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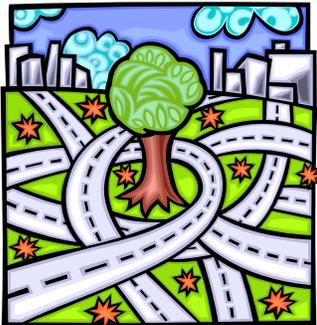
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Next RTAC Meeting

The next RTAC meeting will be on June 24 at the International Wolf Center in Ely. The meeting will be at 10 AM with lunch provided. A self-guided tour is available.

Agenda items will include

- Review and ranking of RTAC In-kind Grant applications.
- Election of Vice President



Next MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:

10 AM on June 24, 2010 at the International Wolf Center, Ely

In-Kind Grant Applications

The RTAC received four in-kind grant applications for FY 2011 consideration: The Babbitt City Comprehensive Plan, Floodwood Depot Rest Area Impact Project, Hibbing Area Transit Operations Study, International Falls Sidewalk Inventory and Design Walkability Project. These project applications will be discussed and scored at the June 24th meeting.

➤ Babbitt City Comprehensive Plan

The City of Babbitt is seeking assistance in preparing a comprehensive plan which will address current conditions and future changes brought about by the major industrial projects being built or in planning in the region within the next few years.

➤ Floodwood Depot Rest Area Impact Project

With reductions in funding, the City of Floodwood is looking for assistance in determining the impact that the Depot Rest Area has on their community and economy. They will use the information to determine if a plan can be developed for sustaining the site, or if it will need to be closed.

➤ Hibbing Area Transit Operations Study

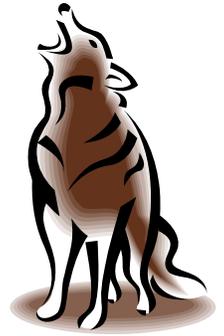
The study would look at how the City of Hibbing can expand its current transportation service to meet the needs of all its residents. The information provided in the study would assist the City in developing a transit plan that would be fully-functioning by 2012.

➤ Sidewalk Inventory and Design Walkability (SIDW) Project

The City of International Falls would like assistance in planning and evaluating their city sidewalks for the purpose of safety, improved mobility, accessibility to businesses, increased usage of recreational areas within the City.

International Wolf Center, Ely

Opened in 1993, the International Wolf Center has become a destination for many travelers to northern Minnesota. The Center immediately welcomes you into the world of wolves with its unique design – triangular windows placed to look like wolf eyes and ears. The highlight of a visit includes being “up close” to the wolves. A wall of windows allows visitors to see them (and they to see you!) in their 1.25 acre enclosure. Daily presentations by staff delve into various aspects of living with wolves, periodically with impromptu performances from the wolves themselves. The Center strives to provide understanding of the wolf and its role in our world through exhibits, educational programs and continuing scientific research.



In-Kind Project Updates

➤ **Mountain Iron SRTS & Trails Plan**

The trails portion of this project is nearing completion. The Steering Committee has decided upon three focus areas: 1) connecting the city through trails and sidewalks by mapping out routes and connections, and identifying improvements to sidewalks; 2) start a pilot walk/bike to school program; and 3) bring bike and pedestrian training to the schools.



➤ **Moose Lake SRTS Community Assessment**

The survey data has been recorded and is being analyzed; the requested maps have been prepared. An initial observation and recommendations list has been compiled. In April, the third graders received bike education and bike helmets (compliments of the HelmetHero Program).



➤ **Big Falls Trails Plan**

As part of the development of the proposed bicycle and pedestrian network, an inventory of roadways, sidewalks, and trails inside the study area has been completed. Recommendations for facilities presented along with cost estimates and possible funding sources. Additionally there was a review of policies, practices and programs that would benefit bicyclists and pedestrians.

➤ **Highway 169 Completion Coalition**

This project has been completed and no further action is taking place.



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