



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 1:30 pm
HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 10.18.22
- 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- MIC Area Safety Plan

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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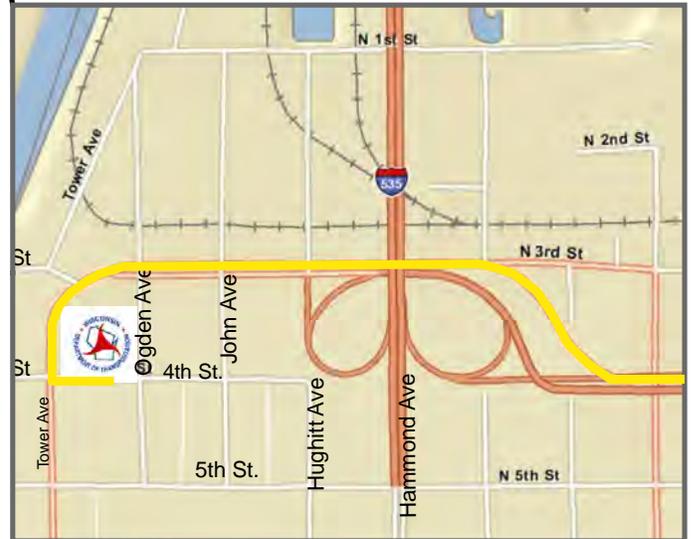
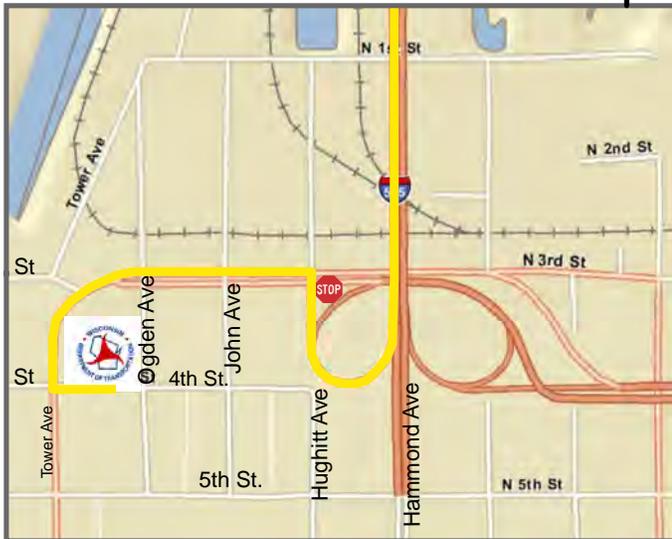
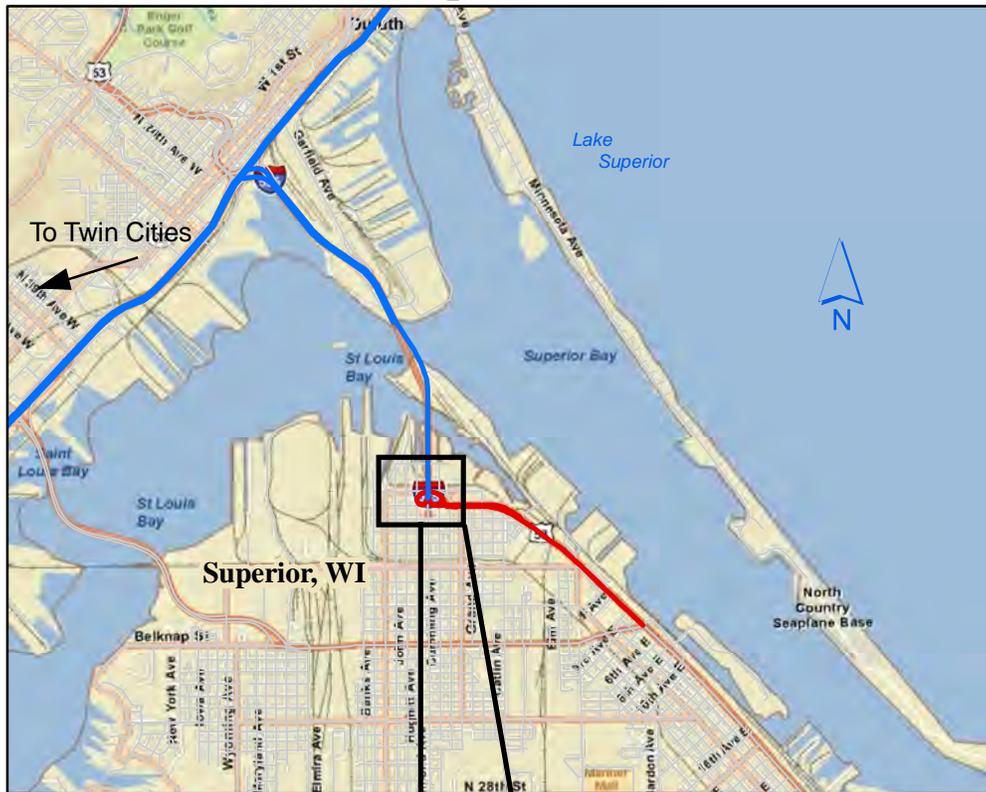
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Superior, WI



