Traffic Fatalities = 0.62 per 100 million VMT
- # of Serious Injuries = 1935
- Rate of Serious Injuries = 3.19 per 100 million VMT
- # of Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries = 348

Mike then explained that by adopting the MnDOT targets the MIC would not have to spend the resources to establish their own which would be very time consuming. The other advantage is that MnDOT will be responsible for the federal reporting.

After some discussion Mike asked for a motion for the MIC to adopt the targets set by MnDOT.

Motion Discussion and Vote	David Bolf/Sophia Parr moved to approve the adoption of the MnDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The motion carried.
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8. Harbor Planning Review, *Mike Wenzel*

Mike gave a brief overview of the presentations included in the agenda of the Dec 6th HTAC meeting. This included and update of the progress of the implementation plan of the Port Land Use Plan recommendations; progress on an effort for the safety of recreational users of the harbor vs the shipping vessels; and water trails for the St Louis River.

9. Roundtable Discussion

- If/When the signal light goes in at the base of Spirit Mountain that will provide an opportunity for DTA busses to be able to turn around at that point.
- There will be an 8-week detour around the Maple Grove/Midway intersection during the construction of a round-about.
- David Bolf added that there will be large fines for trucks outside of the truck route detour.



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

- 2018-2019 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #2, *C Belden*
Swapping Garfield Project o 2019
- TIP Solicitation for 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP, *Chris Belden*
Applications due Feb 5th
- Twin Ports Freight Model, *Ron Chicka*
Ron stated that there is still a lot of support from MnDOT and TA for this project. It is possible that WisDOT may have SRF include some of this in their work on freight modeling. (NREX used to track routes of phones, cars, etc.)
- MIC Area Wide Bike Plan, *James Gittemeier*
James stated that the route map is a last key component and is currently undergoing some review from a few jurisdictions. Superior will weigh in and be included after the completion of the “Active Transportation” project.

11. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Janigo adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm.