



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 1:30 pm

WisDOT/Lake Superior Room

Superior, WI

Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior-Public Works
	Mark Casey	City of Proctor
	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	Kris Liljeblad	City of Duluth Planning
Committee Chair	John McDonald	MnDOT District 1
	Shawna Mullen	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
<i>alternate</i>	Phil Pumphrey	Duluth Transit Authority
Committee Vice-Chair	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
<i>alternate</i>	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT District 1
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County Engineering
<i>alternate</i>	Jana Kayser	Duluth Airport Authority
<i>alternate</i>	Jason Serck	City of Superior
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	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 1:33 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 9.17.19 (for Approval)

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dena Ryan/Todd Janigo moved to approve the 9.17.19 meeting summary with the noted change. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Director's Report**

- Twin Ports Freight Showcase – Our event for the Secretary and staff in the Madison office of the DOT along with local public and private sector entities went off quite successfully last month. Close to 90 attended this forum focused on the existing and future transportation industry across the Twin Ports. Besides local bodies – such as the MIC and the Port Authority – detailing how multimodal planning takes shape, a high point of the day was having two panels, one on private sector modal needs and one on workforce needs, present to the audience their plans (business models) that will ensure their continued success in the area. This event was put on by a combined effort from the UW-Superior Trans/Logistics program, City, State DOT, NWRPC as well as the MIC. From reactions during the event and follow-up surveys, I believe we tapped into an educational event somewhat overdue given how important transportation is integral to the economy of the Twin Ports. Compliments were many from the issues chosen to discuss, to the very informed speakers on the agenda to the format of the event that also built in networking time for the attendees. The planning group was asked to keep the momentum going for such an event and to look to hold these in the future.
- MNDOT District 1 Freight Plan – The District's Freight Plan produced with a lead consultant along with a large mix of public and private side groups at the steering committee level (ARDC and MIC included) has completed its work and the plan is out for review. The document has been developed to provide a clear framework of the multimodal local industry as it exists today and its maintenance and larger infrastructure needs for the future. A section of the plan details the short term – next five to ten years – projects (primarily road based for trucking) that are key to proper goods movement for this section of the state, plus recognizing the nature of goods moving in or out of Wisconsin and the role those facilities play to the economic well-being of the Twin Ports as well.



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- Traffic/Freight Modeling (USH 2/53 – I-535) Bridge Closure Scenarios – The MICs work with our consultant should be finished in the next month or two that will document various lane and directional closure scenarios and their resulting traffic and financial impacts for the network and the economy. This work item makes use of the MICs highly detailed freight statistics in our model and will be used as information for each DOT as they plan future projects for the Blatnik and Bong bridges.
- Duluth Downtown – First Street (One-way to Two-way) Modeling project – This effort, led by the City of Duluth, is concluding at this time. A number of public meetings have been held to gain input from businesses (including ARDC) along the corridor. The MICs travel demand model was used by the City’s consultant to analyze traffic operations. The plan documents how the two-way operation would function and what changes may have to be made to the street to make it operate properly. We are looking to have this project brought forward to the TAC and MIC in December for informational purposes.

Ron Chicka briefly spoke of the items above highlighting the success of the “Twin Ports Freight Showcase” that was held Sept 25th at UWS. Both WisDOT and MnDOT came together for the first time to share their perspective freight plans. Those in attendance asked that the planning committee continue to hold such events in the future.

Ron also invited everyone to provide comments on the recently completed draft of the MnDOT District 1 Freight Plan which has now been released for review. It can be found on the MnDOT District 1 webpage.

3. 2045 Sustainable Choices/MIC LRTP - FINAL

Mike Wenzholz provided a summary of the substantial revisions that had been made after receiving the comments during the 30 day public comment period.

After responding to a few questions, he asked for final approval to pass the document on to the Policy Board for their approval.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Kate Ferguson/Chris Lee moved to approve the 2020-2045 LRTP – Sustainable Choices 2045. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. 2020 WisDOT Safety Performance Measures

Sheldon Johnson stated that these measures were brought before the committee last year. He explained that the 5 safety performance measure targets have been determined by the state and that WisDOT and the MIC have chosen to accept the State targets.

There was some discussion as to why these targets are not set at zero; referring to the "Zero Death" program. Sheldon explained that while working toward zero deaths and serious injuries it is currently unrealistic and the FHWA has required that each state provide these targets based on the statistics gathered.

Another discussion was based on why WisDOT and MnDOT did not calculate the targets for our specific areas and Sheldon and Ron explained that it is an arduous task and requires many, many man hours. These tasks would take away from the planning work the MIC has already been asked to do and participate in.

With no more discussion or questions Sheldon asked for a motion to approve the 2020 WisDOT Safety Performance Measures.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dena Ryan/Jason Jackman moved to approve the 2020 WisDOT Safety Performance Measures. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP - FINAL

Sheldon Johnson quickly reviewed the new projects that WisDOT has added and also one that they found was already in the TIP. He also explained that it is allowed that there be 2 rail project place holders at \$100,000 each for future projects. Sheldon stated that there had been some minor editing completed to align with changes and additions.

Hearing no questions or discussion Sheldon asked for a motion to approve the 2020-2023 Superior Area TIP.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Jason Jackman/Todd Janigo moved to approve the 2020-2023 Superior Urbanized Area TIP. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. Campus Connector Trail Plan – FINAL

James Gittemeier gave an overview of this plan created in a collaboration of the City of Duluth Parks Commission and the MIC. The MIC has been asked to have the TAC and Policy Board sign off on this plan before presentation to the Duluth City Council. James stated that this plan is a visioning and guiding document for raising funds and sets the preferred/ideal location for the trail. However, at the time of engineering the design and construction the alignment will be further refined based on the data gathered at that future time.

Kris Liljeblad commented that during the planning stages of this plan a survey was presented and there had been some incentives to complete the survey. Some of the homeowners in the area had voiced that they thought the incentives were illegal making the plan itself faulty. After some research it was found that this practice is used all the time and that there was no problem with it.

With no further discussion or questions James asked for a motion to approve the Campus Connector Trail.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Kris Liljeblad/Shawna Mullen moved to approve the Campus Connector Trail Plan. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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7. Roundtable Discussion

- Public Meeting – City of Duluth’s reconstruction of 2nd St E on 12/9 @ Zeitgeist – 5:30 pm
The above meeting was 12/5 at First Lutheran/there is no meeting on the 9th
- The City of Duluth is working with Alliant using the MIC modeling to research 1st St as more than a 2-way conversion project. They are reaching out to business owners.
- Phil Pumphrey stated that the DTA had received additional funding for Essentia/Downtown circulators.

8. Project Updates (see meeting materials for details)

- 2024 Duluth Area TIP – Project Solicitation

9. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.