



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:30 pm

WITC Conference Center

Superior, WI

Meeting Summary

Meeting Location	ADC Conference Rooms	
Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	Chris Belden	DTA
	Mark Casey	City of Proctor
	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
Committee Chair	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
	Jenn Moses	City of Duluth Planning
	Shawna Mullen	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Committee Vice-Chair	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
<i>alternate</i>	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Jason Jackman*	Douglas County
	Cari Pedersen*	City of Duluth
	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
	vacant	Economic Development/Disabled Community
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Scott Marek	WSB Consulting
	Lee Nichols	WSB Consulting
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Sr Planner



Meeting Summary

1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Chair John McDonald called the meeting to order at 1:32. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 2.19.19 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Kate Ferguson/Mark Casey moved to approve the 2.19.19 meeting summary as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Director's Report**

Ron Chicka quickly reviewed the items in the meeting packet and then introduced Scott Mareck and Lee Nichols.

3. Presentation: Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV)

- *Scott Mareck & Lee Nichols, WSB Consulting*

Scott and Lee discussed the current situation with Connected and Automated Vehicles. They began by giving the definition of an autonomous vehicle and a connected vehicle. An autonomous vehicle operates independently of other vehicles using sensors while a connected vehicle communicated with not only other vehicles but with infrastructure as well.

They continued the presentation stating that we already have some connectivity with the new cars coming out with features like self-parking, stopping for you when traffic stops in front of you, slowing you down when the car in front of you is moving slower, being able to allow the car to maneuver in tight spaces on the highway and several others. The technology is coming fast so when planning for new or replacing infrastructure engineers will need to keep in the back of their minds what the needs might be as far as sensors and other items that may need to be considered. Fully automated vehicles are currently being tested but we are looking into the future at least 30 to 40 years.

4. TAC Bylaw Changes

The changes are as follows:

1. Removing the "DEDA" position and adding someone from the Economic Development sector as well as adding one from the physically challenged community which changes the number of members from 18 to 19 but does not change the number needed for a quorum.
2. The length of time serving as Chair and Vice-Chair from 1 year to 2. Elections will be at the first meeting of the committee each odd numbered year.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Cindy Voigt moved to approve the TAC Bylaws as presented. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2023 Duluth Area TIP Projects

- Motion to forward to Policy Board for approval, *James Gittemeier*

James reviewed each project and showed its location on a map. There were no questions.

Motion Discussion and Vote	David Bolf/Jenn Moses moved to approve the 2023 TIP projects as presented and move them onto the Policy Board. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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6. Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee

- Presentation and Discussion, *Mike Wenholtz*

Mike began this committee meeting within a committee meeting by reviewing the “Vision” of the Long Range Transportation Plan. He then led the discussion reviewing the draft chapters 1, 3 and 4 as well as, Appendices B & C.

The discussion moved on to cover the key points of the trends and projections which came from several sources. The group then moved on to a review of the updated “Objectives”.

Mike then moved on to the question:

“How can we collectively carry out the vision and meet the goals of Sustainable Choices 2045?” to generate discussion and ideas.

Summarizing: As a group if we all work together taking the strategies, implementing them into an asset management type system in hopes of providing the highest level of service at the lowest cost. The document needs to be kept alive and relevant. The next question is how do we decide which goals have the highest priority within each project.

Mike wrapped up by sharing the upcoming timeline:

- Chapter 6 out for review for the next meeting
- Summary of primary key points from all data & comments
- Summary of comments received
- TDM Documentation

7. Campus Connector Scope of Work

- Presentation and Discussion, *James Gittemeier*

James began his presentation noting that the connecting trails have been included in several previous plans and studies including:

- 2006 Rice Lake Road Corridor Study
- 2011 Trail & Bikeway Plan
- “up/down corridors”
- 2012 Higher Education Small Area Plan
- Healthy Duluth – Active Living Committee also had related recommendations.

He continued by describing the collaboration between the MIC and the City of Duluth sharing the

“Scope of Work” for this project. Which includes a description of which entity is responsible for which part of the overall project and also a timeline.

James then asked for a motion to approve the Scope of Work for the Campus Connector Trail.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Cindy Voigt moved to approve the Scope of Work for the Campus Connector Trail as presented. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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8. Roundtable Discussion

9. Project Updates (see the meeting packet for details.)

- Bike Facility Design Workshop
- 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #3

10. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

