



MEETING NOTICE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR MIC POLICY BOARD

Wednesday, January 16th, 6:30 pm

Douglas Cnty Gov't Center/Rm 270

Superior, WI

Guest Speaker: Steve Wilson, SRF Consulting

- MIC Area Travel Demand Model Presentation

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 12.12.18
- 2019-2020 MIC Policy Board Officer Elections
- Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bike Ways Plan
- MIC Area Truck Route Study

Items for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment

- 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendments #1-5
- 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Amendments

Items for Presentation / Discussion / Information

- 2045 Sustainable Choices – LRTP Update
- 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 AGENDA

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Broc Allen

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summaries of 12.11.18 (for approval) 2019-2020 MIC Policy Board Officer Nominations/Elections Performance Appraisal, Ron Chicka Director's Report 	10 min
3. Guest Speaker: Steve Wilson, SRF Consulting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIC Area Travel Demand Modeling 	30 min
4. Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bike Ways Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for approval, James Gittemeier 	30 min
5. MIC Area Truck Route Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for approval, Mike Wenholtz 	15 min
6. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendments #1-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson 	5 min
7. 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #1 & 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, James Gittemeier 	5 min
8. 2045 Sustainable Choices – LRTP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholtz 	10 min
9. Roundtable Discussion	5 min
10. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Administrative Modification 2020-2023 Duluth Area Project Solicitation 	5 min

Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Inn on Lake Superior, Duluth, MN
6:30 pm



TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

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** = Approval Item*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 12.12.18 (separate attachment)
- 2019-2020 MIC Officer Nominations/Elections
- Performance Appraisal, Ron Chicka
- MIC Director's Report
 - MNDOT, MIC and the MN TIP Process – Early next month, we should have a better idea as to the timing of our process in the development of the MICs MN TIP and ascertain whether or not it will work with all parties – including the DOT, the DTA and federal agencies. Meetings have been set to discuss this item between the partners. MNDOT Central Office is also assisting in the discussion.
 - Wisconsin DOT New Secretary of Transportation – Craig Thompson has been named as the new Secretary under incoming Governor Tony Evers' staff. As I believe most know, Craig was most recently with the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin promoting legislation favorable to the multimodal needs of the entire state to the benefit of the economy. Most will recall that Craig was our guest speaker at our annual dinner, just this past summer, talking to us about legislative/funding priorities in the state. Craig brings a wealth of policy perspective to the position and is very versed in the topic to become a tremendous asset to MPOs and all parties that advocate for a robust transportation system in the state.
 - MNDOT District 1 Freight Plan – On January 16th, the DOT is hosting an open house to receive comments/feedback on the District 1 Freight Plan. It will be held at the DOT offices in Duluth from 1 pm to 3 pm. The plan is being developed to provide a clear understanding of the multimodal freight needs across the entire region and does include some references to the larger metro area, therefore Superior, Wisconsin and the northwestern counties of the state. The MIC has been a part of the technical team assisting the work from the beginning.

3. GUEST SPEAKER: STEVE WILSON, SRF CONSULTING

- MIC Area Travel Demand Modeling

4. DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN BIKEWAYS PLAN

- *Review for approval, James Gittemeier*

MIC staff has completed a review of all comments received, from both the general public and jurisdictions. Based on comments received, staff conducted additional research on best practices and other MPO bikeways plans and a series of revisions to the plan were made. A reference list of the substantive changes has been included in this packet, as well as can be found on the Bikeways Plan page on the MIC's website at dsmic.org. Staff will review and explain these changes at the upcoming MIC and TAC meetings. Staff recommends approval of the Bikeways Plan. The plan can be viewed at the link below: [Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan](#)



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5. MIC AREA TRUCK ROUTE STUDY

- Review for approval, Mike Wenholtz

The MIC has finalized the Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study (TRS) Update Final Report. It includes 14 recommendations, as well as a list of suggestions for additional study. The TRS Update Final Report has been distributed to the TAC and MIC Board members, and the TRS Committee, to facilitate review and discussion. The MIC is asking for approval of the Final Report at these meetings. As mentioned before, a final TRS GIS has been built and will remain useful for future use.

