



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Hermantown Training Center

Hermantown, MN

MEETING NOTICE

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 3.20.19

Items for Approval w/opportunity for public comment

- 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #6

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Legislative Update concerning the Federal Transportation Bill
- Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee
- I-35/Bayfront Project Update
- Harbor Update
- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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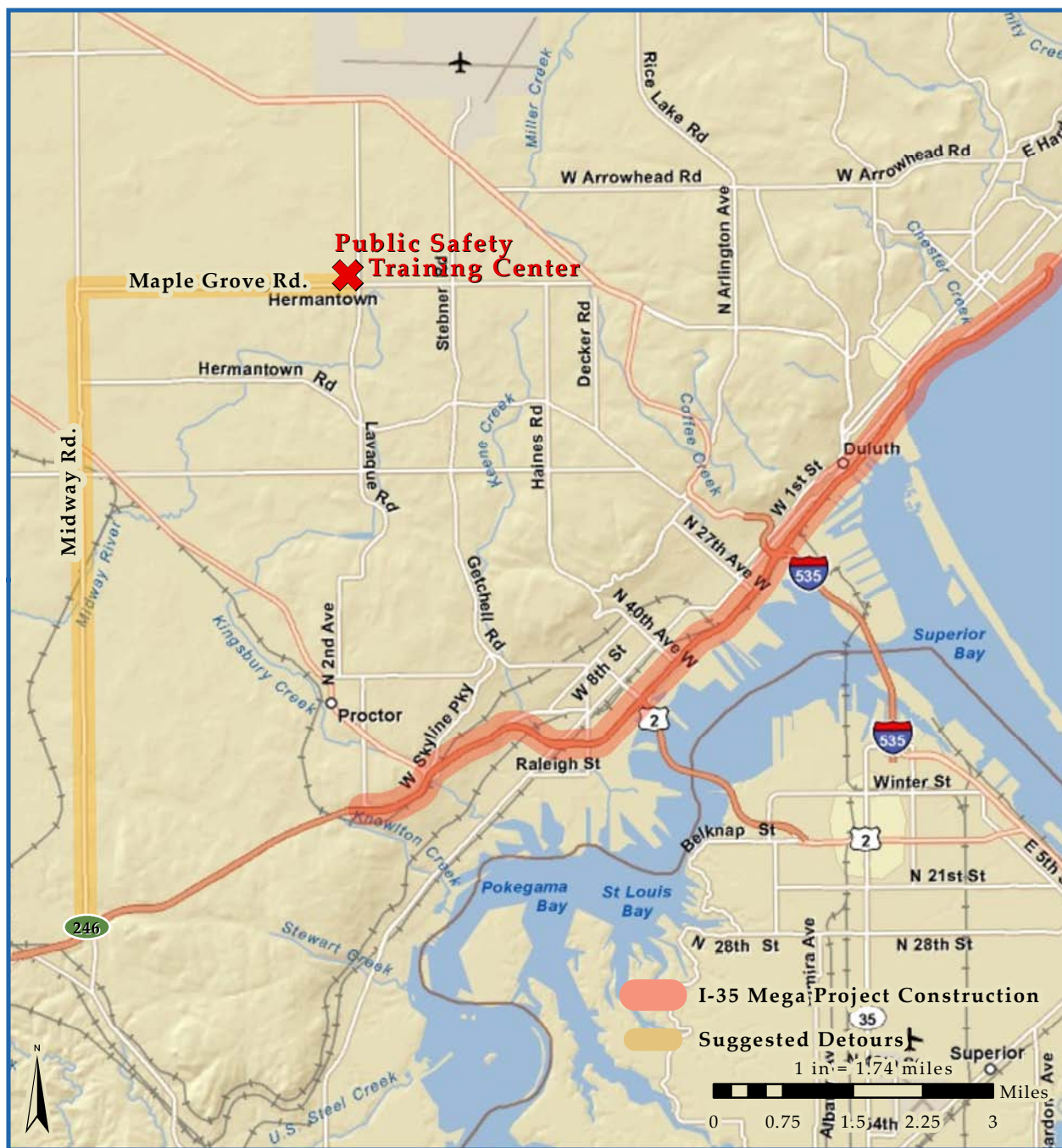
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MEETING AGENDA