From Minnesota on either I-35 N or S:
Take 535 / 53 (Blatnik Bridge) to Superior, WI
Bear RIGHT off bridge, then straight following signs
for South 35
At stop, turn LEFT onto 3rd St
Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave/ South 35)
Turn LEFT at 4th St (1st left)
WisDOT will be on the left

From Wisconsin: Follow 53/2 from the south
Bear RIGHT at signs for Superior Business District/
South 35 / Vehicle Registration Driver Licensing
this becomes N 3rd St
Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave / South 35)
Turn LEFT at 4th St (1st left)
WisDOT will be on the left

-Parking lot in front of building
-Meeting held in Lake Superior Conference Room

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Transportation Advisory Committee

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AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 10.18.22 (for Approval) Director's Report – WDSE-TV Segment featuring the I-35 Project Draft TAC Bylaw Revisions 	20 min
3. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #2- 6	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended Approval, Prescott Morrill 	20 min
4. MIC AREA SAFETY PLAN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and Discussion, Kris Liljeblad 	15 min
5. PROJECT UPDATES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #2-6 I-35 Corridor Project Update 	5 min
6. ROUND TABLE	
	5 min
7. ADJOURN	

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 18th, 2023

LOCATION TBD

VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS

1:30 pm

**Wishing everyone the very best
Holiday Season
from our families to yours**





Agenda Item Descriptions

* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 10.18.22
- Directors Report
- Draft TAC Bylaw Revisions

3. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #2-6

Amendment #2:

The addition of work in FY 2023 for MnDOT, project ID 6982-356

MnDOT has requested the addition of funding in the amount of \$630,000 for stormwater infrastructure repairs along the I-35 corridor, from Lake Ave to 26th Ave E, in FY 2023.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #2 includes funding as follows:

- 6982-356 will include \$630,000 total project funding in FY2023
The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project Total \$	Year
6982-356	MnDOT	I-35	RRXing	I-35 IN DULUTH FROM LAKE AVE TO 26TH AVE E. STORM STRUCTURE REPAIRS	SF	\$630,000	\$ 630,000	2023

Amendment #3

The addition of work in FY 2024 for the City of Duluth, project ID 118-126-022AC

The City of Duluth has requested Advance Construction (AC) payback funding in the amount of \$1,480,000 for Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, and ADA improvements along 3rd St in Duluth, from 12th Ave E to Mesaba Ave, in FY 2024.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #3 includes funding as follows:

- 118-126-022AC will include \$1,480,000 AC payback in FY2024.
The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Fed AC *	Fed AC Payback**	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
118-126-022	Duluth	MSAS 126	Resurface	3rd St, In Duluth From 12th Ave E To Mesaba Ave/Mn 194 Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, C&G & ADA	STBGP	\$1,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$1,750,000	2023
118-126-022	Duluth	Highway MSAS 126	Mill and Overlay, Storm Sewer Rehab	3rd St., in Duluth, from 12th Ave. E. to Mesaba Ave. (MN 194) Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, and ADA Improvements (AC Project Payback 2024)	STBGP	\$1,930,000	\$1,480,000		\$ 855,000	\$2,785,000	2023
118-126-022AC	Duluth	Highway MSAS 126	Mill and Overlay, Storm Sewer Rehab	3rd St., in Duluth, from 12th Ave. E. to Mesaba Ave. (MN 194) Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, and ADA Improvements (AC Payback 1 of 1)	STBGP	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,480,000	\$ -	\$1,480,000	2024

Note: SP 118-126-022 includes \$530,000 FY23 STBGP-TAP funds.