6. 2019-2022 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #1-5

- Review for approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson

**PROPOSED 2019-2022
SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT(S) AMENDMENT**

TIP AMENDMENT #1

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to continue their transportation vouchers program to eligible clients throughout (eight county area including; Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn) northern Wisconsin. The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019.

2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-19-007	Funding of a Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 8 NW Counties.	Voucher Program	178,288		178,288	356,576
Amended to TIP in January 2019		TOTAL	178,288		178,288	356,576



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TIP AMENDMENT #2

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) 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. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019.

2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-19-008	Funding a mobility manager within NCIL	Mobility Manager	27,206		6,800	34,006
Amended to TIP in January 2019		TOTAL	27,206		6,800	34,006

TIP AMENDMENT #3

This project enables the Challenge Center to replace a current 2003 Dodge Caravan vehicle with a new Minivan, Side-load equipped. Projected 2019 ridership is to carry 14,858 disabled and 1,829 disability (non-ambulatory) one way trips. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT.

2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Challenge Center, Inc. 113-19-009	Minivan Replacement Vehicle Purchase Side-load Accessible	Vehicle Purchase	31,200		7,800	39,000
Amended to TIP in January 2019		TOTAL	31,200		7,800	39,000



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TIP Amendment #4

The City of Superior has requested a TIP amendment for work planned for the replacement of the bridge structure on Marina Drive, approximately 0.04 miles in length. This project will utilize STP Urban funding totaling \$228,882 available to the City of Superior through WisDOT. Replacement of the bridge structure is scheduled for CY 2022.

This federally funded project will be done in conjunction with a City of Superior locally funded project that will make roadway and pedestrian/bicycle improvements to the east/west road segments, including new curb/gutter, sidewalk, and other improvements.

2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-19-010	Marina Drive Bridge Replacement	PE ROW CONST	\$228.9		\$105.9	334.8
Amended to TIP in January 2019	STP Urban	TOTAL	\$228.9		\$105.9	334.8

TIP Amendment #5

WisDOT has requested an amendment to an existing rail project (113-17-012) listed in the 2019-2022 Superior TIP. The WisDOT Rail Projects Review Committee has approved a scope change, cost estimate increase, cost share adjustment and schedule change for WisDOT Project ID 8010-07-50 in the WisDOT Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Program. The project is planned to beginning development phase in 2019 and construction in 2020.

The scope of work now includes:

- Add gates to STH 35 (082857M- in original TIP project)
- Install lights and gates on 61st Street North (082858U) - added
- Replace existing bungalow for 082857M with a new bungalow to run both signals - added; and
- Interconnect the new bungalow with the proposed traffic signal at STH 35 (Tower Ave) and STH 105/61st Street North - added.

The rail improvements are directly related to the signalization of the intersection at STH 35 & STH 105 in 2019. Both rail crossings will be interconnected to the traffic signal.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.



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7. 2019-2022 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #1 & 2

- Review for approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, James Gittemeier

There are two amendments to the 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP, a Twin Ports Interchange Project and a Railroad Crossing Improvement Project.

Amendment #1 - 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP (Twin Ports Interchange Project)

MNDOT District 1 is requesting an amendment to the Local Traffic Mitigation (LTM) Project for FY 2019 which is the first project of the overall Twin Ports Interchange projects. This amendment is to change the scope of the project, by removing the relocation of Coffee Creek work, adding advanced construction dollars for FY 2020 & 2021 and a change to the total project cost. This change is noted below.

RED text is proposed changes, deletions and/or additions from the original project listing. Black text is the parts of the project that have no change.

Project	Description	Est. Length (Miles)	Year	Federal	State/Local	Federal AC	Federal AC Payback	Total
6982-328 LTM (STIP Seq #60) Freight NHS Funding	I-35 in Duluth, Twin Ports Interchange, Local traffic mitigation, CPR/Intersection improv Garfield Ave & RR St. pave rehab, 27 th Ave W. Relocate Coffee Creek – traffic mitigation on local system.	0.00	2019	\$3,270,000 \$1,320,000	\$363,333 \$146,667			\$3,633,333 \$2,000,000
6982-328 NLTM (STIP Seq #61) NHS funding	I-35 in Duluth, Twin Ports Interchange, Local traffic mitigation, CPR/Intersection improv Garfield Ave & RR St. pave rehab, 27 th Ave W. Relocate Coffee Creek – traffic mitigation on local system.	0.00	2019	\$240,000	\$26,667 \$53,333	\$240,000		\$266,667 \$293,333



