



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

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

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

TBD

1:30 pm



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* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. GUEST SPEAKER: HIGHWAY 61 REVISITED

JORDAN VAN DER HAGEN, DULUTH WATERFRONT COLLECTIVE

Jordan van der Hagen, founder of the Duluth Waterfront Collective, will be presenting the "Highway 61 Revisited" project to the MIC Policy Board at the September meeting.

In the past year, the idea of converting the Downtown Duluth segment of I-35, to a parkway known as the "Highway 61 Revisited Project", has been widely discussed and, in August, was [endorsed by the Duluth City Council](#). Over the last few decades, projects, studies, and plans have focused on a variety of ways to improve the connections between Downtown Duluth and the Canal Park/DECC/Bayfront area, including two 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. However, this idea of removing the Interstate in the downtown area altogether is new and therefore, will require more study. Currently, the proposed concept by the Duluth Waterfront Collective is in the early stages of consideration and a much more clearly defined planning process will need to be identified to move forward.

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, has degrees in both Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design and is currently working in Duluth. He has been recognized as an [Emerging City Champion](#) by 8-80 Cities, 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.

We hope you will be able to attend the presentation at the MIC Policy Board meeting, and participate with your comments and questions.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 8.25.21**
- **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*