

# TIP Process Revisions

## *Status Update*



Long Range Transportation Plan Implementation Team Meeting  
TAC & MIC Board  
September 15 & 16, 2020



# Sustainable Choices 2045



## Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan



The TIP and the Long-Range Transportation Plan are integrally linked - and tied to the MIC Work Program.

# Why TIP Process Changes are Needed

Must include federally required performance measures & targets

Tie more directly to the LRTP goals & objectives

There is less funding than in the past

Better incorporate comments & input received

# What has been done to date?

This is the third meeting of the LRTP Implementation Team

One meeting of the LRTP IT Work Group

Numerous drafts of summary documents, applications, and forms

Middle-ground revised TIP Process agreed to

# 3-Option Process

Projects Applying for STBG Funding

Projects Requesting Inclusion into the TIP

Projects Not Included in the TIP that Demonstrate Progress Towards  
Implementation of LRTP Goals

# Projects Applying for STBG Funding

1. All projects applying for STBG funding are to complete the “**Duluth Area TIP Project STBG Application Form**”.
2. All jurisdictions eligible for federal transportation funding shall **participate in a pre-application meeting with MIC staff** to discuss and identify which project(s) are best suited for applying for the STBG funding for that year.
3. Timeline:
  - October – Pre-application Jurisdictional Meeting
  - December – Project applications due
  - February – MIC approves projects
  - April – Draft TIP is released with 30-day public comment period
  - June – Final TIP is presented for approval
4. When the project is completed, the jurisdiction completes a status report form verifying which modes, LRTP goals and objectives, and performance measures and TAM targets were achieved in the project.

# Projects Requesting Inclusion into the TIP

1. All projects requesting to be included in the TIP are to complete the “**Duluth Area TIP Inclusion Request Form**”. In lieu of completing the requested narrative in the form, the jurisdiction may instead submit the equivalent narrative from a funding application they have already submitted for the project.
2. Timeline: The completed form must be **submitted to the MIC a minimum of one (1) month prior to the requested approval** of that project by the MIC Policy Board.
3. When the project is completed, the jurisdiction completes a status report form verifying which modes, LRTP goals and objectives, and performance measures and TAM targets were achieved in the project.

# Projects Not Included in the TIP that Demonstrate Progress Towards Implementation of LRTP Goals

1. All projects that are not included in the TIP are to complete the “**Duluth Area Non-TIP Project Form**”. In lieu of completing the requested narrative in the form, the jurisdiction may instead submit the equivalent narrative from a funding application they have already submitted for the project.
2. Timeline: The completed form must be **submitted to the MIC at the time of construction** of the project.
3. When the project is completed, the jurisdiction completes a status report form verifying which modes, LRTP goals and objectives, and performance measures and TAM targets were achieved in the project.

# Common to Each Option

Provide basic project overview information

Check mode(s) included in and/or enhanced by the project

Check specific work associated with the project by mode

Check each LRTP objective the project will help accomplish

Check each performance measure & TAM target the project will help achieve

Provide detailed narrative explaining how the project will help meet LRTP goals

# Moving Forward

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# Next Steps

Final discussion with DTA

Finalize application & forms

Share with & request approval of the MIC Policy Board (October)

Start implementing for the next TIP cycle

Comments? Questions?



## Sustainable Choices 2045



Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan



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# Why TIP Process Changes are Needed

**Must include federally required performance measures & targets**

PM 1 – Safety

PM 2 – Infrastructure

PM 3 – NHS System Performance

TAM – Transit Asset Management

3 or more specific targets for each

# Why TIP Process Changes are Needed

## Tie more directly to the LRTP goals & objectives

- More directly & specifically incorporate the updated LRTP to better ensure its goals & objectives are implemented
- *Sustainable Choices 2045* differs from past LRTPs – more holistic, focused on sustainability, and has goals & objectives centered around 5 integrated central planning perspectives
- Help TIP be a better tool for achieving both short and long-range goals & objectives of *Sustainable Choices 2045*

# Why TIP Process Changes are Needed

There is less funding than in the past

- TIP funding has dropped to the point there is often no competition
- We will consider ways to ensure any project being awarded TIP funding is directly helping to implement goals & objectives of *Sustainable Choices 2045* in an integrated manner

# Why TIP Process Changes are Needed

## Better incorporate comments & input received

- MIC received hundreds of valuable comments during development of *Sustainable Choices 2045*
- We will consider if there are ways to incorporate these comments within the TIP application & scoring process to help implement the goals & objectives of *Sustainable Choices 2045*