



TAC Agenda Topics and Project Updates

December 13th, 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
	Krysten Saatela Foster	MnDOT Dist 1
	James Gittemeier	City of Duluth
	Matt Hemmila	St Louis Cnty (<i>alternate</i>)
	Todd Janigo	City of Superior – Public Works
	Chris Lee	City of Duluth
	John Mulder	City of Proctor (<i>alternate</i>)
	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
	Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
	Jim Foldesi	St Louis County
	Jason Jackman	Douglas County
	Jess Rich	City of Proctor
	Tom Werner*	Duluth Airport Authority
	vacant	Mobility Challenged Community
	vacant	Active Transportation/Zeitgeist Arts
Others Present		
	Tim Burkhardt	
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist – Active Transportation
	Duane Hill	MnDOT
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Joe Klein	MnDOT
	Colin Korst	FTA
	Kris Liljeblad	MIC-Sr Planner
	Chris Michaels	WisDOT
	Prescott Morrill	MIC Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Bobbi Retzlaff	FHWA
	Ricky Sarran	MIC-GIS Specialist
	Matt Schreiber	
	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 10.18.22

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

Motion Discussion and Vote	Dena Ryan/James Gittemeier moved to approve the 12.13.22 meeting summary. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Ron played the short video recorded by WDSE reporting on our open house with Bolton Menk and MnDOT District 1 representatives and MIC staff. Below is the link to see it for yourself:

[Almanac North show on WDSE-TV](#)

DRAFT TAC BYLAW REVISIONS:

Chris Belden asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the Revisions to the TAC Bylaws that was included in the meeting packet. Hearing none he announced that a vote of approval will be taking place at our next meeting in January. If you have any questions or comments please contact Chris Belden, cbelden@duluthtransit.com.

3. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #2-9

Prescott Morrill reviewed the details of each of the amendments. (Details can be found on our website: [Meeting Packet](#))

With no questions or comments Prescott asked for a motion.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Krysten Foster/John Mulder moved to recommend the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Amendments 2-9 to the Policy Board for approval. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. MIC AREA SAFETY PLAN:

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



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5. Project Update

- *2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #2-5*
- *I-35 Corridor Project Update*

6. ROUND TABLE

7. **ADJOURN:** With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Vice Chair Belden adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.



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Attachments:

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	Road Repair	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.

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



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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 (AC Payback 1 of 1).	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:

- 0980-162 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

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.



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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.