



January 19th, 2021 Meeting

Meeting Summary

* = Approval Item

Note Taker	Barb Peterson	
	Members Present	
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Warren Bender	Superior Common Council
MN Co-Chair	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Pete Clark	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Adam Fulton	City of Duluth
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Nick Ledin	Superior City Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Tom Szukis	DTA
	Jenny VanSickle	Superior City Council
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
	Members Absent	
	Ashley Grimm	St. Louis County
	Janet Kennedy	Duluth City Council
Others Present		Others Present
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT Dist 1
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	City of Duluth
	Duane Hill	MnDOT Dist 1
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist
	Rondi Watson	MIC Planning Communications Coordinator
Libby Bent	Dale Bergeron	Patrick Colvin; Andrea Crouse - Zeitgiest
Tom Hollenhurst;	Jeffrey Klein	Senator Jennifer McEwen
Justin Peck	David Peterson-Bolton Menk; David Roise; Chris Rourke;	
Heidi Shellenberger	David Roise; Jodi Slick;	Jordan VanDerHagen; Angus Vaughan
Forrest Vodden;	Skip Williams	Jenna Yeakle
Call in: 715.558.4544		



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1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

Nick Baker, WI Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. He then asked for roll call attendance be taken.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 12.8.21**

Nick then asked if there were any questions or changes to the December meeting summary; hearing none he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Earl Elde/Warren Bender moved to approve the 12.8.21 meeting summary. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **MIC Director's Report**

Ron Chicka briefly reviewed the 2 items included in the meeting materials. WI highway 105 project between Tower Ave and the MN/WI state line tentatively set for 2025 and the Tower Ave Study the City is concluding (via AECOM) of a safety and operational plan for Tower between Belknap and 21st Street.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Casey stated that they would like to wait to make comment until after the I-35 presentation.

3. 2022-2025 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1-3

In Sheldon Johnson's absence Ron Chicka described the 3 amendments being proposing to the 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP.

Amendment #1 and 2 are for the voucher program and a mobility manager for the North Country Independent Living Center. Amendment #3 covers the replacement of a side-load minivan for Senior Connections. The details can be found at the end of this summary.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Warren Bender moved to approve Amendments #1-3 to the 2022-2025 Superior Area TIP. A roll call vote was taken. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. CENTRAL ENTRANCE VISION PLAN

Ron Chicka provided a brief overview of what the plan covers. This plan is just the start of the upcoming reconstruction set for 2026 of Central Entrance. There will be much consideration of the concepts presented in this plan. There will be many public/steering committee meetings looking for input on these concepts. The plan can be found on the MIC website:

dsmic.org/study/centralentrance/



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Tom Hollenhourst asked if there are any issues with Miller Creek?

Broc Allen asked if there were any 4 lane portions.

Ron addressed both questions with the fact that this is a vision document with several options being considered for each of the 5 sections. Many things will be considered by the consultant and a steering committee working towards a design.

Skip Williams stated that he was impressed with the MIC and this plan will provide conversations in the future. This is not a design plan.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Adam Fulton moved to approval the Central Entrance Vision Plan. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. 2022 MN PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Rondi Watson briefly reviewed the targets that were set. The MIC has the option to either adopt the PM targets that MnDOT has adopted or develop and adopt our own. We have chosen to adopt the MnDOT targets since it is cost prohibitive to develop our own. Please see the table included in the meeting materials and found in the attachments at the end of this summary.

With no questions or discussion a motion was requested.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Ed Anderson moved to adopt the MnDOT Safety performance measures. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. I-35 CORRIDOR VISION – SCOPE OF WORK

Ron Chicka and Bryan Anderson team up to discuss the primary elements to be studied in this plan as it moves to the Request For Proposals (RFP) stage. Key study objectives are to examine numerous operational needs of the facility for all users including current and future safety needs of the freight community. The MIC and MnDOT will keep in mind and consider the ideas put forward in the Duluth Waterfront Collective visioning work that would seek to potentially show an altered “footprint” of the Interstate that is more multimodal in function and allows a more fluid flow of people between the downtown area and Canal Park. The scope includes a communications/engagement component that will draw from many local interest groups to gather input on problems and solutions. Overall, we will seek to identify needs in the short term that makes the corridor viable and safe while also looking ahead to the future as to how the corridor may function better and more equitable for all.

There were numerous members of the public who all asked that the “parkway” concept/vision developed by the Duluth Waterfront Collective and presented by Jordan VanDerHagen at the September meetings and was approved by the Duluth City Council.



