**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 1:30 pm

Inn on Lake Superior

Duluth, MN

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

**Meeting Summary**

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| 1. **Introductions/Agenda Review**

Vice-Chair Dena Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.1. **Committee Business**
* Meeting Summary of 3.19.19 (for Approval)

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| MotionDiscussion and Vote | Jim Foldesi/David Bolf moved to approve the 3.19.19 meeting summary noting that D Bolf was in fact in attendance. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously. |

* **Director’s Report**

Ron shared a brief review of the items included in the agenda item descriptions which included a study to determine the potential of converting 1st St into a two-way street. The kick-off of the Active Transportation Plan in Superior with Toole Design assisting as a consultant and finally notice of WisDOT and a Future of Transportation Summit coming up later this month in Milwaukee.  |
| 1. **2019-2022 Superior Area TIP Amendment #6**

Flood relief projects were completed last year and this amendment is the reimbursement of funds.

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| MotionDiscussion and Vote | Todd Janigo/Cari Pedersen moved to approve Amendment #6 to the 2019-2022 Superior Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously. |

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| 1. **Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee**
* There was a lively discussion looking at Chapter 3. Some of the comments/suggestions were:
* On page 7 Chpt 3 wording is confusing – take another look
* #19 – there are some errors on the WI 35 counts
* With so many #s – maybe graphs would be helpful.
* Key Takeaways should be at the beginning of the chapter
* Depicted intersection could be at higher capacities than the roads themselves
* There seems to be a theme of inefficiencies
* Planning efforts might be different depending on population increases and decreases
* if population increases then look at “x, y, z”
* if it decreases then look at “g, h, I”

Mike finished up the discussion stating that if you have any more comments/suggestions please let him know. Jurisdictional consultations begin next week. |
| 1. **I-35/Bayfront Project Update**

Ron gave a summary of the observed issues which included:* **Traffic congestion** due to circulation and processing time at parking entrances
* **Coordination difficulty** among independent parking operations
* **Lack of advanced and real-time parking information**
* **Lack of information about alternative transportation options and wayfinding** (pedestrian, bicycle, transit)

The key strategies included:* **Strategy Group 1: Outreach and Minimal Traffic Management**
	+ - *Marketing; pedestrian improvements; wayfinding signage*
* **Strategy Group 2: Parking and Traffic Circulation Management**
	+ - *Integrated management; multiple entrances; downtown and assigned parking*
* **Strategy Group 3: Traffic Operation Improvement**
	+ - *Signal timing; separate NB/EB traffic on 5th Avenue ramp*
* **Strategy Group 4: Circulation Improvement**
	+ - *Change Harbor Drive to 1-way; create Lake Ave/Canal Park Drive 1-way pair*
* **Strategy Group 5: Roadway or Network Improvement**
	+ - *Reconstruct 5th Ave W. roadway/sidewalk; add roadway capacity to Railroad St*
* **Strategy Group 6: Transit/Railway Improvement**
	+ - *Add dedicated bus lane via 5th Ave W/Harbor Dr; add P&R shuttle option*
* **Strategy Group 7: System or Capacity Improvement**
	+ - *Construct a parking ramp near the power plant; utilize apps for traffic & parking info*

Much of this data was evaluated by degree of improvement combined with financial feasibility and implementation viability. The strategies were listed in tables and evaluated on their favorability and feasibility.Next Steps:* **Final Stakeholder Meeting — April 24**
	+ - Review/input into final recommendations
* **Public Meeting — Wed, May 22, 5:00 pm DECC French River Room**
	+ - Summary of recommended improvements
		- Short term event management plan
		- Long term infrastructure plan
* **Project Implementation**
	+ - Summer 2019

For more information please or if you would like a pdf of the presentation please let us know.   |
| 1. **Harbor Planning Update**

Mike gave an overview of the agenda items covered at the March HTAC meeting which included an update to the goings on at the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. Deb Deluca reviewed the new faces that are new to the Port Authority and that in the Spring of 2020 they will be moving into their new home in the Seaway Building on Garfield. Deb also shared the expansion of the Intermodal Container Terminal, new 82,000 sf warehouse added to the Clure Expansion; an update of the Duluth Cargo Connect project which has reduced supply chain cost by up to 30% and she reviewed a study concerning the “Foundations For Growth – Shaping Duluth’s Industrial Economy” that they had commissioned from Initiative for a Competitive Inner City.Other presentations included, an update of AOC work planned for 2019 the information needed for the future at the AOC sites. Where will it be housed, and will the right people be able to access it easily by Barb Huberty, MN PCA. An update on the Environmental Windows from Anna Hess, MN DNR and an overview of the MnDOT District 1 Freight Plan from Andrew Andrusko, MnDOT. |
| 1. **Round Table Discussion**

Superior St Construction has begun – watch for the Phase II closure from E 1st Ave to E 4th Ave. |
| 1. **Project Updates (see the meeting packet for details.)**
* 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #4
* Campus Connector Trail, *James Gittemeier*

Public Mtg April 23rd.* Bus, Bike Walk Month, *James Gittemeier*
1. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice-Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 2:57 pm.
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