



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:30 pm

WITC Conference Center

Superior, WI

Meeting Summary

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| 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 |



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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)

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