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As Ron and Bryan closed out their presentation they noted that there would be substantial steering committee participation which will include many local interest groups to address the problems as well as possible solutions as this study/project progresses.

7. ROUND TABLE

8. PROJECT UPDATES (SEE MEETING MATERIALS FOR DETAILS)

- *2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #1-6*
- *2026 Duluth Area TIP Project Applications*

9. ADJOURN: Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm



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Attachments:

PROPOSED 2022-2025
SUPERIOR URBANIZED AREA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENTS

TIP Project Amendments

TIP AMENDMENT #1

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to continue their transportation vouchers program to eligible clients throughout (eight county area including; Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn) northern Wisconsin. The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022.

2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-22-007 Amended to TIP in January 2022	Funding of a Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 8 NW Counties.	Voucher Program	127,813		127,813	255,626
		TOTAL	127,813		127,813	255,626

TIP AMENDMENT #2

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to operate a mobility management program funding staff members who coordinate rides for the region's population seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers. Federal funds for this project are made available



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2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living	Funding a mobility manager within NCIL	Mobility Manager	27,654		6,914	34,568
113-22-008						
Amended to TIP in January 2022		TOTAL	27,654		6,914	34,568

TIP AMENDMENT #3

This project enables Senior Connections to replace a current vehicle with a new Minivan, Side-load equipped. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT.

2022 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Senior Connections, Inc.	1 - Minivan Replacement Vehicle	Vehicle	35,200		8,800	44,000
113-22-009	Purchase Side-Load Accessible	Purchase				
Amended to TIP in January 2022		TOTAL	35,200		8,800	44,000

Safety Performance Measure Table:

In accordance with federal law, each MPO must adopt at least five safety performance measure targets by a given deadline. The MPO has the option to either adopt and use safety performance measure targets adopted by the state or to develop their own targets. The MIC is again proposing to adopt the safety targets adopted by MnDOT for 2022; see table below.



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MnDOT statewide safety performance targets submitted to the FHWA

Safety Performance Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatalities	375.0	372.0	375.4	352.4	395.2
Fatality rate (per 100 million VMT)	0.620	0.620	0.626	0.582	0.613
Serious injuries	1,935.0	1,711.0	1,714.2	1,579.8	1,463.4
Serious injury rate (per 100 million VMT)	3.190	2.850	2.854	2.606	2.470
Non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries	348.0	267.5	317.0	281.2	258.4

2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #4-9

Administrative Modification #4

Lakewalk Drainage System Improvement Project (SP (# 6982-324))

MnDOT requested a change to drop project # 6982-324 from FY22 and move it to FY23. The project needs more time for R/W and permitting with the city of Duluth. Cost and scope remain the same. This project change is detailed in the following table.

1/11/2022	State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
Original	6982-324	MnDOT	I-35	0	Drainage Rehab	I-35 IN DULUTH 0.2 MI. N. JCT LAKE AVE. REPAIR DRAINAGE SYSTEM UNDER LAKEWALK TO OUTLET AT LAKE SUPERIOR.	SF	\$ -	\$1,200,000	\$ -	\$1,200,000	2022
Modification 4	6982-324	MnDOT	I-35	0	Drainage Rehab	I-35 IN DULUTH 0.2 MI. N. JCT LAKE AVE. REPAIR DRAINAGE SYSTEM UNDER LAKEWALK TO OUTLET AT LAKE SUPERIOR.	SF	\$ -	\$1,200,000	\$ -	\$1,200,000	2023

Administrative Modifications #5 & 6

US 53/Hwy 194 Intersection Improvements and MN 194 Roundabout/Resurface (SP #6916-113N and #6932-14)

MnDOT requested changes to the cost of projects 6916-113N and 6932-14 and the addition of an associated project 069-613-044 to project 6932-14.

These projects are tied with the same letting. 6916-113N (NHPP funded) has a cost increase due to unforeseen contaminated material. The City of Hermantown added local funds. The HSIP part of project 6916-113 is unchanged. The required federal funds for the increase are coming from 6932-14 due to its updated final design estimate which has a lower cost. There is no scope change for either project. These project changes are detailed in the following table.



