



## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
**HYBRID MEETING NOTICE**

Join us in person, login and call-in information and meeting materials can be viewed on the [meeting web page](#) as well as at the bottom of this page.

### Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 4.17.22 (for Approval)
- 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6-
- 2022 Superior STP Urban TIP Amendment #5

### GUEST SPEAKER: DLH MASTER PLAN AND AIRPORT UPDATE

- **Tom Werner, DLH Executive Director**

### ROUND-A-BOUT 101 – KRIS LILJEBLAD & PRESCOTT MORRILL

### CITY OF RICE LAKE

- **(Guest Speaker) Vic Lund, Traffic Engineer, St Louis County**

### Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Project Updates

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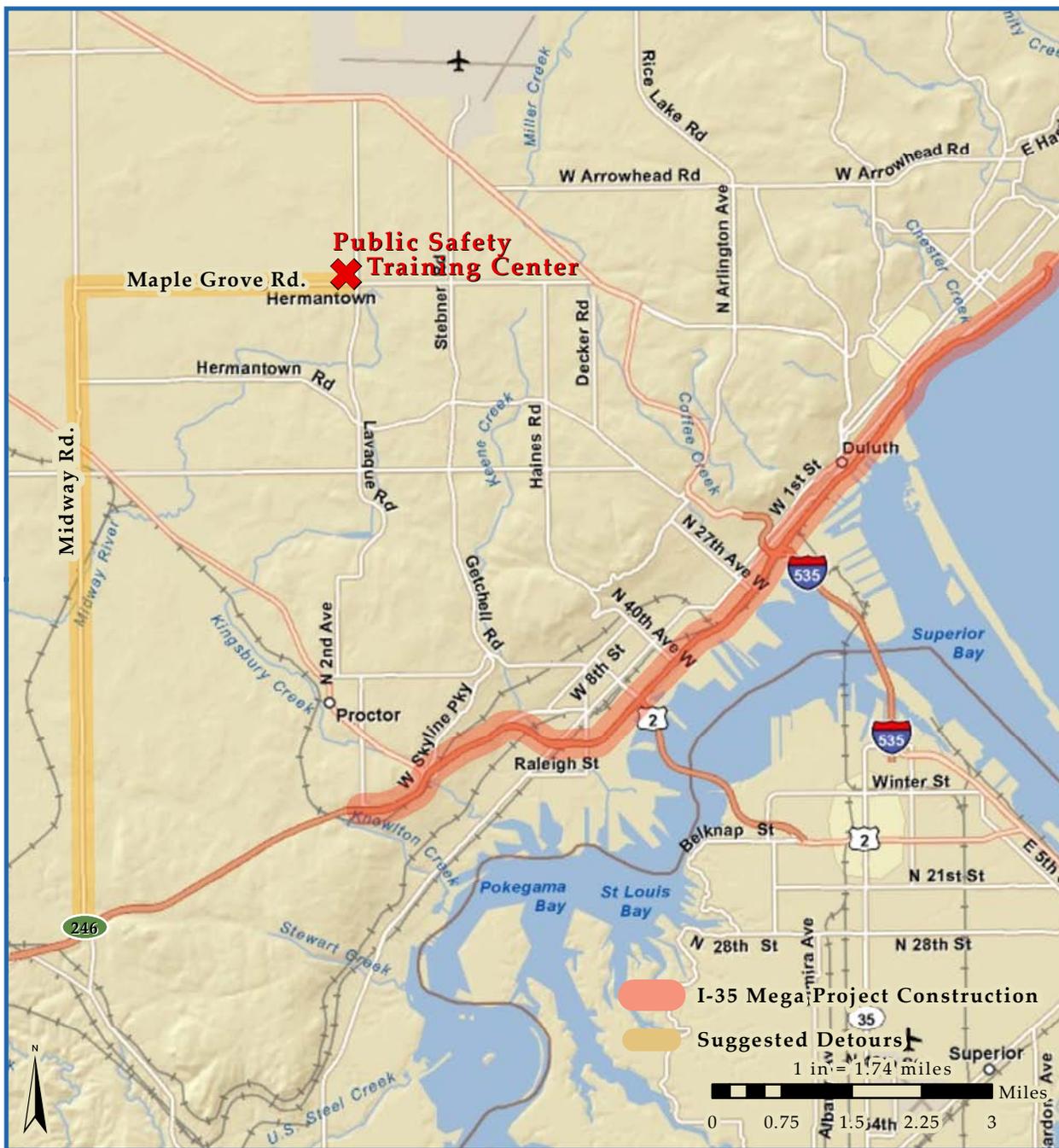
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## Policy Board

