Duluth Area TIP Inclusion Request Form

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

I Instructions

Intro
Welcome to the Project Inclusion Request Form for the Duluth Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). If you are requesting a new project be included in the Duluth Area TIP, you must submit a TIP Inclusion Request form.

Eligibility:

Only eligible jurisdictions may apply. An eligible jurisdiction is a state agency, county, transit authority, regional rail authority, tribal government, or city with a population over 5000 that is within the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) planning area (see the map). Cities and townships with a population under 5000 people may submit projects but need to be sponsored by an eligible jurisdiction.

Evaluation Process:

The MIC will evaluate each application for required consistency with the regional goals, objectives and associated project lists in the MIC's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The current LRTP is *Sustainable Choices 2045*. The project shall follow the basic process outlined below to be considered for inclusion into the TIP.

Basic Process for Requesting Project 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.

II 2025 TIP Inclusion Request Timeline

For non-STBG funded projects to enter the Duluth Area TIP, this form must be completed for each new project and be submitted to the MIC a minimum one (1) month prior to the requested approval by the MIC Policy Board.

III Project Overview

Project name:

Lead Agency:

Contact Information (Name, email, phone number)

Route System # (Interstate, US Hwy, MN Hwy, CSAH, MSA, or Not Applicable-NA):

Location (Jurisdiction; Roadway, Intersection; and/or Trail Name(s); and be as specific as possible about where the work will occur):

Length (in miles), if applicable:

Brief Project Description (up to 200 characters, to be included in TIP):

Proposed Funding Type(s):

Total Project Cost:

Federal Funding Amount:

State Trunk Highway (TH) and/or Bond Amount:

Other and/or Local Funding Amount:

Year to be Constructed:

If Roadway Project, Functional Class:

IV Evaluation Criteria – 2025 MIC Area TIP Inclusion Request Form

Being Multimodal

Which of the following transportation mode(s) are included in and/or enhanced by this project? (select all that apply):

☐	Walking	☐	Freight (Truck, Rail, or Air)
☐	Biking	☐	Maritime (Ship or Barge)
☐	Transit (Bus, Shuttle, Passenger Rail, or Other)	☐	Air
☐	Automobile	☐	Other:

Work to be completed as part of this project:

Select all applicable walking-related work associated with this project:

☐	Crosswalks – Markings or Warning System	☐	Sidewalk Improvements
☐	Curb Ramps	☐	Sidewalk Addition
☐	Signage	☐	Trail/Walking Path Improvements
☐	Lighting	☐	Trail/Walking Path Addition
☐	ADA Improvements	☐	Other:

Select all applicable biking-related work associated with this project:

☐	Crosswalks – Markings or Warning System	☐	Trail/Bike Path Improvements
☐	Curb ramps	☐	Trail/Bike Path Addition
☐	Signage	☐	Bike Lane - Painted
☐	Lighting	☐	Bike Lane - Separated
☐	ADA Improvements	☐	Other:

Select all applicable transit-related work associated with this project:

☐	Bus Route – Improvement or Addition	☐	Transit Technology
☐	New Buses	☐	Dedicated Transit Lane or Drop-off
☐	Transit Facility	☐	Transit Maintenance
☐	Transit Shelter	☐	Transit Signage
☐	Other:		

Select all other applicable work associated with this project:

☐	Concrete Pavement Rehab	☐	Traffic Signal	☐	Bridge (New)
☐	Culverts	☐	Turning Lane	☐	Bridge Rehabilitation
☐	Grading	☐	Intersection Improvement	☐	Bridge Replacement
☐	Shoulders	☐	Roundabout	☐	Dock Construction or Repair
☐	Surfacing or Resurfacing	☐	Rest Area or Wayside	☐	Non-dock Harbor Infrastructure
☐	Stormwater Mngt	☐	Landscaping	☐	Shipping Channel Navigation
☐	Signage	☐	Lighting	☐	RR Crossing Improvement
☐	Guard Rail Improvement	☐	Other:		

LRTP Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: Promote public health and energy conservation, and protect and enhance the environment through responsible Duluth-Superior area transportation system policies and design. (Health of People and the Environment)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 1 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
☐	**1-1**	Design and maintain infrastructure across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system in a manner that supports and encourages a physically active everyday transportation routine.
☐	**1-2**	Improve energy conservation related to the use and operation of the local and regional transportation system, for both environmental and public health benefits.
☐	**1-3**	Through innovative design, improved infrastructure, land use planning, use of sustainable approaches, higher fuel efficiency, and other options, avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate the negative environmental impacts of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system, such as stormwater runoff, flooding, air emissions, toxic pollution, noise and light pollution, and the spread of invasive species.

GOAL 2: Ensure the Duluth-Superior area transportation system supports the development and maintenance of a safe, healthy, and connected community that provides opportunities and choices for people of all ages, incomes, and abilities. (Livable Communities and Equity)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 2 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
☐	**2-1**	Provide legitimate choices for all people of all ages, incomes, and abilities across the entire Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**2-2**	Ensure legitimate opportunities for the public to engage in discussion about, and to share their needs and desires regarding the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**2-3**	Build and maintain infrastructure that fits the neighborhood character.
☐	**2-4**	Appropriately scale transportation-related projects across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**2-5**	Ensure investments in the Duluth-Superior area transportation system lead to a diversification of transportation options for people across all modes.
☐	**2-6**	Make information about the Duluth-Superior area transportation system available to the public in a variety of ways.

