



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 1:30 pm

Virtual MS Teams Meeting

Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Committee Vice-Chair	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior-Public Works
Committee Chair	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis Cnty
	Krysten Saatela Foster	MnDOT – Dist 1
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth Planning
	Kris Liljebblad	City of Duluth Planning
<i>alternate</i>	John Mulder	City of Hermantown
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT NW Region
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
	Tom Werner	Duluth Airport Authority
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
<i>alternate</i>	Todd Campbell	MnDOT Dist 1
<i>alternate</i>	Rod Fournier	Duluth Transit Authority
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Andrea Crouse	ZietgiestArts
	James Gittemeier	MIC Principal Planner
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/Exec Director NWRPC
	Christene O'Brien	WisDOT
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff	FHWA Community Planner
	Ricky Sarran	MIC-GIS Specialist
	Sue Siemers	FTA Section 5310 Program Coordinator
	Mike Wenzholz	MIC Senior Planner



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1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Kate Ferguson called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. All meeting attendees introduced themselves

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 2.16.21 (for Approval)**

Motion Discussion and Vote	Maren Webb/Karl Schuettler moved to approve the 2.16.21 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Director's Report**

James provided brief overview of the items included in the meeting materials.

**** Opportunity for Public Comment****

3. 2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #3

This amendment is for a new project is for the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission's (ARDC) Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) mobility management project. This will be funded using a FTA Sec 5310 grant.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Chrtis Belden/John Mulder moved to approve Amendmnetts #3 to the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. 2021-2024 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #10-12

Sheldon Reviewed each of the amendments:

Amendment #10 - WisDOT has requested 113-20-011 be deleted from the current 2021-2024 TIP.

Amendment #11 – Correcting project description to MN State Line to Barnes Road.

Amendment #12 – Transit mitigation during reconstruction USH 2/53 form 29th Ave E to 53rd Ave E.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dena Ryan/Jason Jackman moved to approve Amendmnetts #10-12 to the 2021-2024 Superior Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. FY 2025 DULUTH AREA TIP PROJECTS OVERVIEW

The MIC received two (2) project application proposals for FY 2025 federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding.

Duluth- Canal Park Area Reconditioning Project

St Louis Cnty - Woodland Ave Resurface – from Snively Rd (CSAH 37) to Anoka St



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Andrea Crouse commented that she appreciates this info (including scoring from the LRTP) as that was going to be my question about these reconditioning projects, specifically: What options are there improving bike and ped access, along with creative placemaking in Canal Park. Will continue to follow. Thx.

Jim Foldesi stated that the Woodland project is being moved up from 2025 to 2023. The Federal funds in 2025 will pay back the county.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Kyrsten Foster/Cari Pedersen moved to approve the 2025 Duluth Area TIP Projects. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. LRTP IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Mike Wenholz address the TAC members (Subcommittee) asking what the next recommendation should be addressed. He asked that members consider what to tackle. More to come next month.

7. DULUTH-SUPERIOR METRO AREA PEDESTRIAN PLAN-DRAFT OVERVIEW

James Gittemeier provided an overview of the comments that have been received. He also explained the plan provides guidance to decision-makers on where transportation investments in the MPO area should be focused to best improve the pedestrian environment.

8. CENTRAL ENTRANCE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mike Wenholz stated that a full reconstruction of the corridor from Mesaba Ave to Trinity Road in 2026. Working with WSB set a vision and provide direction for MnDOT's upcoming preliminary design. The vision of a walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented urban thoroughfare that is safe and comfortable to use by both motorized and non-motorized users.

9. ROUND TABLE

***** Opportunity for Public Comment*****

10. PROJECT UPDATES (DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MEETING MATERIALS)

- Erie Pier Management Plan, Mike Wenholz
Mike shared that minor revisions are about to be completed.
- DTA – Better Bus Survey, James Gittemeier
- City of Superior Comp Plan Survey, James Gittemeier

James Gittemeier encouraged everyone to participate in both surveys.

11. Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.



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ATTACHMENTS:

2021-2024 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #3

New Project – RTCC Mobility Management

A request has been made to add a new federally funded project to the 2021-2024 Duluth Area TIP. This new project is for the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission’s (ARDC) Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) mobility management project. This project is funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant for private non-profit groups to meet the transportation mobility needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities and is part of a larger Arrowhead Region project. This TIP amendment is for the MPO (urbanized area) portion of the project. This project is a two-year project award beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

The project details are summarized below:

Amdmt #	Project # Agency	Description	Year	Federal \$	State TH or Bond \$	Local \$
3	TRF-9069-21 ARDC	Section 5310: Arrowhead Regional Development Commission Mobility Management 7/1/21-6/30/23.	2021	60,264	0	12,052

2021-2024 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #10-12

TIP AMENDMENT #10

WisDOT has requested 113-20-011 be deleted from the current 2021-2024 TIP. The project is being deleted as it was never programmed in the WisDOT financial systems.

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County	CTH C MN State Line – STH 35	PE ROW CONST		\$10		\$10
113-20-011	Preliminary Design					
Deleted from TIP in March 2021	8758-00-02	TOTAL		\$10		\$10



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TIP AMENDMENT #11

WisDOT has requested an amendment to 113-21-003. The project length was incorrectly listed in the TIP and program year funding has advanced. The original project had listed the project from MN State Line to STH 53, however the actual project listing should have been MN State Line to Barnes Road. Additionally, the project was scheduled for CY 2022 and the project has now advanced for construction in 2021.

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Douglas County 113-21-003 Amended in March 2021	CTH C MN State Line to Barnes Road Construction	PE ROW CONST	\$3,722		\$931	\$4,653
	8758-00-72	TOTAL	\$3,722		\$931	\$4,653

TIP AMENDMENT #12

WisDOT has requested a new project be added to the TIP to include transit services to an upcoming CY 2021 project. WisDOT will be rehabilitating USH 2/53 from 29th Ave E to 53rd Ave E in CY 2021. Funding totaling \$225,000 will be provided to the Duluth Transit Authority for assisting in mitigation efforts for transit route assistance during reconstruction efforts.

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-21-018 Amended to TIP in March 2021	USH2/USH 53 29 th Ave E – 53 rd Ave E Transit Mitigation	PE ROW CONST		\$255		\$255
	1198-03-79	TOTAL		\$255		\$255

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

PROPOSED FY 2025 DULUTH AREA TIP PROJECT REVIEW FOR APPROVAL

The MIC received two (2) project application proposals for FY 2025 federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding. An overview of the projects and public comments received will be presented at the March TAC and MIC meetings for approval. The projects that are approved will then be forwarded to the Northeast MN Area Transportation Partnership (NEMNATP) for funding consideration.



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Proposed FY 2025 Roadway Projects for STBG federal funding in the Duluth Area included in the project are in the following table:

Agency	Description	Project Length (in miles)	Federal \$	State \$	Other \$	Total \$
Duluth	Canal Park Area Reconditioning Project Concrete pavement repairs Lake Ave – Railroad St to Lift Bridge Buchanan St – Lake Ave to Canal Park Dr Canal Park Dr – Buchanan St to cul-de-sac..	1.05	1,480,000	720,000 Municipal State Aid	400,000 Local, Street Sales Tax	2,600,000
St Louis County	Woodland Ave Resurface – from Snively Rd (CSAH 37) to Anoka St. Mill and overlay with curb and gutter replacement. This project is to be constructed in 2023, with payback of federal funds in 2025.	1.4	1,480,000	--	520,000	2,000,000
TOTAL		5.43	2,960,000	720,000	920,000	4,600,000

If you have any questions please contact James Gittemeier, jgittemeier@ardc.org