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

## HYBRID MEETING

## AGENDA

<b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b> <b>2. Committee Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 4.20.22 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>****OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT****</b></p>	15 min
<b>3. 2022-2025 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend for approval-Opportunity for Public Comment, Prescott Morrill &amp; Ricky Sarran</li> </ul>	10 min
<b>4. CITY OF SUPERIOR-FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 SOLICITATION PROJECT APPROVAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend for approval-Opportunity for Public Comment, Todd Janigo &amp; Chris Carlson, Superior Public Works &amp; TAC Members</li> </ul>	10 min
<b>5. DLH AIRPORT MASTER PLAN &amp; UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tom Werner, Airport Executive Director &amp; TAC Member</li> </ul>	30 min
<b>6. ROUND-A-BOUT 101</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Kris Liljeblad &amp; Prescott Morrill</li> </ul>	10 min
<b>7. CITY OF RICE LAKE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Guest Speaker) Vic Lund, Traffic Engineer, St Louis County</li> <li>Rice Lake Rd Corridor Preliminary Plan Design</li> </ul>	20 min
<b>8. ROUND TABLE</b>	5 min
<b>9. PROJECT UPDATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #19 &amp; 20</li> </ul>	5 min
<b>10. ADJOURN</b>	

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 15th, 2022

HYBRID MEETING

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6:00 pm



## Agenda Item Descriptions

\* = *Approval Item*

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 4.19.22**
- **MIC Director's Report**
  - NLX Update – The recent action by the Minnesota Senate – denying matching funds for the federal dollars - has thrown the project into some jeopardy. However, the session isn't fully over to date. The press release (attached to the packet) notes the House and the Governor's office as backing the rail line. Therefore, there may still be some room for compromise; that's the narrative in the attachment. Ken Buehler, at the Depot, was very appreciative of the support letter that we put together last month and said it definitely helped. If anyone wishes to get further behind this project – his final words to me in an email were – contact your lawmakers!
  - I-35 Update – At the time of this mailing, our contract with Bolton and Menk is hung up some within the DOTs central office as there are steps it (contract) must go through to get fully blessed and underway. Unfortunately, central office has its own pace here and not much can be done to expedite it. On a different front, MIC staff did meet with numerous City staff, including the Mayor and Chief Adm. Officer, City Planning/Engineering plus the DOTs District One Engineer and other staff to discuss further planning efforts – beyond our upcoming one – for the Interstate. This is in response to the City putting forward a resolution last Fall that urges the MIC and the DOT to consider the various alternatives for the downtown section of the freeway (i.e. the parkway option and the cover/tunnel option). A main objective of this meeting was to ascertain where the City stood with respect to further planning that could get deeper into the alternate downtown concepts than our plan will be able to accomplish – given its limited scope and budget. There are federal grants available that could be tapped – though who would lead this effort and how funding would be acquired to put together a good competitive grant remains unresolved. The City mentioned involving the County plus the Regional Rail Authority in future meetings on this topic as they may provide additional guidance and possibly dollars to the effort. In the end, it was decided to gather again in a month or two and begin to formulate what might be a scope for a possible grant and decide how exactly the grant compilation effort itself would be funded.

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



## Agenda Item Descriptions

### 3. 2022-2025 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #6

*Prescott Morrill/Ricky Sarran, MIC Staff*

#### **New MnDOT Projects FY 2022/2023 – Additions to the Twin Ports Interchange Construction Project**

MnDOT has requested the addition of two new projects for FY 2022, with an associated project in FY 2023 for Advance Construction (AC) payback, for a total of \$167,710,000. Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, these changes require a formal TIP Amendment to the current 2022-2025 Duluth area TIP.

**Amendment 6** adds three line items for FY 2022 and FY 2023, as follows:

- 6915-138 will include \$96,080,000 to replace pavement, construct retaining walls, and 6 new bridges on US Highway 53 from West Michigan St to West 4<sup>th</sup> Street,
- 6980-62 will include \$71,630,000 for bridge, pavement, and retaining walls on I-535 at the junction with I-35, the Garfield Ave Interchange; and
- 6980-62AC identifies \$30,000,000 AC funding from FY 2023 for project 6980-62, described above.

