



Meeting Summary

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Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
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WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
MN Co-Chair	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Warren Bender	Superior Common Council
	Earl Elde	St. Louis County Suburban Townships
	Bill Fennessey	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Ashley Grimm	St. Louis County
	Janet Kennedy	Duluth City Council
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Mike Mayou	Duluth City Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Jason Reid	City of Duluth - Citizen Representative
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Nick Ledin	Superior City Council
	Tom Szukis*	DTA
	vacant	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Others Present		
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Krysten Saatela Foster	MnDOT Cist 1
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Kris Liljeblad	MIC Sr Planner
	Prescott Morrill	MIC Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

Chair Wayne Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. A “roll call” attendance was taken. When complete, Chair Boucher asked if there were any questions or changes to the agenda.

The MIC was notified that the STIP has been approved so Amendment #1 to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP can be added back to the agenda for approval. This change was presented to the members and a vote was taken to add it back in.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Nick Baker/Warren Bender moved to approve adding the approval of Amendment #1 to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP back into the agenda. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 8.17 & 31.22**

Chair Boucher then asked if there were any questions or changes to the August meeting summaries. Hearing none he asked for a motion.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Warren Bender/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 8.17 & 31.22 meeting summary. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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- **Director’s Report:**

Ron briefly mentioned:

MnDOT’s Kickoff event for Central Entrance; the WI MPO Directors meeting last week; the AMPO conference in Mpls and that there will be a Blatnik/TPI Update next month.

Nick Baker acknowledged that Ron was presented with a Life time Achievement Award at the APA conference last month.

3. 2023 WISDOT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Sheldon Johnson reviewed the targets he provided in the Agenda Materials. He noted that the 2023 Targets represent a 2/5 decrease from the previous years averages. With no questions he asked for approval to move these on to the Policy Board.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Nick Baker/Warren Bender moved approve the 2023 WisDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP

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

Motion Discussion and Vote	Sam Pomush/Nick Baker moved to approve the 2023-2026 Superior Area TIP to the Policy Board. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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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 efforts. 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 approve.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Broc Allen/Earl Elde moved to approve to the 2023-2024 MIC Area Work Program and Budget. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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6. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #1

Prescott Morrill described the St Louis County project which would add a new project for high-friction treatment on paved roadway curves across St Louis County.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Nick Baker/Chad Ward moved to approve Amendment #1 to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP. There was no discussion; the motion was approved by a vote of 14 yeses and 1 no.
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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



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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. ROUND TABLE

9. **ADJOURN:** With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Boucher adjourned the meeting at 7:53 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

(ID # 069-070-075) in FY 2023. This action will be made 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 to 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.



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Policy Board

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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