



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 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 12.14.22
- 2023-2026 Superior Area TIP Amendment #1-5
- Adoption of 2023 MnDOT Safety Performance Measure #1

Project Updates:

- 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #6
- I-35 Corridor Project Update

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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Legend

- Primary On-Street Signed Route (Heavy-Moderate Traffic)
- Primary On-Street Signed Route (Low-Moderate Traffic)
- Primary On-Street Unsigned Route
- Secondary Connector Route
- Bicycling Prohibited or Not Recommended
- Off Road Bike Path
- Scenic Skyline Parkway
- Gravel Road
- DTA Route

Hampton Inn
 310 Canal Park Drive
 Duluth, MN
 218-720-3000

From I-35 N:
 Take the 5th Ave W exit - Exit 256B toward Lake Ave
 Turn right onto Lake Ave/Canal Park Drive
 Stay straight to go onto N Lake Ave
 N Lake Ave becomes Canal Park Dr

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AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 12.14.22 (for Approval) Director's Report 	10 min
3. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #1-5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend to the Policy Board for approval, Sheldon Johnson 	10 min
4. ADOPTION OF 2023 MNDOT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE #1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend to the Policy Board for approval, Prescott Morrill 	10 min
5. PROJECT UPDATES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #6 I-35 Corridor 	5 min
6. ROUND TABLE	5 min
7. ADJOURN	

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

DOUGLAS COUNTY GOV'T CTR/ROOM 270

SUPERIOR, WI

VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS

6:00 pm

**Wishing everyone the
very best in 2023**





Agenda Item Descriptions

* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Meeting Summary of 12.14.22**
- **Directors Report**
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (MN) Support Letters – Stemming from MIC plans, both the City of Duluth and St Louis County have asked to support applications for infrastructure improvements in the upcoming DOT cycle. Duluth is looking to get two segments for the Campus Connector Trail linking the Lakewalk with UMD/Scholastica area: one near the UMD campus and the other a long-studied crossing of Superior Street in the vicinity of Congdon Park Elementary School.
 - Blatnik Bridge Update – News was received earlier this month on the recipients of the federal Bridge Improvement Program (BIP) submissions. The DOTs here had put in an application for nearly \$900M toward the Blatnik that would cover approximately ½ of the proposed cost. They did not receive it for this cycle but will continue to apply as this program is on annual cycle. A very large and key project along I-71/75 at the Ohio River in Cincinnati received the largest award of the program at just over \$1.3B. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco also received funding for seismic upgrades. Many jurisdictions and economic development entities in our area (including the MIC) provided letters of support for this federal program and will continue to do so in further cycles.
 - A Minnesota DOT program entitled the ‘Corridors of Commerce’ program is a further source of potential funds that might be an eligible project for the Blatnik. We assisted the DOT in a letter of support for this program toward the bridge; announcement of awards are set for May of this year. The request was for \$100M.
 - Lastly, in an upcoming packet of Board items and stemming from the presentation in December from the DOT office staff here in Duluth, I’ll include the document that details the analysis of a tunnel option as a connection and the reasons why it was not pursued further. I have looked this over and it is very thorough and can provide further answers for members that wish to review the entire piece.

3. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #1-5

TIP AMENDMENT #1

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to continue their transportation vouchers program to eligible clients throughout (eight county area including; Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn) northern Wisconsin. The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals.



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Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-23-008 Amended to TIP in January 2023	Funding of a Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 8 NW Counties.	Voucher Program	161,180		161,180	322,360
		TOTAL	161,180		161,180	322,360

TIP AMENDMENT #2

This project enables North Country Independent Living Center (NCIL) the ability to operate a mobility management program funding staff members who coordinate rides for the region’s population seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
North Country Independent Living 113-23-009 Amended to TIP in January 2023	Funding a mobility manager within NCIL	Mobility Manager	28,304		7,076	35,380
		TOTAL	28,304		7,076	35,380

TIP AMENDMENT #3

A TIP amendment has been requested for engineering work associated with reconstruction of Marina Drive/bridge replacement in the City of Superior. Engineering work is scheduled for 2023.