The project details are summarized below:

5/18/2022	State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Fed AC \$*	Fed AC Payback**	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$ STIP Total	Project Total \$ MPO Total	Year
Amendment 6	6915-138	MnDOT	US 53	0.5	Reconstruction	IN DULUTH, US 53 FROM W. MICHIGAN ST TO JCT OF W. 4TH ST. BITUMINOUS & CONCRETE SUFRACING, RETAINING WALLS, REPLACE BR# 69802, 69802A, 69802B, 69802C, 69802D, 69802E, AND 69801G WITH NEW BRIDGES 69139, 69139A, 69139B, 69139C, 69139D & 69139E	NHPP	\$81,668,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$14,412,000	\$ -	\$ 96,080,000	\$96,080,000	2022
Amendment 6	6980-62	MnDOT	I-535	0.4	Reconstruction	IN DULUTH, I-535 FROM S I-35 TO MINNESOTA STATE LINE. GARFIELD AVE. INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS, CONCRETE SURFACING, RETAINING WALLS, REPLACE BRIDGES 69808, 69808A, 69809 & 69810 WITH NEW BRIDGES 69808, 69808A, 69809 & 69810. (AC PROJECT, PAYBACK 2023)	NHPP	\$38,048,500	\$30,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,581,500	\$ -	\$ 41,630,000	\$71,630,000	2022
Amendment 6	6980-62AC	MnDOT	I-535	0.4	AC	IN DULUTH, I-535 FROM S I-35 TO MINNESOTA STATE LINE. GARFIELD AVE. INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS, CONCRETE SURFACING, RETAINING WALLS, REPLACE BRIDGES 69808, 69808A, 69809 & 69810 WITH NEW BRIDGES 69808, 69808A, 69809 & 69810. (AC PROJECT, PAYBACK 1 OF 1)	NHPP	\$ -	\$ -	\$30,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000,000	\$ -	2023

Public comments will be taken about this proposed amendment when it is presented for approval at the [May 18, 2022 MIC Policy Board meeting](#).

### 4. CITY OF SUPERIOR- Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Solicitation Project Approval

*Todd Janigo/Chris Carlson, Superior Public Works*

The City of Superior is seeking approval through the State and via the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for federal fiscal year 2022 funding for a resurfacing project of Woodlawn Road. It is for a short section of the roadway between CTH A/42<sup>nd</sup> Ave E. and the Nemadji River bridge. This roadway serves as a key connection for the residents of the city and commercial transport as it provides the approach to one of only two crossings of the river in Superior. Project total is for \$415,000. This project would be folded into the Superior TIP upon award.



## Agenda Item Descriptions

### 5. GUEST SPEAKER: DLH AIRPORT MASTER PLAN & UPDATE

*Tom Werner, Airport Executive Director*

A thriving airport means a thriving community, and the work has already begun. A new terminal, a growing aviation sector and plenty of space for expansion mean the next twenty years can transform our region. The Master Plan development began in 2019 and will continue through 2022 and will identify projects, which may be implemented at varying times as needed in the 20-year planning term.

#### [Master Plan - Vision 2040 - Duluth International Airport](#)

### 6. CITY OF RICE LAKE

*Vic Lunc, Traffic Engineer, St Louis County*

- *Rice Lake Rd Corridor Preliminary Plan Design*
- *Roundabouts*

### 7. ROUND TABLE

### 8. PROJECT UPDATES

- **2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP Modifications #19 & 20**

Two minor changes were requested by the Duluth Transit Authority and approved by MIC staff in April.

Admin Mod 19 corrects a clerical error in the funding amounts for State Project ID TRS-0016-22T for the purchase of 2 new electric buses for the DTA.

Admin Mod 20 corrects the state project ID number for TRF-0016-22I.

These project changes have been made administratively to the 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP and are detailed in the following table.

These project changes are detailed in the following table:

4/25/2022	State Project ID	Agency	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
Original	TRS-0016-22T	DTA	TRANSIT VEHICLE PURCHASE	DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY; PURCHASE FOUR (4) CLASS 700 DIESEL REPLACEMENT BUSES	STBGP	\$2,673,600	\$ 668,400	\$ 3,342,000	2022
Admin Mod 19	TRS-0016-22T	DTA	TRANSIT VEHICLE PURCHASE	DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY; PURCHASE FOUR (4) CLASS 700 DIESEL REPLACEMENT BUSES	STBGP	<b>\$1,782,400</b>	<b>\$ 445,600</b>	<b>\$ 2,228,000</b>	2022
Original	TRS-0016-22I	DTA	TRANSIT GRANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (NON-VEHICLE)	SECT 5307: DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY; BUS STOP AMENITIES & DESIGN	FTA	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000	2022
Admin Mod 20	<del>TRS-0016-22I</del>	DTA	TRANSIT GRANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (NON-VEHICLE)	SECT 5307: DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY; BUS STOP AMENITIES & DESIGN	FTA	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000	2022