

**BPAC – November 5, 2020
Meeting Summary**

Meeting Location	Virtual (online) Meeting via Microsoft Teams	
Meeting Chair(s)	Carol Andrews	
Note Taker	James Gittemeier	
Members Present		
Chair	Carol Andrews	St. Louis County
Vice-Chair	Chris Carlson	City of Superior
	Chris Belden	DTA
	Natalie Chin	WI Sea Grant
	Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist/SHIP
	Jason DiPiazza	Citizen Member
	Judy Gibbs	Citizen Representative
	Dick Haney	Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails
	Prescott Morrill	Citizen Representative
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Dena Ryan	WISDOT
Members Absent		* Excused
	Bryn Jacobson	Continental Ski & Bike
	Eleanor Bacso	City of Duluth
Others Present		
	Kris Liljebblad	City of Duluth
	Maren Webb	MnDOT District 1
	Brian Bluhm	Statewide SHIP coordinator
	James Gittemeier	MIC
	Ricky Sarran	MIC
	Mike Casey	Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails
	Andrew Slade	Duluth Bikes
	Ron Chicka	MIC
	Paul O'Brien	Guest/ Isaac Walton League
	Skip Williams	We Walk in Duluth

1. Introductions

Meeting participants introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

Meeting Agenda - No changes requested

Membership Opening –

- A. Carol Andrews proposed as new voting members in open Skip Williams/We Walk in Duluth, Andrew Slade/Duluth Bikes Coalition, Andrea Crouse/Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community
 - Chris Belden/Dick Haney motion/second; no nay votes – motion passed.
- B. Carol Andrew suggested other possible new members, including a representative from a local bike shop to replace Bryn Jacobson; Shawna Mullen from Essentia Health; Community Action Duluth; and other thoughts? She added that if members have suggestions, contact her or MIC staff.
- C. 8/6/2020 Meeting Summary
 - Minor corrections put forward by Carol Andrews.
 - Revised summary was moved for approval by Judy Gibbs, seconded by Chris Carlson approved by consensus.

3. Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Pedestrian Plan

An update on the project including the timeline was reported. BPAC will be asked to review it at the meeting in February, to recommend its approval when it's presented at that month's TAC and MIC meetings.

The key lens of this plan is walkable distances to key destinations in the Duluth-Superior area

Questions/Comments

- Will local agencies be required to have an implementation plan once this plan is approved? MIC staff state that the Ped Plan is a guiding document; each jurisdiction decides if or how to implement the recommendations.
- Making sidewalk crossings where they cross driveways much more visible to motorists would help greatly.
- Sidewalks on both sides of the street on transit routes are important.
- That prioritization piece is so important to address better. Just spoke to someone who noted that those with disabilities can get stuck unable to access a site if there is an obstruction or snow-covered section along their route to a bus stop or other necessary destination. So the 24 hr post snowfall + 48 hours to address it can be a real problem.
- Look into a recommendation on creating formal agreements between agencies on sidewalk maintenance and snow removal. For example, the DTA clear shelters AND sidewalk to nearest sidewalk connections or light interchange controls.
- MIC should create hard copies and preparing to distribute it.
- Ped crossings should be prioritized.
- Include ped crossing gaps/danger points should in the plan.

- Should meet ADA requirements.
- The Ped Plan needs to make expectations for process more explicit just as for the design recommendations for pedestrian facilities.
- Is there a draft for plan available for review? The PPAC will be the first to review and comment – their input will precede the public review of the draft plan – including the BPAC’s input.
- As one of the interim recommendations, will sidewalk clearing be included?
- Future potential for e.g. gondola/funicular should be tied directly to desired mobility outcome to close on the requirement as mentioned in the presentation.

4. Project Updates:

A. Cross City Trail Project

- Will be participating in EAW process
- Next step for the cross-city trail is to make a connection to the upper route. Will not be pursuing funding for the connection to the Munger Trail at 59th Street. They need to finish the last segment – the City of Duluth is getting the pieces in place to apply for TAP grant funding in 2026. It has been noted that the difficult part has been working with BN railroad for right of way to construct the lower route.
- Would like to see the BPAC spend more time on this topic.

B. Superior Active Transportation Plan

The City of Superior mentioned that the Superior Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was just approved by the City Council – the final step - and is available online at <http://www.ci.superior.wi.us/907/Active-Transportation-Plan>

The ATP was funded by a TAP grant, and that the City is now applying for a grant to improve all its bus shelters.

C. Planned Duluth Projects: 2021 Street Preservation Projects

The City of Duluth reviewed their list of projects and noted that they are trying to focus this year on core investment areas.

D. Transportation Alternatives

Discussion took place on potential transportation alternatives (TA) projects in the Duluth Area TIP for FY 2025 funding.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm