



**COORDINATING COMMITTEE
of the
Laurentian Vision Partnership**

Meeting XI

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 – 9:00 A.M – 12:00 P.M.
Iron Range Resources
Mining and Reclamation Classroom, Chisholm, MN

Objective

To review the status of major activities and actions decided at the May 20, 2008
Laurentian Vision Partnership Meeting and prepare the agenda for the
September 23, 2008 Laurentian Vision Partnership Quarterly Meeting

Work Group Coordinator Updates	
I. Facilitating Regional Visioning – Jim Plummer	
UPDATE:	ACTION STEPS:
A. East Central Range Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Two formal meetings held to date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last one was held on July 31st • Review of design elements • Mining company and fee owners in attendance • Good representation by key stakeholders • Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sleeping Giant (not to be built) o Highway realignment o Community facilities pit #2 area • Refined plan will be provided to Chris Carlson – Meeting with county on highway realignment options (8-10 years out) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3 million cost estimate • Funding gap exists • Considering two options – New charrette summary prepared by Iron Range Resources for the project – New Biwabik water source was discussed – regional service area could be developed in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status report to be given at the next quarterly LVP meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Jeff Jacobson – Jim Plummer – Dan Jordan • Graphic on highway alignment options will be obtained and shared with members by Jim.
B. Mining 101 – education process (covering from permitting to closure) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Timing of post mining action – Steve Mekkes, lead engineer – MNDNR permitting clarified – Tie to Chris’ – mining engineer training – Executive summary of “Mining 101” could be developed – Day training event/video for future use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Pastika and John Koepke will present the concept at next LVP meeting – we will seek LVP concurrence and take action to plan the event.

<p>C. CIRI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New communications group formed - Land development group formed focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Transportation • Brownfield redevelopment (grant application in process) • Charrette implementation with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hibbing Taconite o US Steel - Mitchell Bridge TH 169 Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MnDOT plans to replace with box culvert instead of underpass originally planned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lory Fedo will be asked to present update • MnDOT preparing a Regional Transportation Plan for northeastern Minnesota <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MnDOT will be asked to attend and introduce at the September meeting
<p>D. Web site use and additions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim to hand out Google Analytics report
<p>II. Delivering Tools and Resources – Marty Vadis/Tim Pastika/Dan Jordan/Jim Plummer</p>	
<p>UPDATE:</p>	<p>ACTION STEPS:</p>
<p>A. Mine mapping and charrette information dissemination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New mine maps developed – 11x 17 size - Need to follow-up on the Outreach Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Range LVP Outreach meetings needed • Prioritize other key groups and schedule/offer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim to distribute new maps at next meeting • Jim will add the new maps to the Web site by September meeting. • New target groups will be contacted.
<p>B. Underground Mapping Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase II funding - \$300,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract in place to begin. Has been funded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Iron Range Resources o MnDOT o Six taconite companies o St. Louis County o MNDNR - Complete by June 30, 2010. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete or John to provide update • Web site – Phase I report/results should be added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access and demo video and/or PDF
<p>C. Laurentian GIS Collaborative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update/September by ARDC.
<p>D. Large Scale Projects Mapping Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New version by Sept. 23rd - Added to Web site with following additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetation Inc. • United Taconite expansion • Nugget – Mesaba Mining expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share new map at the September meeting - Tim
<p>E. Keewatin/Taconite Area Charrette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slowly moving along - On hold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove from agenda
<p>F. LVP Training for Engineers & Mining 101 Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two day event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Koepke to draft course syllabus
<p>III. Targeting Priority Projects – Dan Jordan/Jim Plummer</p>	
<p>A. FY 2009 Budget LVP - \$250,000 proposed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovation grants \$150,000 - Operating \$100,000 - Reclamation grants \$650,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hiti will present information on FY09 LVP budget in September • Update on FY Reclamation Grants by Dan Jordan
<p>B. Bricks & Mortar Projects that leverage other resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Estimate \$750,000 for Mineland reclamation & LVP (Innovation grants) 	
<p>C. Pilot Innovation Project with mining companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Targets – Canesto Pit rail alignment - Five year stockpile opportunity assessment (Tim & John) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetation spin-offs 	

D. Regional Teams identified (5), add East Central Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Regional Team will be placed on the agenda for an update.
E. Topics (30 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> PolyMet Update (30 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Scipioni LaTisha Gietzen Mesabi Nugget Update – Steve Rutherford (15-20 minutes) MnDOT Update (30 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Transportation Plan Northeast Minnesota Wetland Task Force Update Mitchell Bridge (15-20)
F. Mining 101 Primer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tie to outreach and Bricks & Mortar Planned education event Tie to LVP Engineers training 	
G. Presentations/Agenda Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget/Bricks/Mortar Tools & Resources Regional groups Jim outreach RRI

Proposed Agenda Items for September 23, 2008
LVP Partnership Meeting

TOPIC:

- PolyMet project overview and update
- Mesabi Nugget project update
- Regional Transportation Planning and Mitchell Bridge Project – MnDot
- Range Readiness Initiative (RRI) update
- Other?

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