<p>Minnesota Members</p> <p>City of Duluth Barb Russ Renee Van Nett</p> <p>City of Duluth Citizen Rep Jim Filby Williams</p> <p>City of Hermantown Wayne Boucher</p> <p>City of Proctor Chad Ward</p> <p>City of Rice Lake Bob Quade</p> <p>Duluth Transit Authority vacant</p> <p>St. Louis County Frank Jewell MN Co-Chair</p> <p>St. Louis County Suburban Townships Earl Elde</p>	<table> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 98 1377 583"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions/Agenda Review 2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 3.20.19 (for Approval) Director's Report </td><td data-bbox="1377 98 1536 583">10 min</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 583 1377 682"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson </td><td data-bbox="1377 583 1536 682">10 min</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 682 1377 840"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Legislative Update on the Upcoming Federal Transportation Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka </td><td data-bbox="1377 682 1536 840">10 min</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 840 1377 955"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz </td><td data-bbox="1377 840 1536 955">20 min</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 955 1377 1054"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. I-35/Bayfront Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka </td><td data-bbox="1377 955 1536 1054">15 min</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 1054 1377 1152"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Harbor Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz </td><td data-bbox="1377 1054 1536 1152">10 min</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 1152 1377 1213"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Roundtable Discussion </td><td data-bbox="1377 1152 1536 1213">5 min</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="396 1213 1377 1449"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Connector Trail, James Gittemeier Bus, Bike Walk Month, James Gittemeier 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #4 </td><td data-bbox="1377 1213 1536 1449">5 min</td></tr> </table>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions/Agenda Review 2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 3.20.19 (for Approval) Director's Report 	10 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Approval w/opportunity for Public Comment, Sheldon Johnson 	10 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Legislative Update on the Upcoming Federal Transportation Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka 	10 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	20 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. I-35/Bayfront Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka 	15 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Harbor Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	10 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Roundtable Discussion 	5 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Connector Trail, James Gittemeier Bus, Bike Walk Month, James Gittemeier 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #4 	5 min
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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 3.20.19
- MIC Director's Report
 - Duluth – 1st Street Conversion Study – Recently in the news, Duluth has hired a consulting group to examine the First Street corridor in the downtown to potentially change the road from a predominately one-way street to a two-way directional street for its entire length (including in the hospital zone area). Currently, First Street is a mix of two directional and one directional along its length, leading to a bit of confusion for the driver. Though good for traffic flow, the one-ways have some problematic issues such as direct access to locales. The MIC is assisting the City's consultant with usage of our Travel Demand Model that aids in the forecasting of traffic flow efficiency concerning one directional versus bi-directional movement.
 - Superior Active Transportation Plan – The City is soon to kick-off the Active Transportation Plan with Toole Design assisting as consultants. The MIC will be assisting on the technical team too. The plan is to start at this time and take 12 months to conclude. Certainly, the MIC will be bringing quite a bit of background from our Bikeways Plan into the planning process.
 - WISDOT and Future of Transportation Summit – Later this month, the DOT is set to unveil at a gathering in Milwaukee, a set of transportation issues/policies (in this new administration) including financing, economic impacts and modal components, including a key one of freight. The line-up includes a discussion of port initiatives as well. Also this month, Sheldon Johnson and I will be meeting with the new Secretary – Craig Thompson – to discuss a number of items important to MPOs and RPCs.

3. 2019-2022 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6

- Review for approval w/opportunity for public comment, *Sheldon Johnson*

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

TIP AMENDMENT #6

Due to severe weather and flooding that occurred in June of 2018, repairs were made to segments of CTH K. Work included shoulder washout repairs and repairs for



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undermined/missing asphalt. The work activity has already been completed. A TIP number is being assigned to enable federal funds to be used to reimburse for roadway improvements as the roadway was originally mis-identified as a minor collector, where in fact the roadway is a major collector and qualifies for FHWA funding

2019 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-19-011 Amended to TIP in April 2019	CTH K	PE				
	From CTH C (South Range) to East CTH B	ROW CONST	\$7.3			\$7.3
	Roadway repairs due to flooding 8764-00-60	TOTAL	\$7.3			\$7.3

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

4. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL UPDATE

- Presentation and Discussion, Ron Chicka

Ron will be traveling to Wash DC at the end of April. He will be meeting with the staff of the current legislators concerning the upcoming Federal Transportation Bill and where AMPO stands on the issues.

5. SUSTAINABLE CHOICES 2045 – LRTP COMMITTEE MTG

- Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz

Mike will provide an update on the progress of work towards the completion of *Sustainable Choices 2045*. He will provide details of the next steps, invite additional MIC Board participation, and share highlights and pertinent points provided by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Time will allow for some questions and discussion.



