



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 6:00 pm
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Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 1.19.22 (for Approval)
- Revised 2022 MN Performance Measure Targets

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- BPAC Meeting Review
- Project Updates

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AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 1.19.22 (for Approval) Director's Report <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Opportunity for Public Comment Period"</i></p>	10 min
3. REVISED 2022 MN PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval w/Opportunity for Public Comment, Rondi Watson 	10 min
4. BPAC MEETING REVIEW	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Ron Chicka 	10 min
5. ROUND TABLE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROJECT UPDATES 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #10-12 2026 Duluth Area TIP & TA Applications Overview 	5 min
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Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022

VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS

6:00 pm



* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 1.19.22**
- **MIC Director's Report**
 - Duluth – Central Entrance – The next phase of this project is set to start soon with DOTs Design Project about to be let for bids. The MICs project is continuing to gain audiences as I (along with James Gittemeier at the City) have presented an overview to the Planning Commission. It is this committee that can assist in controlling redevelopment in the near future that supports the transportation initiatives outlined in the plan. Also, we are working with Dr. Eil Kwon at UMD and his engineering class (as we've done in the past) for his students to take on a modeling component for this corridor. Their technical project would entail a closer look at the traffic impacts of adjacent roadways should Central Entrance be built as either a 3-lane or 4-lane facility.
 - City of Superior – Hammond Avenue – The City has kicked off planning efforts and public input last month for the reconstruction of Hammond Avenue from Belknap to 28th. Phase 1 from Belknap to 21st is slated for 2023; phase 2 in 2024 extends the project to 28th. In addition to pavement improvements, the project will also install storm sewers, curb and gutters and include new bike/pedestrian amenities to improve safety for all users. (Link to the City's webpage: <https://www.superiorhammondave.com/>).
 - HAZMAT Presentation – February 22nd at 11:00 a.m. – All MIC member committee participants have been invited to attend this important (virtual) meeting where Dale Bergeron (Duluth citizen and formerly connected with our HTAC via Mn Sea Grant and the Port Authority) will present a case for possible fir analysis concerning hazardous material movements in the Twin Ports. All should have received a briefing paper with the invite sent a couple of weeks back. MIC staff along with DOT staff on the Minnesota side have been having discussions over the past year on this subject. Our goal is to attain some direction or guidance moving forward for the MPO.
 - **Duluth Area I-35 Corridor Plan**

We revised the final RFP in accordance with the feedback we received last month, to include a review and summary of the goals and objectives proposed by the Duluth Waterfront Collective as a component of the 'Vision, Concepts and Implementation Plan' deliverable.

The RFP was posted on Monday, February 7 on the MIC's website at www.dsmic.org/rfp and proposals are due by Thursday, March 17.



Agenda Item Descriptions

We are anticipating a strong response and a very competitive selection process. After the consultant selection process is complete in early April, a number of administrative steps, including verification by the Office of Civil Rights of the 15% DBE goal, will likely delay the finalization of the contract and start of work until sometime in May. The planning process will run through 2022 and all of 2023.

We will keep you up to date as the project progresses.

****OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT****

3. REVISED 2022 MN PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

In accordance with federal law, each MPO must annually adopt five safety performance measure targets by February 27. Last month the MIC adopted the safety targets initially established by MnDOT for 2022 – two of which were subsequently revised. The updated targets, shown below, will be presented for approval at the February meeting.

MnDOT statewide safety performance targets submitted to the FHWA

Safety Performance Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	Initial 2022 Target*	REVISED 2022 Target**
Fatalities	375.0	372.0	375.4	352.4	395.2	352.4
Fatality Rate (per 100 million VMT)	0.620	0.620	0.626	0.582	0.613	0.582
Serious Injuries	1,935.0	1,711.0	1,714.2	1,579.8	1,463.4	1,463.4
Serious Injury Rate (per 100 million VMT)	3.190	2.850	2.854	2.606	2.470	2.470
Non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries	348.0	267.5	317.0	281.2	258.4	258.4

* Adopted by the MIC in January 2022

** Recommended for adoption by the MIC in February 2022

4. BPAC MEETING REVIEW

Carol Andrews (St Louis Co) or Chair led the group through a number of items including: work priorities for this year stemming from our Bike and Ped Plan, setting a Design Workshop for members for later this year, discussion of funding and grant opportunities, and lastly, a discussion from members on local projects of concern with respect to bike or pedestrian amenities. The latter included where the Blatnik Bridge subcommittee is moving with respect to a bike/ped provision. We reviewed the MICs recently completed Central Entrance Plan and the next phases for the DOTs design plans. An important planning effort is underway in Superior where Hammond Avenue will have major re-work occurring and how input is being taken on bike/ped components.



