



Improvin' Movin' in the Arrowhead

Winter 2010-2011

"Working to guide transportation decisions in Northeast Minnesota"

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Next RTAC Meeting

The next RTAC meeting will be on January 24 in the Mn/DOT Conference Room at 1123 Mesaba Ave., Duluth. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 AM, immediately following the ATP Steering Committee meeting. The RTAC meeting will begin at 12:00 PM.

Agenda items will include

- Current RTAC projects report
- FY 2015 Enhancements Preview
- Transit Coordination Plan Update



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12:00 PM on January 24 in the Mn/DOT Conference Room-Duluth

RTAC In-Kind Grant Projects

Three RTAC in-kind projects for 2010-2011 are underway. ARDC staff are working on the following.

➤ *Hibbing Area Transit*

ARDC is beginning work on the Hibbing Transit Plan. The Hibbing Transit Plan will investigate ways to coordinate with other transportation providers, for example, Arrowhead Transit or other means of transportation to bring riders into the Hibbing service area. This plan will look at several modes of transportation including city buses, regional buses, and possible cooperation with automobile transportation and bicycle and pedestrian interests.

➤ *International Falls Bike and Pedestrian Plan*

ARDC is developing a work plan summary and timeline for the City of International Falls Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. It will provide a detailed understanding of the planning process and will assist the City in determining a final work plan and product for their project. The first meeting is expected to be held in the latter part of January and will cover the vision, goals and work plan.

➤ *Babbitt Comprehensive Plan (Transportation Component)*

ARDC has begun working with the City of Babbitt on updating their Comprehensive Plan. Background research and mapping have begun. ARDC is working on updating the plan and adding a transportation component to the plan. The planning process is expected to take eight months with a completion date in June 2011.

FY 2015 Enhancement Projects

ARDC received 13 applications for FY 2015 Enhancements funding, requesting approximately \$5 million. The Enhancement Task Force will meet in early February and rank the applications. There is \$1.5 million available for projects.. The applications received are as follows:

- Grand Rapids Mississippi Riverfront Pedestrian Bridge
- Helmet Hero Bicycle Education
- Koochiching County Bike Trail, Second Creek to Ranier
- Mesabi Trail Segment, Embarrass to Tower
- Mesabi Trail Segment, Soudan to Ely
- Enhancing the Mesabi and Itasca Trail System
- Big Falls Streetscape
- Lakewalk East Extension Phase VI
- Cross City Trail Phase IV
- Cuyuna Lake State Trail – Aitkin Phase II
- Mountain Iron Bicycle and Pedestrian Connection
- Soo Line Steam Locomotive #2719
- Grand Portage Trails Project Phase II and III

Transit Coordination Plan Update

ARDC will be updating the Human Service Coordination Transit Plan in 2011. The plan was originally completed in 2005 and is in need of an update. The purpose of this plan is to create a comprehensive road map to help state and community leaders and agencies involved in human service transportation and public transit services along with their stakeholders, result in cooperation and coordination programs and action plans for putting coordinated services in place. Key elements of the plan include:

- o An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and persons with limited incomes;
- o An inventory of available services that identifies areas of redundant service and gaps in service;
- o Strategies to address the identified gaps in service;
- o Identification of coordination actions to eliminate or reduce duplication in services and strategies for more efficient utilization of resources; and prioritization of implementation strategies.



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