6. I-35/BAYFRONT PROJECT UPDATE

- Presentation and Discussion, *Ron Chicka*

The project is moving forward to its conclusion. On March 1, Alliant Engineering consultant Nick VanGunst met with a large group of Bayfront- and DECC-area stakeholders. Meeting participants the data collected as well as the draft recommendations. We will give an overview of the short- and long- term management strategies, which include:

1. Improvements to wayfinding for alternate parking locations on Garfield Ave and Michigan Street
2. Improvements to pedestrian access across 5th Avenue W and skywalk and defined crossing points
3. Promotion of existing DTA bus services with connection to Skywalk
4. Improvements to signal timing at 5th Ave W off I-35
5. Remote parking and shuttle services
6. Communication strategies via websites and media notifications
7. Use of MnDOT's Dynamic Message Signs
8. Preferred/reserved parking strategy, premium pricing

The fourth and last stakeholder meeting, to review and finalize the Plan's recommendations, is scheduled for April 24th, prior to a public meeting about the plan to be held in Mid-May. Implementation can begin for events beginning Summer 2019.

7. HARBOR UPDATE

- Presentation and Discussion, *Mike Wenholz*

The Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) met on March 6. The agenda include the following:

- Harbor Planning Work Program
- Port Land Use Implementation updates
- Updates at the Duluth Seaway Port Authority
- Status and Overview of the Duluth Industrial Economy
- Assessment of Future Information Needed from MN AOC Sites
- St Louis Estuary AOC Work Planned for 2019
- Status Update on Environmental Windows
- MnDOT District 1 Freight Plan

Mike will share a few key details from the March HTAC meeting.

8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



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9. PROJECT UPDATES

- Campus Connector Trail

The City of Duluth and the MIC conducted a walk-through of the entire proposed trail alignment and held the first stakeholder group meeting. This meeting provided an overview of the project, allowed for opportunities to answer questions and then followed with an extensive review of the initial trail alignment that been identified over the past years. Stakeholders marked on maps their areas of concern as well as alternative trail alignments. Following this stakeholder meeting, a public meeting, including the release of a survey, is in the works for late April.

- Bus, Bike, Walk Month

The month of May in the Twin Ports is Bus, Bike, Walk Month. Though this year the event Has extended further into the months of April and June as well. This year's series of events include educational trainings and a variety of encouragement activities that are for people of all ages and abilities. With the Superior Active Transportation Plan about to get rolling, there is an expanded focus on Superior, including Bike to School day stations for students at the K-12 schools, UWS and a Superior Mayor's Bike Ride and Luncheon. For more info, check out the Bus Bike Walk 2019 flyer.

- DTA 2019-2022 TIP Administrative Modification #4

The DTA is requesting several changes to the 2019 TIP project list. After receiving notice of the FTA appropriations and being awarded additional grants from MnDOT, we've made changes to the funding amounts and better defined the projects. I have summarized the changes below.

Project	Description	Year	Federal	State/Local	Total
TRF-0016-19A	DULUTH DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE	2019	\$0	\$1,200,000 \$899,000	\$1,200,000 \$899,000
TRF-0016-19B	SECT 5307: DULUTH OPERATING ASSISTANCE	2019	\$1,000,000 \$991,000	\$12,860,000 \$13,659,000	\$13,860,000 \$14,650,000
TRF-0016-19C	SECT 5307: DULUTH BUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FACILITY REHABILITATION SECT 5307: DULUTH BUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FACILITY (GAS TANK REPLACEMENT, PARKING LOT AND SIDEWALK REHAB AT OPERATIONS CENTER)	2019	\$240,000 \$1,039,296	\$60,000 \$259,824	\$300,000 \$1,299,120



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TRF-0016-19D	SECT 5307: DULUTH; PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SECT 5307: DULUTH PLANNING - COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS	2019	\$1,000,000 \$160,000	\$0 \$40,000	\$1,000,000 \$200,000
TRF-0016-19E	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL ADMIN/MAINT FACILITY ROOF REHAB DULUTH BUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FACILITY (ROOF AND HVAC REHAB AT OPERATIONS CENTER)	2019	\$320,000 \$0	\$80,000 \$2,440,000	\$400,000 \$2,440,000
RF-0016-19F	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL BUS STOP/ STATION/ TERMINAL UPDATES	2019	\$120,000 \$0	\$30,000 \$70,000	\$150,000 \$70,000
TRF-0016-19G	SECT 5307: DULUTH CAPITAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATES DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY; PURCHASE TWO (2) RUBBER WHEELED TROLLEY REPLACEMENT BUSES	2019	\$40,000 \$0	\$10,000 \$1,076,000	\$50,000 \$1,076,000

If you have any questions please contact James Gittemeier, jgittemeier@ardc.org, 218.529.5566.