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Original	6916-113N	MnDOT	US 53/MN 194/Lindah Rd	0.4	Intersection Improvements	US 53 CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION JCT US53/MN194/LINDAHL RD(TIED TO 6932-14)	NHPP	\$ 920,000	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 1,150,000	2022
Modification 5	6916-113N	MnDOT	US 53/MN 194/Lindah Rd	0.4	Intersection Improvements	US 53 CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION JCT US53/MN194/LINDAHL RD(TIED TO 6932-14)	NHPP	\$ 1,374,880	\$ 343,720	\$ 31,400	\$ 1,750,000	2022
Original	6932-14	MnDOT	MN 194	7.4	Roundabout/Resurface	MN 194 - REPAVE FROM HWY 2 TO HWY 53 AND CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT AT CSAH 13/MIDWAY RD. (TIED TO 6916-113)	STBGP	\$ 3,680,000	\$ 920,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 5,700,000	2022
Modification 6	6932-14	MnDOT	MN 194	7.4	Roundabout/Resurface	MN 194 - REPAVE FROM HWY 2 TO HWY 53 AND CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT AT CSAH 13/MIDWAY RD. (TIED TO 6916-113) (ASSOC. 069-613-044)	STBGP	\$ 2,240,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 3,900,000	2022

Administrative Modifications #7, 8 & 9

Woodland Av Resurfacing (SP #069-609-047) and Arrowhead Rd Resurfacing (SP #118-160-024) and Jean Duluth Rd/Snively Rd/Glenwood St Roundabout (SP # 069-637-025)

St. Louis County requested changes to increase the cost of project #069-609-047 and to change its description, to decrease the cost of project 118-160-024, and to change the description for project # 069-637-025.

Administrative Modifications #7 and #8 move the federal funding from project # 118-160-024 to project # 069-609-047. Modification #7 further changes project # 069-637-025 from “associated” to “tied” in the project description and also adds associated projects #069-637-026 and #118-157-023. Modification #9 changes project # 069-609-047 from “associated” to “tied” in the project description and also adds associated projects #118-162-016 and #118-163-004. The total amount of federal funds is unchanged. These project changes are detailed in the following table.

1/11/2022	State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
Original	069-609-047	St. Louis County	CSAH 9	1.56	Resurface	IN DULUTH, WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) RESURFACE ROAD FROM SNIVELY RD TO ARROWHEAD RD & SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) RESURFACE FROM WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) TO GLENWOOD ST. SIGNALS, TURN LANES (ASSOC 069-637-025, 118-160-024)	STBGP	\$ 886,250	\$ -	\$828,750	\$1,715,000	2022
Modification 7	069-609-047	St. Louis County	CSAH 9	1.56	Resurface	IN DULUTH, WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) RESURFACE ROAD FROM SNIVELY RD TO ARROWHEAD RD & SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) RESURFACE FROM WOODLAND AVE (CSAH 9) TO GLENWOOD ST. SIGNALS, TURN LANES (ASSOC. 069-637-026, 118-157-023, 118-160-024) (TIED 069-637-025)	STBGP	\$1,479,538	\$ -	\$828,750	\$2,308,288	2022
Original	118-160-024	St. Louis County/Duluth	MSAS 160 Arrowhead Rd	1.31	Resurface	IN DULUTH, ARROWHEAD RD FROM DODGE AVE TO WOODLAND AVE, RESURFACE, PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (ASSOC 069-609-047, 069-637-025)	STBGP	\$ 593,288	\$ -	\$331,712	\$ 925,000	2022
Modification 8	118-160-024	St. Louis County/Duluth	MSAS 160 Arrowhead Rd	1.31	Resurface	IN DULUTH, ARROWHEAD RD FROM DODGE AVE TO WOODLAND AVE, RESURFACE, PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (ASSOC 069-609-047, 069-637-025)	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$331,712	\$ 331,712	2022
Original	069-637-025	St. Louis County	CSAH 37	0.01	Roundabout	IN DULUTH, CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT, JCT JEAN DULUTH RD (CSAH 37), SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) & GLENWOOD ST (ASSOC 069-609-047, 118-160-024)	STBGP	\$1,200,462	\$ -	\$647,114	\$1,847,576	2022
Modification 9	069-637-025	St. Louis County	CSAH 37	0.01	Roundabout	IN DULUTH, CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT, JCT JEAN DULUTH RD (CSAH 37), SNIVELY RD (CSAH 37) & GLENWOOD ST (ASSOC. 118-162-016, 118-163-004, 118-160-024) (TIED 069-609-047)	STBGP	\$1,200,462	\$ -	\$647,114	\$1,847,576	2022