

**BPAC – May 7, 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
	Eleanor Bacso	City of Duluth
	Judy Gibbs	Citizen Representative
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT
	Ruurd Schoolderman	Duluth Bikes
	Maren Webb	MnDOT District 1
Members Absent		* Excused
	Chris Belden	DTA
	Jason DiPiazza	MSA Engineering Consultant
	Dick Haney	Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails
	Bryn Jacobson	Continental Ski & Bike
	Prescott Morrill	Citizen Representative
	Shawna Mullen	Zeitgeist Arts & Community
	Natalie Chin	WI Sea Grant
Others Present		
	Brian Bluhm	Healthy Northland
	Ron Chicka	MIC
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	James Gittemeier	MIC
	Kris Liljebblad	City of Duluth
	Rondi Watson	MIC

1. Introductions

Meeting participants introduced themselves. Brian Bluhm with Healthy Northland (Community Health Board – SHIP) said this was his first meeting and that Healthy Northland is a collaboration of public health agencies for 7 Northland counties.

2. Committee Business

Approved 2/6/2020 Meeting summary – by consensus.

Question about BPAC meeting being recorded, MIC staff are looking into this option and if it is possible for the MIC to host this recording on the BPAC page on the MIC website.

3. Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan

- Advisory Committee
 - Looking to add realtors and businesses given the correlation between walkable cities and sales/property values
 - Also need a representative from law enforcement
 - ACTION ITEM – propose individuals, make initial contact and set up contact to James Gittemeier, go to the Ped Plan Advisory Cmte list to see who is already on it.
- Public Engagement
 - Starts in June with surveys, videos, and one-on-ones.
 - ACTION ITEM - since there will be no live events, BPAC members are asked to provide assistance to share general public surveys.
- Planning Activity
 - Plans and studies recap and what's key/getting at – provide page/chapters to reference (not expecting people to read the entire documents cover to cover)
 - Dick Haney – are these background plans on Ped Plan webpage
 - Type of infrastructure- transportation, including paved paved trails, but not necessarily unpaved trails – depends on their transportation role
 - Maren Webb and Dena Ryan provided links to state plans and guidance
 - Wisconsin DOT Transition Plan
 - Minnesota Walks & Statewide Pedestrian Plan
 - ACTION ITEM - Ricky Sarran reports that the maps are complete showing sidewalk gaps and send a link to the BPAC members, look for gaps that are not shown in the map as well as the sidewalk condition – are they correct. The map was based on aerial imagery, data provided by the jurisdictions, and past sidewalk inventory. Include sidewalk condition criteria for how we ranked sidewalks (MIC staff to do task)
 - Was unable conduct a planning activity at this BPAC meeting. However, had a conversation on a variety of ped related topics:
 - Carol suggested that the committee think big and long term, but bring in current economic realities due to COVID 19 pandemic for near/short term options in light of economic situation, get the most bang for the buck.
 - Common pedestrian issues – Dick Haney asked if the common ped list covered all ped related issues brought up by the BPAC? James will double-check.
 - Skywalk – should they be included as pedestrian infrastructure? Not in sidewalk inventory but will be the Ped Plan.
 - Existing budge for sidewalk/pedestrian improvements

- Duluth - \$100,000 for misc sidewalk repairs in addition to the street projects that include sidewalk repair/replacement.
- Superior – combo of CDBG (\$200,000) and CIP (\$500,000) for sidewalks

4. Duluth-Superior Metro Bikeways Plan

- Implementation Priorities
- Upcoming Street Projects (2020 & 2021)

Project Updates

- Superior Active Transportation Plan
- Lake Ave
- CCT – River Route
- CCT – Lincoln Park Detour Route
- Others
- COVID 19 – Stay at Home Bike & Ped Counts