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Amendment #4

The addition of Advance Construction (AC) payback funding in FY 2023 for MnDOT, project ID 6980-62AC

MnDOT has requested Advance Construction (AC) payback funding in the amount of \$30,000,000 for the Garfield Ave Interchange/I-535 in FY 2023. This project was added after the Final Draft 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP was released for public comment. While it was included in the 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP, it now needs to be amended into the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #4 includes funding as follows:

- 6980-62AC will include \$30,000,000 AC payback in FY2023. The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed AC Payback**	Project Total \$	Year
6980-62AC	MnDOT	I-535	AC Payback	I-535 in Duluth 0.7Mi. S Jct I-35 to 0.5 Mi. N. Minnesota State Line. Garfield Interchange Bridge improvements, Concrete pavement, Retaining Walls.	NHPP	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	2023

Amendment #5

Additional funding in FY 2023 for MnDOT, project ID 9080-162

MnDOT has requested additional funding for project ID 9080-162 for a total project cost of \$1,100,000 for clear zone maintenance, and tree and brush removal on I-35 in Mahtowa. This change is added as an amendment as the change is greater than 50% of the project cost, and is greater than \$1M in total project cost after this requested change.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #5 includes funding as follows:

- 9080-162 will include a total project cost of \$1,100,000 in FY2023. The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project Total \$	Year
0980-162	MnDOT	I-35	Safety Improvement, Landscaping	I 35 NB & SB IN MAHTOWA FROM CSAH 4 TO CSAH 14, BOUNDARY AVE IN PROCTOR (CSAH 14) & MN48/HINCKLEY TO WILLOW RIVER (CSAH 43). CLEAR ZONE MAINTENANCE, TREE REMOVAL & BRUSHING. (ASSOC. 6982-341, 5880-202)	HSIP	\$337,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 375,000	2023
0980-162	MnDOT	I-35	Safety Improvement, Landscaping	I 35 NB & SB IN MAHTOWA FROM CSAH 4 TO CSAH 14, BOUNDARY AVE IN PROCTOR (CSAH 14) & MN48/HINCKLEY TO WILLOW RIVER (CSAH 43). CLEAR ZONE MAINTENANCE, TREE REMOVAL & BRUSHING. (ASSOC. 6982-341, 5880-202)	HSIP	\$990,000	\$110,000	\$1,100,000	2023



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Amendment #6

Additional funding in FY's 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 for MnDOT, project ID's 8801-BLATNIK CA-23, -24, -25, and -26

MnDOT has requested additional funding for Consultant Agreements/engineering for the Blatnik Bridge project. This formal amendment is to add Wisconsin's share of consultant agreements, adjust federal funding split to 90%/10%, and to add FY 2026 funding to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP. \$9,000,000 in federal funding is being provided centrally. Wisconsin's share of Consultant Agreements was originally omitted in error, and is now being added. There are no additional federal funds required or scope of work changes, therefore fiscal constrain is maintained.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #6 includes funding as follows:

- 8801-BLATNIK CA-23 will include a total project cost of \$4,888,888 in FY2023
- 8801-BLATNIK CA-24 will include a total project cost of \$4,222,222 in FY2024
- 8801-BLATNIK CA-25 will include a total project cost of \$8,444,444 in FY2025
- 8801-BLATNIK CA-26 will include a total project cost of \$20,000,000 in FY2026

The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
8801-BLATNIK CA-23	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2023	NHPP	\$2,200,000	\$ 115,790	\$ -	\$ 2,315,790	2023
8801-BLATNIK CA-23	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2023	NHPP	\$2,200,000	\$ 244,444	\$ 2,444,444	\$ 4,888,888	2023
8801-BLATNIK CA-24	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2024	NHPP	\$1,900,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	2024
8801-BLATNIK CA-24	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2024	NHPP	\$1,900,000	\$ 211,111	\$ 2,111,111	\$ 4,222,222	2024
8801-BLATNIK CA-25	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2025	NHPP	\$3,800,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	2025
8801-BLATNIK CA-25	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2025	NHPP	\$3,800,000	\$ 422,222	\$ 4,222,222	\$ 8,444,444	2025
8801-BLATNIK CA-26	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2026	NHPP	\$9,000,000	\$ 473,684	\$ -	\$ 9,473,684	2026
8801-BLATNIK CA-26	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2026	NHPP	\$9,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000	2026

Public comments will be taken about this proposed amendment when it is presented for approval at the December 14th, 2022 MIC Policy Board meeting.

4. MIC SAFETY PLAN UPDATE

The metro area suffered 718 serious vehicle crashes in 2017-2021 (with fatalities or injuries) on functional roadways. MIC jurisdictions are evaluating them in order to identify and implement safety counter measures in the plan.



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5. PROJECT UPDATES

• 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #1-5

The following requested changes to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP have been approved by MIC staff. All are within fiscal constraints. These project changes do not require formal TIP Amendments and have been made as Administrative Modifications.

