



TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

October 18th, 2022 Meeting

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Meeting Summary

** = Approval Item*

Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
Committee Vice-Chair	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior – Public Works
	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis County
	Krysten Saatela Foster	MnDOT Dist 1
	James Gittemeier	City of Duluth
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Dena Ryan	WisDOT
	Karl Schuettler	Northspan Group
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth Engineering
	Maren Webb	MnDOT Dist 1
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	David Bolf	City of Hermantown
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
	Tom Werner*	Duluth Airport Authority
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Bryan Anderson	Dist 1 MnDOT
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist – Active Transportation
	Klara Grochulska	DOT
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Kris Liljeblad	MIC-Sr Planner
	Prescott Morrill	MIC Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Anna Pierce	MnDOT Central Office
	Bobbi Retzlaff	FHWA
	Ricky Sarran	MIC-GIS Specialist
	Rondi Watson	MIC-Communications Coordinator



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

Vice Chair Chris Belden called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. A "roll call" attendance was taken. When complete, Vice Chair Belden asked if there were any questions or changes to the agenda. Hearing none he continued.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

• Meeting Summary of 8.16.22

Vice Chair Beldon then asked if there were any questions or changes to the march meeting summary.

Table with 2 columns: Motion Discussion and Vote, James Gittemeier/Chris Lee moved to approve the 6.14.22 meeting summary. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. 2023 WisDOT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Sheldon Johnson reviewed the targets he provided in the Agenda Materials. He noted that the 2023 Targets are slightly lower than previous years averages. With no questions he asked for approval to move these on to the Policy Board.

Table with 2 columns: Motion Discussion and Vote, Dena Ryan/Karl Schuettler moved to recommend approval of the 2023 WisDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.

4. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP

Sheldon Johnson reviewed the TIP process; summarized the technical changes since the release of the draft and briefly reviewed the new projects. With no questions or comments he asked for approval.

Table with 2 columns: Motion Discussion and Vote, Todd Janigo/Jason Jackman moved to recommend approval of the 2023-2026 Superior Area TIP to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.

5. 2023-2024 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

Ron Chicka briefly reviewed the contents of the document including the standing work items (TIP, LRTP and admin). He went on to discuss Year 2 of the Duluth Area I-35 Corridor Plan; the Duluth-Superior Safety Action Plan-Year 2; and finally the ongoing modal planning. Ron continued describing the Traffic Signal System Assessment and Roadway Capacity Assessment as discretionary project options for 2023.

With no questions or comments he asked for a motion to move the 2023-2024 Work Program and Budget on to the Policy Board for approval.

Table with 2 columns: Motion Discussion and Vote, moved to recommend approval to the 2023-2024 MIC Area Work Program and Budget to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.



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6. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1

Prescott Morrill began to describe the amendment and the approval process he was asking for. Anna Pierce stopped him in his tracks stating that this was not acceptable and a president that could not be set. An amendment cannot be presented/approved until the STIP is approved. Bobbi Retzlaff (FHWA) agreed. This amendment would need to be removed from the Policy Board agenda as well.

Table with 2 columns: Motion Discussion and Vote, and a description of the motion to recommend preapproval of the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #1 to the Policy Board.

7. DULUTH AREA I-35 CORRIDOR PLAN UPDATE

Kris Liljeblad opened his presentation by providing an overview of the project steps. He described the study area and a timeline. Kris shared the previous studies that have been done in the area. He then addressed shared how the construction of I-35 disrupted the connection of neighborhoods and the downtown area with Canal Park.

The study timeline includes:

- Discover & Listen – completion Fall 2022
Design & Evaluate – scheduled Winter 2022 through Summer 2023
Review & Approval – completion Fall 2023

Kris also addressed the structures that need to be considered which includes 67 bridges and the retaining walls & tunnels; the hazardous and contaminated waste sites; and surface water resources which include 6 impaired streams which drain towards Lake Superior and St Louis River plus wetlands that also need to be considered.

8. MIC AREA SAFETY PLAN UPDATE

Kris Liljeblad provided an update of where the project is headed and the plan of how to get there. The last Safety (TSM) Plan was done in 2011 so it is probably past due. He described who would be involved along with staff whether project partners or stakeholders.

Kris stated that instead of waiting for serious crashes to make changes a systemic approach-identifying risk factors, and proactively make changes. This plan’s objective is to prepare a comprehensive safety action plan consistent with new federal guidance as well as developing an ongoing safety culture.

9. “REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT” DEFINITION

Prescott and Ricky provided the definition as:

MIC area “regionally significant” projects are roadway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian projects that occur on facilities that serve regional transportation needs (such as access to and from the area outside the region and major activity centers within the region), or that connect to major transportation assets (including transit, seaport, airport, and passenger rail terminals).



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Non-Regionally Significant definition as it relates to TIP projects:

- Building demolition
- Landscaping not impacting travel movements
- Turn lanes in a rural context

10. ROUND TABLE

11. **ADJOURN:** With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice Chair Belden adjourned the meeting at 3:36 pm.



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Attachments:

2023 WisDOT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has established statewide targets for the federal performance measures intended to assess performance of the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program; 23 CFR Part 490. The 2023 targets (five-year rolling averages) for the five safety performance measures are identified below in Exhibit A.

**Exhibit A
 Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

Measure	2017 – 2021 Baseline Averages ¹	2023 Safety Targets ¹
Number of Fatalities	599.2	587.2
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT	0.956	0.937
Number of Serious Injuries	3107.2	3044.3
Rate of Serious Injury per 100 million VMT	4.956	4.857
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	371.4	364.0

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1

St Louis County is requesting an amendment to Duluth’s 2023-2026 TIP. This amendment (Amendment #1) would add a new project for high-friction treatment on paved roadway curves across St Louis County (ID # 069-070-075) in FY 2023. This action will be taken by an amendment pre-approval by the MIC Board. The project total is \$1,077,422 (\$969,680 of HSIP funding, and \$107,742).

The pre-approval of Amendment #1 will be presented for consideration by the MIC Board at its meeting on October 19, 2022. This action will ensure that St Louis County can more quickly and readily secure a contract for project execution in a timely manner, as the MIC Board will not be meeting again until mid-December 2022.

If approved by the MIC Board, the amendment will go into effect upon the federal approval/adoption of the Duluth 2023-2026 TIP in November of 2022.

Year	Prime Project Number	Proposed Description	Total	FHWA (HSIP)	Other (Local)
2023	069-070-075	Countywide Apply High Friction Surface Treatment to 12 Curves	\$1,077,422	\$969,680	\$107,742