



MIC Policy Board
 March 21, 2018
 Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	Douglas County Gov't Center	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
MN Co-Chair	Frank Jewell	St Louis County Board
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Warren Bender	City of Superior Common Council
	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Mike Casey	DTA Board Representative
	Pete Clark	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Barb Russ	Duluth City Council
	Jenny VanSickle	City of Superior Common Council
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Noah Hobbs	Duluth City Council
	Phil Larson	City of Proctor
	Dave Montgomery*	City of Duluth
alternate	Gary Nowak	City of Proctor
alternate	Beth Olson	St Louis County Board
	Dan Olson*	Superior Common Council
alternate	Wayne Nelson	Duluth Transit Authority
	Bob Quade*	City of Rice Lake
alternate	John Werner	City of Rice Lake
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Chris Belden	MIC Planner
	Kim Culp	Superior Citizen
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Stephanie King	WisDOT
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenzholz	MIC Senior Planner



1. Introductions

Chair Nick Baker called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- **Meeting Summary of 1.17.18, 2.21.18, 2.27.18** with not enough Policy Board members present at the February meeting Chair Baker had postponed the approval of these meeting summaries. He asked for any questions, hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the 3 meeting summaries.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Earl Elde/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 1.17.18, 2.21.18, 2.27.18 meeting summaries as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Directors Report**

Ron very briefly reviewed the items listed in the meeting packet. He also shared that he just returned from DC where he had attended the AMPO Board meeting visited with USDOT and Congressional staff.

3. 2018 – 2021 Superior Area TIP Amendment #7-8, Dena Ryan

Dena explained that the Amendments are for the purchase and installation of a flashing light (beacon) warning truckers that the upcoming railroad bridge on CTH Z is less than 12” high at its peak in hopes that trucks will use an alternate route instead of hitting the bridge.

Ed Anderson suggested that maybe some kind of “tickler” to bring the attention of the drivers to the fact this bridge is too low. It is also much less expensive.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Broc Allen/Ed Anderson moved to approve Amendments 7 & 8 to the 2018-2021 Superior Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved by a vote of 12 to 1.
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4. 2022 TIP Application Approval, Chris Belden

Chris very briefly described the process and the submitted projects which are in the meeting materials package. 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.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Frank Jewell/Rosemary Lear made the motion to forward the 2022 TIP Applications onto the ATP as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. Guest Speaker: Stephanie King, Superior Project Design Lead, WisDOT

- East 2nd St Update

Stephanie explained that this was going to be a huge undertaking. It will be causing delays and detours for a significant amount of time. The overall project includes the resurfacing on E 2nd St from 2nd Ave E to 53rd Ave E. It will be split into 2 parts: 2nd Ave E to 31st Ave E (construction year 2020) and then 31st Ave E to 53rd Ave E (construction year 2021).

The first phase of the project will include spot concrete repairs and manhole and inlet repairs. Then the concrete will be coarsely ground and the overlaid with asphalt. Also included will be traffic signal replacements, freight mitigation and sidewalk curb ramps updated.

There will be many detours not only for the roadway but for trails and park accesses including pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. WisDOT is looking for suggestions for safe detours and alternative routes for vehicles and trucks. If you have any of those suggestions please contact WisDOT or attend one of the public meetings.

For more information please visit:

<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us2us53east2ndst/default.aspx>

6. 2018-2021 MN TIP Amendments #4, Chris Belden

Chris explained that this amendment was presented to the MIC too late for consideration at this meeting. The 8th/9th Streets project has increased in costs by over \$1 million. This increase is due to underestimating costs.

In order to provide for the required opportunity for public comment a special phone in meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 29th @ 4 pm.

There was substantial discussion and questions concerning the specifics of a \$1 million plus increase for this project. Since there was no representation from the City of Duluth, prior to any meeting the members need a deeper explanation from the city for this increase.

7. MIC Areawide Bike Plan, James Gittemeier

James explained that he is painstakingly taking the time to provide a direction for those looking at this plan long after we are all no longer available to ask “why”, “where” and/or “when”. It will not state that this type bike facility should be installed “here”. It will provide a guidance as to whether or not accommodations should be made for bikes at this location in the future. We are hoping that eventually the numerous trails across the area will be connected and provide safe and comfort to those from 8 to 80 to ride their bikes. The MIC is still working on a map that will be making the rounds to the jurisdictions for their input before a final draft of this plan is presented for comment and then approval.



8. Roundtable Discussion

Jenny Van Sickle thanked everyone for allowing the time needed to be an informed group who can make informed decisions.

Mike Casey thanked Jenny for her statement since he is also still learning what is expected of him as a Policy Board member.

Frank Jewell announced that “Bike the Heart” is looking to connect biking to communities. They have a ride coming up. Questions? Contact Frank.

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

- 2018-2021 Duluth Area TIP Modification #3

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. From \$750,000 to \$410,000 – see description in meeting materials.

- TIP Modifications/Amendments/Applications

See description in meeting materials.

- LRTP Update

See description in meeting materials.

10. Adjournment

With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.