Administrative Modification 1: Change to Project Fiscal Year Funding

St. Louis County requested a change to the fiscal year for funding of project ID 069-609-050 from FY 2023 to FY 2024, as detailed in the table below.

10/24/2022	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 \$	Year
Original	069-609-050	St. Louis	Highway CSAH 9	1.4	Mill and Overlay	**AC**: Woodland Ave. (CSAH 9) Resurface from Snively Rd. (CSAH 37) to Anoka St. Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk Improvements, Storm Sewer, and Curb and Gutter Replacement (AC Project Payback 2025).	STBGP	\$ -	\$1,480,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,520,000	\$1,520,000	2023
Admin Mod 1	069-609-050	St. Louis	Highway CSAH 9	1.4	Mill and Overlay	**AC**: Woodland Ave. (CSAH 9) Resurface from Snively Rd. (CSAH 37) to Anoka St. Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk Improvements, Storm Sewer, and Curb and Gutter Replacement (AC Project Payback 2025).	STBGP	\$ -	\$1,480,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,520,000	\$1,520,000	2024

Administrative Modification 2: Change to Project Description for Project ID 069-070-075

St. Louis County requested a change to the project description for Project ID 069-070-075 to include language associating this project to Project ID 069-070-076, as detailed in the table below.

11/16/2022	State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
New Project	069-070-075	St. Louis County	County Wide	Safety Improvements	Countywide Apply High Friction Surface Treatment to 12 Curves	HSIP	\$969,680	\$ 107,742	\$1,077,422	2023
Admin Mod 2	069-070-075	St. Louis County	County Wide	Safety Improvements	Countywide Apply High Friction Surface Treatment to 12 Curves (ASSOC 069-070-076).	HSIP	\$969,680	\$ 107,742	\$1,077,422	2023

Administrative Modification 3: Funding changes for Project ID 069-691-033

St Louis County has requested funding changes for Project ID 069-691-033, as detailed in the table below.

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
069-691-033	St. Louis County	Haines Rd	Resurface	HAINES RD (CSAH 91) FROM MORRIS THOMAS RD TO AIRPORT RD MILL AND OVERLAY, SIDEWALK, STORM SEWER, TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND TURN LANES (TIED TO 069-654-006)	STBGP	\$1,120,000	\$1,479,556	\$2,599,556	2023
069-691-033	St. Louis County	Haines Rd	Resurface	HAINES RD (CSAH 91) FROM MORRIS THOMAS RD TO AIRPORT RD MILL AND OVERLAY, SIDEWALK, STORM SEWER, TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND TURN LANES (TIED TO 069-654-006)	STBGP	\$2,035,000	\$ 739,556	\$2,774,556	2023

Note: SP 069-691-033 includes \$120,000 FY23 STBGP-TAP funds.

Administrative Modification 4: Typographic change for Project ID 069-654-006

St Louis County has requested to make a typographic change for Project ID 069-691-006, as detailed in the table below.

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
069-654-006	St. Louis County	CSAH 56	Resurface	PIEDMONT AVE (CSAH 56) MILL AND OVERLAY AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN HAINES RD (CSAH 91) AND CHAMBERSBURG AVE. (TIED TO 069-691-033)	STBGP	\$280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 560,000	2023
069-654-006	St. Louis County	CSAH 54	Resurface	PIEDMONT AVE (CSAH 54) MILL AND OVERLAY AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN HAINES RD (CSAH 91) AND CHAMBERSBURG AVE. (TIED TO 069-691-033)	STBGP	\$280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 560,000	2023



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Administrative Modification 5: Removal of Project ID 118-118-005

The City of Duluth has requested to remove Project ID 118-118-005 from the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, as detailed in the table below.

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
118-118-005	Duluth	MSAS 118	Resurface	RAILROAD ST (MSAS 118) IN DULUTH FROM 5TH AVE W. TO CANAL PARK DRIVE. BITUMINOUS RESURFACING, STORM SEWER, CURB & GUTTER, SIDEWALKS	STBGP	\$1,480,000	\$ 370,000	\$1,850,000	2024
118-118-005	Duluth	MSAS-118	Resurface	RAILROAD ST (MSAS 118) IN DULUTH FROM 5TH AVE W. TO CANAL PARK DRIVE. BITUMINOUS RESURFACING, STORM SEWER, CURB & GUTTER, SIDEWALKS	STBGP	\$1,480,000	\$-370,000	\$1,850,000	2024

- I-35 Corridor Project Update**

Planning for the 14-mile I-35 Corridor from Midway Township to 26th Avenue East has proceeded from documentation of existing conditions to the identification of future needs. Outreach to stakeholders is underway to obtain input on future alternatives.