GOAL 3: Ensure the safety and security of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system for all users and modes, including being prepared to handle emergencies and disasters. (Safety)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 3 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
☐	**3-1**	Ensure acceptable security, emergency response, disaster preparedness, and risk mitigation are maintained across the entire Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**3-2**	Ensure evidence-based, data-supported design integrating acceptable levels of risk is emphasized in transportation-related project development and selection.
☐	**3-3**	Prioritize safety and acceptable levels of risk for vulnerable users of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**3-4**	Meet all required safety-related federal, state, and local performance measures.
☐	**3-5**	Maintain Duluth-Superior area transportation system infrastructure to ensure an acceptable level of risk for all users, both people and goods.
☐	**3-6**	Use technology to improve the safety and security of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.

GOAL 4: Ensure the Duluth-Superior area transportation system is an integrated multimodal network that supports people and goods getting to where they need to go in an efficient manner. (Moving People and Goods)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 4 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
☐	**4-1**	Provide viable and efficient travel options for the movement of people and goods across the entire Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**4-2**	Address inefficiencies in the Duluth-Superior area transportation system for all modes.
☐	**4-3**	Improve real-time travel across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system by maintaining the current critical infrastructure to increase longevity of local transportation facilities for all modes.
☐	**4-4**	Improve real-time travel across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system through the adoption and use of technology.
☐	**4-5**	Ensure direct travel connections between modes of transportation for people exist and are maintained across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**4-6**	Ensure direct travel connections between modes of transportation for goods and services exist and are maintained across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
☐	**4-7**	Meet all required federal, state, and local performance measures and targets for NHS infrastructure (PM2), system performance on the NHS (PM3), and transit asset management (TAM).

GOAL 5: Develop and maintain the Duluth-Superior area transportation system to support economic productivity and competitiveness, including tourism. (Economic Vitality)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 5 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
☐	**5-1**	Ensure the Duluth-Superior area transportation system provides access to and connection of key population and employment centers.
☐	**5-2**	Improve access and mobility across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system for the movement of freight.
☐	**5-3**	Promote Duluth-Superior area transportation system decisions and investments that enhance the regional and global competitiveness of the Duluth-Superior Port.
☐	**5-4**	Promote Duluth-Superior area transportation system decisions and investments that stimulate neighborhood and regional economic activity, such as those that support core investment areas in local jurisdictions.
☐	**5-5**	Make it easier to travel to tourist destinations and events.
☐	**5-6**	Integrate existing economic development plan recommendations when making decisions about Duluth-Superior area transportation system projects.

Describe in detail how this project will help accomplish the goals and identified objectives of the LRTP, or why it is not applicable. As part of your answer briefly describe the purpose and need for the project, what issues (project and system level) are to be addressed with this project, and what anticipated solutions to possible barriers will be needed to complete the project? (barriers could be public resistance, right-of-way needed, etc). (up to 3400 characters)

In lieu of completing the above requested narrative, the jurisdiction may instead submit the equivalent narrative from a funding application they have already submitted for the project.

Performance Measure or Transit Asset Management Targets

Which of the following LRTP Objectives regarding performance measures will this project help to achieve? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
☐	**3-4**	Meet all required safety-related federal, state, and local performance measures.
☐	**4-7**	Meet all required federal, state, and local performance measures and targets for NHS infrastructure (PM2), system performance on the NHS (PM3), and transit asset management (TAM).

Which of the following MIC-approved performance measure and transit asset management targets is it anticipated this project will help achieve? (mark all that apply) PROVIDE LINK TO PG 5-25 – 5-33

☐	PM-1 Safety	☐	Number of traffic fatalities
		☐	Rate of traffic fatalities
		☐	Number of serious injuries
		☐	Rate of serious injuries
		☐	Number of non-motorized fatalities & serious injuries
☐	PM-2 Infrastructure	☐	% of NHS* bridges in good condition
		☐	% of NHS* bridges in poor condition
		☐	% of interstate pavement in good condition
		☐	% of interstate pavement in poor condition
		☐	% of non-interstate NHS* pavement in good condition
		☐	% of non-interstate NHS* pavement in poor condition
☐	PM-3 System Performance on NHS	☐	% of reliable person miles on the interstate
		☐	% of reliable person miles on the non-interstate NHS*
		☐	Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) index
☐	Transit Asset Management	☐	Identify which of the 4 targets this project is anticipated to help achieve.

** NHS = National Highway System*

Describe in detail how this project will help achieve any of the five PM1 Safety, six PM2 Infrastructure, three PM3 System Performance on the NHS, and/or four Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets listed in the LRTP (pgs. 5-27 – 5-33) PROVIDE LINK, or why these are not applicable. (up to 3400 characters)

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