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2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-23-010 Amended to TIP in January 2023	Marina Drive Marina Drive N to Barkers Island 0.0 miles STBG-U 8998-00-61	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	271.24		67.8	339.04
			271.24		67.8	339.04

TIP AMENDMENT #4

A TIP amendment has been requested for reconstruction associated with the reconstruction of Marina Drive/bridge replacement in the City of Superior. Reconstruction work is scheduled for 2026.

2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-23-011 Amended to TIP in January 2023	Marina Drive Marina Drive N to Barkers Island 0.14 miles STBG-U 8998-00-62	PE ROW CONST TOTAL	1,236.38		973.81	2,210.19
			1,236.38		973.81	2,210.19

TIP AMENDMENT #5

A TIP amendment has been requested for real estate acquisition associated with future work along STH 105 from MN/WI State Line to STH 35 that is already programmed in the TIP for 2024. Acquisition is scheduled for 2023.

2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-23-012 Amended to TIP in January 2023	STH 105 MN/WI State Line to STH 35 0.0 miles, Real Estate Acquisition 8760-00-21	PE ROW CONST TOTAL		18.5		18.5
				18.5		18.5

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



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4. 2023 MNDOT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES #1

In accordance with federal law, each MPO must annually adopt five Safety (PM1) performance measure targets by February 27.

The MPO has the option to either adopt and use safety performance measure targets adopted by the state or to develop their own targets. The MIC is proposing to adopt the following performance measure targets established by MnDOT, which will be presented for information at the TAC meeting and for adoption by the MIC Policy Board.

Minnesota Safety Performance Measures

Pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), MnDOT has established statewide targets for the federal performance measures intended to assess performance of the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); 23 CFR Part 490.

Performance in each target is based on five-year rolling averages to address year-to-year variations and anomalies. The number of fatalities, fatality rate, and number of serious injuries shall be identical to the Highway Safety Plan targets set annually by Department of Public Safety (DPS).

2023 Targets

Minnesota supports setting aspiration targets but these must be achievable. Given the outcomes of 2020 and 2021, a large, sustained reduction would be needed in all measures to maintain the prior methodology of progress toward the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) goals of no more than 225 fatalities and 980 serious injuries by 2025. While using a data-driven approach, Minnesota does not support setting targets greater than the prior year.

The 2023 targets are equal to the 2022 targets. This will require innovative thinking and sustained support to achieve these goals given recent trends in traffic safety.

Table 1: 2023 Statewide Safety Performance Measure Targets

Performance Metric	Baseline (2017-2021 average)	2023 Target
Number of fatalities	397.0	352.4
Fatality rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	0.695	0.582
Number of serious injuries	1,664.0	1,463.4
Serious injury rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	2.908	2.470
Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries	280.8	258.4



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5. PROJECT UPDATES

• *2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #6*

Funding reduction for Project ID 6910-102

MnDOT has requested to decrease funding for Project ID 6910-102. This change has been approved by MIC staff. This change has been approved by MIC staff. All changes are within fiscal constraints.

This project change has been made administratively to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP and is detailed in the table below.

Admin Mod #	State Project ID	Project Description	Year	Federal \$	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$
6	6910-102 MnDOT	MN 23 IN DULUTH JCT CSAH 3 BECKS RD. US STEEL CREEK CULVERT REPAIR. (TIED 6910-103)	2023	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,870,000
6	6910-102 MnDOT	MN 23 IN DULUTH JCT CSAH 3 BECKS RD. US STEEL CREEK CULVERT REPAIR. (TIED 6910-103)	2023	\$ -	\$ 1,418,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 1,500,000

• *I-35 Corridor Project Update*

The I-35 Corridor Plan was launched in 2022 for the 14-mile corridor between Midway and 26th Ave E in /Duluth. The Bolton & Menk consultant team is working on design alternatives to address deficiencies that were identified early in the project. These include safety, confusing design, and inadequate shoulder width. The team held a Public Open House in November at Denfeld H.S. and is programming other stakeholder engagement throughout 2023 to solicit input on the project. For further information contact Kris Liljeblad, kliljeblad@ardc.org at the MIC.