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6982-328 NLTMAC1 Advanced Construction	I-35 in Duluth, Twin Ports Interchange, Local traffic mitigation, CPR/Intersection improv Garfield Ave & RR St. pave rehab, 27 th Ave W. Relocate Coffee Creek – traffic mitigation on local system.		2020					\$120,000	\$120,000
6982-328 NLTMAC2) Advanced Construction	I-35 in Duluth, Twin Ports Interchange, Local traffic mitigation, CPR/Intersection improv Garfield Ave & RR St. pave rehab, 27 th Ave W. Relocate Coffee Creek – traffic mitigation on local system.		2021					\$120,000	\$120,000

Amendment #2 - 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP (MNDOT Railroad Crossing Projects)

MNDOT's Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations has requested that five (5) FY 2021 Highway Rail Grade Crossing Projects be added to the Duluth Area TIP. The railroad crossings have been tentatively selected to be upgraded under the Minnesota Railroad – Highway Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Program for state fiscal year 2021. The final crossing improvements will be confirmed during a diagnostic review with the railroad, roadway authority and MNDOT in the Spring of 2020.

Project	Description	Railroad Company	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
USDOT #251911V	Install gates, flashing lights and constant warning circuitry at CR 880, Leiste Rd in Solway Township.	Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range	2021	\$207,000	\$23,000	\$230,000



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USDOT #260092F	Install gates, flashing lights and constant warning circuitry at CR 694 in Solway Township.	Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific	2021	\$207,000	\$23,000	\$230,000
USDOT #260090S	Install gates, flashing lights and constant warning circuitry at CR 223, Munger Shaw Rd in Solway Township.	Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific	2021	\$207,000	\$23,000	\$230,000
USDOT #252185E	Install gates, flashing lights and constant warning circuitry at MSAS 195, S 60 th Ave E in Duluth.	North Shore Scenic Railroad	2021	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$220,000
USDOT #252168N	Install gates, flashing lights and constant warning circuitry at MSAS 166, N 40 th Ave E in Duluth.	North Shore Scenic Railroad	2021	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$220,000

If you have any questions please contact James Gittemeier, jgittemeier@ardc.org

8. 2045 SUSTAINABLE CHOICES – LRTP UPDATE

Progress continues to be made in developing the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Sustainable Choices 2045. The following highlight what work has been done over the past month towards completing our LRTP:

- The MetroQuest phase 2 survey which went live on November 9, closed on December 31. We received 273 submittals.
- MIC staff manned a table at the Duluth Transit Center on December 19 to promote the Phase 2 survey. 72 people completed a paper copy of the survey. We also conducted another dot survey to determine people's preferences to regional transportation issue focus.
- Basic initial analysis of the survey responses has been made and will be presented.
- Staff continue to refer to the timeline to completion of the LRTP, which is helping us to stay on track to be completed by the September deadline.
- First steps toward organizing the contents and chapters of the LRTP have been discussed and laid out.
- MIC staff have worked with our consultant to revise a few portions of the updated trends and projections of socio-economic, age, employment, and other data pertinent to our LRTP.



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As a reminder, full partner (and possibly public) information and input workshops are tentatively planned for March or April 2019. The purpose for this delay is to wait until after the Phase 2 survey is complete and data analyzed, and to provide time to conduct required partner group and jurisdictional consultations.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

10. PROJECT UPDATES

- **2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Administrative Modification**

WisDOT has proposed using a rail-highway crossing safety placeholder for a 2019 rail crossing road closure initiative along a BNSF rail line. The existing WisDOT TIP number 113-17-010 will be used for the proposed project. Project 113-17-010 is currently listed in the 2019-2022 Superior TIP.

2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Rail)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources (Thousands)			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-17-010	Rail Crossing Road Closure – Ogden Ave BNSF Crossing #852857P	PE ROW CONST	7.5			7.5
Administrative January 2019		TOTAL	7.5			7.5

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

- **2020-2023 Duluth Area Project Solicitation**

The MIC is currently accepting project application for 2023 federal transportation funding on the Minnesota side of the MIC area. The project deadline is Friday, February 8, 2019.