5. ROUND TABLE

6. PROJECT UPDATES

- 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #10-12

St. Louis County requested several changes that have been made administratively to the 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP, as follows:

Administrative Modification #10

Project 069-070-052, Turn lanes on Midway Road at N Cloquet Road, is dropped as a project in 2023 and is no longer shown as a tied project in the technical description for project 069-070-057. The \$300,000 federal funds are being used for two other turn lane projects on Midway Road, as described in #11 and #12, below.

1/21/2022	State Project ID	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
Original	069-070-052	MIDWAY RD (CSAH 13) AT N CLOQUET RD (CSAH 45) TURN LANES (TIED TO 069-070-053, 069-070-057)	HSIP	\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	2023
Modification 10	069-070-052	MIDWAY RD (CSAH 13) AT N CLOQUET RD (CSAH 45) TURN LANES (TIED TO 069-070-053, 069-070-057)	HSIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2023
Original	069-070-053	MIDWAY RD (CSAH 13) AT STARK RD (CSAH 11) TURN LANES	HSIP	\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	2023
Modification 11	069-070-053	MIDWAY RD (CSAH 13) AT STARK RD (CSAH 11) TURN LANES (TIED 069-070-057)	HSIP	\$ 500,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 560,000	2023
Original	069-070-057	MIDWAY RD (CSAH 13) AND WEST ARROWHEAD RD CONSTRUCT LEFT TURN LANES (TIED 069-070-052, 069-070-053)	HSIP	\$ 400,000	\$ 44,444	\$ 444,444	2023
Modification 12	069-070-057	MIDWAY RD (CSAH 13) AND WEST ARROWHEAD RD CONSTRUCT LEFT TURN LANES (TIED 069-070-052, 069-070-053)	HSIP	\$ 500,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 560,000	2023

- 2026 Duluth Area TIP & TA Applications

The FY 2026 TIP project solicitation for federal funding in the Duluth area closed on Friday, January 28, 2022. The MIC received three (3) applications for federal funding through the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program totaling \$6,900,000. Details are shown in the tables below.



Agenda Item Descriptions

The projects will be presented at the February TAC and MIC meetings for initial review and comment, as well as at an upcoming public engagement session. The list of projects, along with comments received, will be put before the TAC and MIC in March for their approval, and will then be forwarded to the Northeast MN Area Transportation Partnership (NEMNATP) for funding consideration.

Proposed FY 2026 Roadway Projects for STBG federal funding in the Duluth Area

Agency	Description	Project Length (in miles)	Federal \$	State \$	Other \$	Total \$
Duluth	London Rd (Hwy 61) Resurface Project – Resurface NB and SB London Rd (Hwy 61) from 28th Ave E to 60th Ave E in Duluth; add roundabouts at 26th Ave E and 40th Ave E.	2.98	1,483,846	--	516,154	2,000,000
St Louis County	Canosia Rd (CSAH 98) Resurface – Reclaim & Overlay of Canosia Rd (CASH 98) from St. Louis River Road to Trunk Highway 53.	7	1,480,000	--	2,020,000	3,500,000
MnDOT	Ceremonial Structure/Gathering Space – Veterans Evergreen Mem Dr (MN 23) in Duluth at Junction E Hwy 210, construct ceremonial structure and gathering space for Historic Fond Du Lac Cemetery	0	1,120,000	280,000	--	1,400,000
Total		9.98	4,083,846	280,000	2,536,154	6,900,000

There are two Transportation Alternative (TA) project applications in the cycle for 2026. First, in Duluth near St Marie and Woodland, is another section of the Campus Connector multi-use path. Second, in Hermantown, is the North Keene Creek Trail – a near one mile 10’ wide paved path near Morris Thomas Road. This serves as one section of the Proctor – Hermantown Munger Trail Spur. Decisions are made by the TA Task Force this month as to projects to receive funds and then move to the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) for approval in April.