



## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 9:30 A.M.**

**Lakewood Town Hall  
3110 Strand Rd  
Duluth, Minnesota**

**STEVE RAUKAR, Chair  
Seventh District**

**FRANK JEWELL, Vice-Chair  
First District**

**PATRICK BOYLE  
Second District**

**CHRIS DAHLBERG  
Third District**

**TOM RUKAVINA  
Fourth District**

**PETE STAUBER  
Fifth District**

**KEITH NELSON  
Sixth District**

County Auditor  
Donald Dicklich

County Administrator  
Kevin Gray

County Attorney  
Mark Rubin

Clerk of the Board  
Phil Chapman

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, you will be allowed to address the Board when a motion is on the floor. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

When addressing the Board, please sign in at the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please address the Board as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

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9:30 A.M.      Moment of Silence  
                    Pledge of Allegiance  
                    Roll Call

*“Words of Wisdom” – Commissioner Pete Stauber, Fifth District*

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE BOARD AGENDA OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA, CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Stauber, Chair**

1. Support for MnDOT’s planned United States Bicycle Route 41 which will connect St. Paul to Grand Portage State Park by way of Duluth. {16-446} [**Without recommendation.**]

**ADJOURNED:**

# **BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 446**

## **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 2**

### **OCTOBER 11, 2016 BOARD AGENDA NO. 1**

**DATE:** October 4, 2016                      **RE:** Resolution of Support to  
Develop and Implement U.S.  
Bicycle Route 41

**FROM:** Kevin Z. Gray  
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi  
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

#### **RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:**

To provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

The St. Louis County Board has been requested by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to pass a resolution supporting United States Bicycle Route 41 which MnDOT will use to support the route application to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, presently contributing approximately \$47 billion a year nationally to the economies of communities that provide facilities for this recreational activity. AASHTO has designated a corridor connecting St. Paul, to Grand Portage State Park, through Duluth. MnDOT, in cooperation with road and trail authorities, has proposed a specific route to be designated as United States Bicycle Route 41, a map of which is attached.

The route will travel through St. Louis County along the shoulder of Scenic Highway 61, however, the county will incur no cost for the route or signage. MnDOT has convened several public open houses and offered online public comment opportunities throughout the corridor to gather information and review route alternatives. They will continue to maintain statewide mapping and information regarding this bicycle route convene meetings and facilitate resolving issues and future alignment revisions within the state.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board pass a resolution for support of United States Bicycle Route 41 through St. Louis County and authorize the resolution to be included in the application to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials for the route.

**A Resolution of St. Louis County  
Stating its Support to Develop and Implement U.S. Bicycle Route 41**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, presently contributing approximately \$47 billion a year nationally to the economies of communities that provide facilities for this recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor connecting St. Paul, to Grand Portage State Park, through Duluth, to be developed as United States Bicycle Route 41; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has convened several public open houses and offered online public comment opportunities throughout the corridor to gather information and review route alternatives; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT, in cooperation with road and trail authorities, has proposed a specific route to be designated as United States Bicycle Route 41, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, The proposed United States Bicycle Route 41 traverses through St. Louis County and is expected to provide a benefit to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT will continue to maintain statewide mapping and information regarding United States Bicycle Route 41, convene meetings and facilitate resolving issues and future alignment revisions within the state; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has duly considered said proposed route and determined it to be a suitable route through the county and desires that the route be formally designated so that it can be appropriately mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism locally and throughout Minnesota along the corridor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of United States Bicycle Route 41 to the extent that the designation does not obligate the county to future expenditures as a result of the designation and requests that the appropriate government officials take action to officially designate the route accordingly as soon as possible;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board urges MnDOT, AASHTO and the Federal Highway Administration to seek and/or support the creation of funding sources or programs specific to designated United States Bicycle Routes for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing and maintaining those routes.



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**South Duluth Area**

- USBR 41 Route on City Roads
- USBR 41 Route on City Trails
- USBR 41 Route on Other Jurisdiction Facilities
- City of Duluth



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**North Duluth Area**

- USBR 41 Route on City Roads
- USBR 41 Route on City Trails
- USBR 41 Route on Other Jurisdiction Facilities
- City of Duluth

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W Knife River Rd

Stanley Rd

Hegberg Rd

E Pioneer Rd

Korkki Rd

Holmstead Rd

Lake Co

Hawkhill Rd

Ryan Rd

Berquist Rd

Shilhon Rd

Shilhon Rd

St. Louis Co



Scenic Dr

13th Ave

Lismore Rd

12th Ave

CR-290

Roberg Rd

Smith River Rd

Cant Rd

McQuade Rd

Ryan Rd

Old North Shore Rd

Berquist Rd

N Shore Dr

Stoney Point Rd

Lakewood Rd

CR-281

Cant Rd

McQuade Rd

N Shore Dr

Lester River Rd

Evans Rd

McDonnell Rd



CSAH 61

Congdon Blvd

Lake Superior

Strand Rd

Duluth

Brighton Beach Rd

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**St. Louis County**

- USBR 41 Route on County Roads
- USBR 41 Route on Other Jurisdiction Roads
- St. Louis County

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