

**RESOLUTION 19-13**  
**OF THE**  
**DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL**

Adopting the 2020-2045 Update of its Long Range Transportation Plan,  
*Sustainable Choices 2045*

**WHEREAS**, Duluth-Superior metropolitan citizens require a safe and efficient transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility, conserves resources and contributes to improving the quality of life in the Duluth-Superior area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) was created by the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) as the urban transportation planning and policy body and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Interstate Council, being the designated MPO for the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area within St. Louis and Douglas County, has established a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to metropolitan transportation interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the MIC performs the above activities to satisfy the Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements of 23 U.S.C. Section 134 and 49 U.S.C. Section 5303, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended, the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the Clean Air Act of 1970 (CAA) as amended 1990 (CAAA); and

**WHEREAS**, *Sustainable Choices 2045* is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with long range metropolitan transportation goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form this 2020-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, *Sustainable Choices 2045* is fiscally constrained; and

**WHEREAS**, *Sustainable Choices 2045* was developed by its advisory committee, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the MIC Policy Board, in coordination and cooperation with locally elected officials and appointed highway and transit officials;

special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit and representatives of traditionally underserved communities; Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation (MnDOT, WisDOT); U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

**WHEREAS**, advisory committee and public comment was solicited and regular opportunities for participation and input from a broad range of transportation stakeholders were provided regarding the transportation goals and objectives, priorities, recommendations and projects contained in this plan; and

**WHEREAS**, comments were received, responded to, and incorporated where feasible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby adopts the 2020-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan *Sustainable Choices 2045*.

Duly adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019:



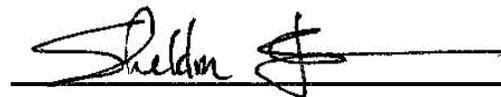
MIC Policy Board Chair



Duluth-Superior MIC Policy Board Officer



MIC Director



MIC Deputy Director

October 16, 2019

Date