



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 1:30 pm
VIRTUAL MS TEAMS MEETING NOTICE

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Guest Speaker: Highway 61 Revisited

Jordan van der Hagen, Duluth Waterfront Collective

Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 8.17.21 (for Approval)

Items for Approval w/Opportunity for Public Comment

- 2021 Public Involvement Plan Update (PIP) – Release for 45 day Public Comment Period

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Project Updates

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

If you are NOT able to attend, or expect to arrive late to the meeting, **please contact Barb Peterson at bpeterson@ardc.org or 218-461-2666** to ensure a quorum will be present for voting items on the agenda.

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Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 17th, 2021, 1:30 pm

VIRTUAL MS TEAMS MEETING NOTICE

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	<i>5 min</i>
2. GUEST SPEAKER: HIGHWAY 61 REVISITED JORDAN VAN DER HAYDEN, DULUTH WATERFRONT COLLECTIVE	<i>45 min</i>
3. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEETING SUMMARY 8.17.21 (<i>for approval</i>) • 2021PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE <i>Release for 45 day Public Comment Period , Rondi Watson</i> 	<i>5 min</i>
4. ROUND TABLE	<i>5 min</i>
*** Opportunity for Public Comment***	<i>5 min</i>

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

TBD

1:30 pm



1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. GUEST SPEAKER: HIGHWAY 61 REVISITED

JORDAN VAN DER HAGEN, DULUTH WATERFRONT COLLECTIVE

In the past year, the idea of converting the Downtown Duluth segment of I-35, to a single higher-volume, lower-speed parkway known as the “Highway 61 Revisited Project”, has been widely discussed and in August endorsed by the Duluth City Council. While projects, studies, and plans focused on improving the connections between Downtown Duluth and the Canal Park/DECC/Bayfront area have been undertaken for decades, including two more recent studies by the MIC, the Downtown Duluth Modal Connections Study in 2009 and the I-35/Bayfront Area Traffic Modeling and Special Event Traffic Control Plan in 2019, this idea of removing the Interstate in the downtown area altogether is new and therefore, will require much more study. Currently, the idea is in the first steps of consideration and moving forward a more clearly defined planning process will need to be identified.

The group behind this idea is the Duluth Waterfront Collective. This is a grassroots group of Duluth-based designers and community members. The founder of the Duluth Waterfront Collective, Jordan van der Hagen, will be presenting this Highway 61 Revisited Project to the TAC and MIC Policy Board. Jordan has degrees in both Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design and is currently working in Duluth. He is an Emerging City Champions which is led by 8 80 Cities and funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Knight Foundation’s work is national in scope, but it has a special focus on 26 communities across the United States where the Knight brothers once published newspapers, including the Duluth News Tribune.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 8.17.21**
- **2021 Public Involvement Plan Update (PIP) – Release for 45 day Public Comment Period**
The MIC’s Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which identifies steps and strategies for public engagement at each phase of the planning process, was last updated in 2018. The PIP again requires a full review and update by the end of this year to ensure compliance with the federal FAST Act.

Because our Public Involvement Plan itself needs public involvement, at this month’s meeting I will be asking for a motion to approve the start of the mandatory 45-day comment period, effective October 1.

I will present more information about this plan and the 2021 update at the October TAC and MIC meetings. *Rondi Watson*