



# Blatnik Crossing Resolution

Presentation to the TAC & MIC Policy Board

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# Overview

- Proposing to bring a resolution generally supporting the I-535 Blatnik “Bridge” (Crossing) project to the MIC Policy Board.
- Not about any specific option, design, or location.
- Asking each of the MIC’s Advisory Committees for their input, including the TAC.

# Proposed Key Components

- The redundancy of two crossings provides critical connectivity between Duluth, MN, Superior, WI, and the neighboring jurisdictions.
- The Blatnik Crossing is an important freight and commercial connection between the Twin Ports that supports economic development.

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- The project will address aging infrastructure, improve safety, better accommodate oversize/overweight loads, and improve multimodal transportation options.
- An improved and more useful pedestrian, bicycle, and other micromobility connection between Duluth, MN, and Superior, WI, is desired.

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- The vision of the MIC's current Long Range Transportation Plan, *Sustainable Choices 2045*, is to develop a community-supported multimodal transportation system that not only supports the diverse needs of people and commerce, but is also fiscally, socially, and environmentally sustainable over time.
- The Blatnik Crossing project could take advantage of potential new funding opportunities at the federal level.

# Questions or Provide Comments

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