



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 1:30 pm

WisDOT

Superior, WI

Meeting Summary

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



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1. Introductions/Agenda Review

Vice-Chair Dena Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 4.16.19 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Kate Ferguson moved to approve the 4.16.19 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Director's Report**

Ron stated that details can found in the meeting materials. He did say that while in DC for the AMPO mtg he was able to meet up with the representatives of our legislators there. He gave the highlights of how transportation is going through the process.

3. State of the Port Presentation, Kate Ferguson

Kate began by describing the advantages so "Hwy H2O" saving shippers money by using the Duluth-Superior Port. She then described the Economic impacts of the Great Lakes St Lawrence Seaway System. Kate then shared the stats for the Port of Duluth-Superior including the largest tonnage port on the Great Lakes system. It is part of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority mission to bring business to the port and in turn would add to the economic development to the region.

Kate went on to share the personnel changes at the Port Authority and what the new people bring to the table.

Then the presentation continued touching on the following:

- upcoming passenger cruise ships in the port and the challenges to make that happen
- working partnership between the Port Authority and Lake Superior Warehousing
 - Wind project cargo
 - specialty shipping needs (oversized needs)
- Altec Industries Expansion
- New office Bldg for the Port Authority-move in date Spring 2021
- Success of the CN Duluth Intermodal Terminal and the regional economic development opportunities and expansion
- Duluth's industrial sector

4. **DRAFT 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP – Approval to release for 30-day Public Comment Period**

James explained that he is asking for approval to release the Draft 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP for the 30-day public comment period beginning 5.19.19. He is working to add the jurisdictional changes which must be submitted by 5.19.19. He will email out the draft/send a link to where it can be found on our website.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jim Foldesi/Maren Webb moved to approve the release of the Draft 2020-2023 Duluth Area TIP for the 30-day public comment period beginning 5.19.19. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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5. **2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2**

James Gittemeier shared that the City is moving the funds for phase 3 into phase 2 which will complete the work in 2019. This will exhaust the Oberstar funds for this project.

Motion Discussion and Vote	David Bolf/Phil Pumphrey moved to approve Amendment #2 to the 2019-2022 Duluth Area TIP as presented. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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6. **Sustainable Choices 2045 – LRTP Committee**

Mike Wenholz reviewed a few of the projects included in the plan. Such as:

- ❖ Rice Lk Rd & Martin Rd looking for more pedestrian and bike accommodations
- ❖ London Rd to Midway
- ❖ Martin Rd through to Hwy 61
- ❖ The RR system works against the City of Superior as it cuts through and blocks part of the city off

See the hand out for more details.

Reminder: mid-term projects need to be included in the LRTP to be considered for funding

7. **Martin Road Extension – UMD Student Project**

James gave an overview of a modeling project done by Jason Miller, a UMD Student which showed extending Martin Rd to Hwy 61 in 2 different ways. He showed the estimated volumes on each of the alternate routes and effects on links of interest in the area.

8. **Round Table Discussion (see agenda item descriptions included in the meeting packet)**

- Campus Connector Trail Plan
- Rice Lake Road Study
- BPAC Update
- Bus, Bike Walk 2019
- I-35/Bayfront Modeling Project

9. Adourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice-Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.