



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 at 6:00 pm
HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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Items for Approval:

- Meeting Summary of 4.18.23
- 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #12 & 13
- 2023-2026 Superior Area TIP Amendments #8-12

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE AIRPORT & SKY HARBOR**
TOM WERNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DLH
- **I-35 CORRIDOR PLAN – DESIGN CONCEPTS**
ANGIE BERSAW, PRINCIPAL PLANNER, BOLTON & MENK, INC

Project Updates

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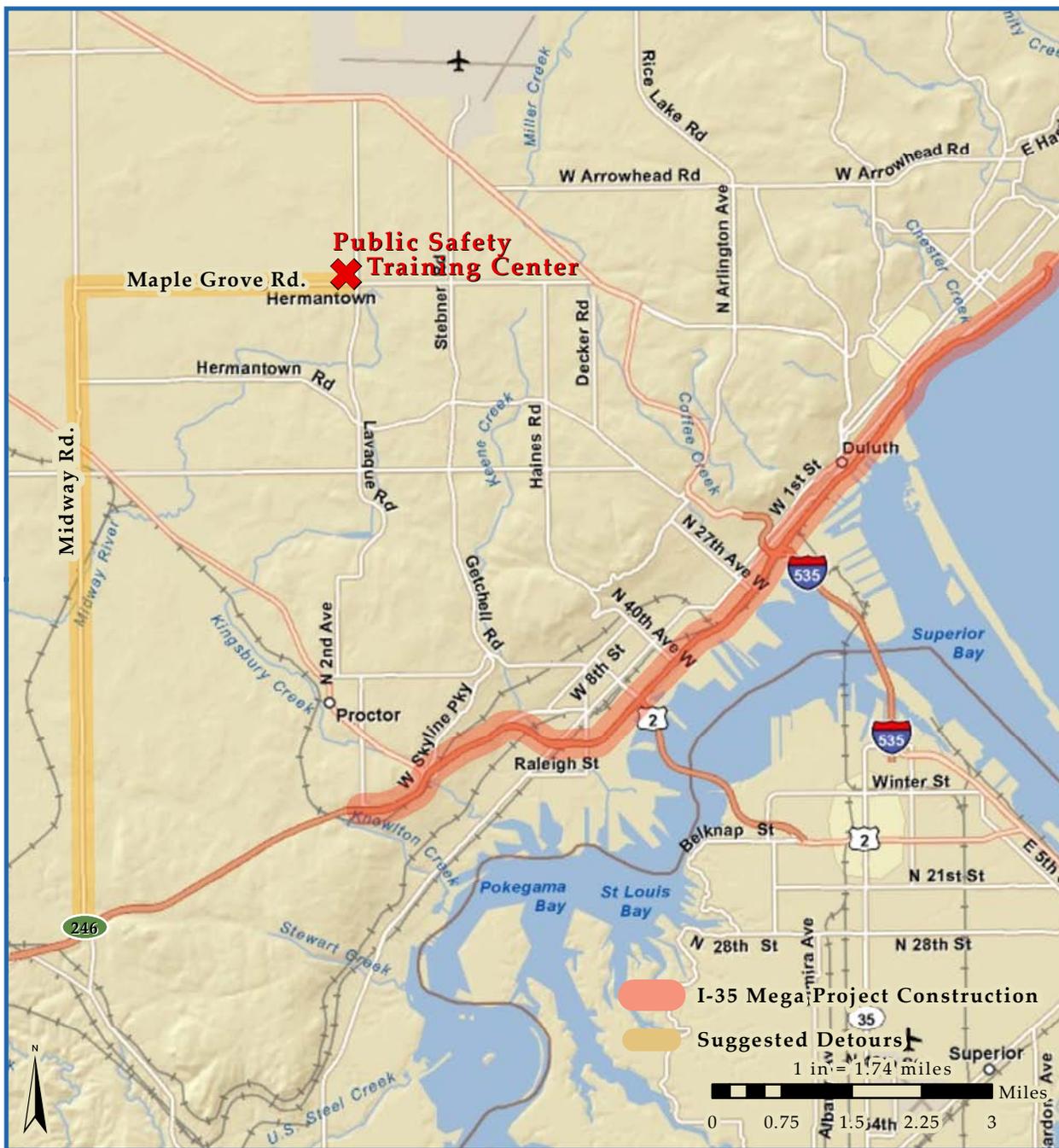
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Policy Board

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

HYBRID MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review 2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 4.19.23 (for Approval) Director's Report <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Open Public Comment Period"</i></p>	10 min
3. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENT #12-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend to the Policy Board for approval, Prescott Merrill 	10 min
4. 2023 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #8 - 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend to the Policy Board for approval, Sheldon Johnson 	10 min
5. WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE AIRPORT & SKY HARBOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation - Tom Werner, Executive Director, DHL 	10 min
6. I-35 CORRIDOR PLAN – DESIGN CONCEPTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation - Angie Bersaw, Principal Planner, Bolton & Menk, Inc. 	15 min
7. PROJECT UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment #2 to the MIC's Contract with Bolton & Menk Administrative Modification #10 to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP 	5 min
8. ROUND TABLE	5 min
9. ADJOURN	

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 21th, 2023

DOUGLAS COUNTY/ROOM 270

VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS

6:00 pm



Agenda Item Descriptions

* = Approval Item

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 4.19.23
- Directors Report

- AMPO Meetings DC - As part of my AMPO committee position, I was in DC last month in meetings with colleagues across the country as we strategize for implementation of the many components of the federal bill relating to MPOs. One reason we do these annual visits is to closely collaborate with House and Senate committees that are responsible for the rulemaking behind the federal bill. That connection is invaluable. Other guests include the current administrative (White House) staff leading the transportation legislation and specialty offices in the field, such as Intelligent Transportation Systems offices. We also meet with leaders from FHWA and FTA.
- MIC Staffing Update – Kris Liljeblad, Senior Planner, has recently re-retired after helping us out with a series of items over the last year. Greatly appreciated and we wish him all the best. We'll be getting someone in as soon as feasible, especially to lead our ongoing Harbor TAC work.

Barb Peterson, our Administrative Assistant for many years, will be leaving us at the beginning of June. We will certainly miss her; as she has assisted in several tasks over the years, both administratively and in the planning project realm as well. Fortunately for the MIC, we have hired Tari Aanonsen to replace Barb and for a couple of weeks this month they will both be with us as we do some training and getting to know our cycles. Tari will also be assisting the finance staff at the agency. Please welcome Tari in her new endeavor with the MIC and ARDC.

3. 2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #12

To Apply Federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds to the St. Louis County's Woodland Ave Reconstruction Project in 2024

With the introduction of new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds in the IIJA, the MIC has the discretion to apply these funds to new or existing federally-funded transportation projects in accordance with federal and state guidance.

In collaboration with constituent jurisdictions, the MIC has decided to allocate the CRP funds to the Woodland Avenue Reconstruction Project #069-609-050 CRP in FY 2024.

The project total will be increasing from \$3M to \$3.1M due to the addition of these funds.

To account for the new change in funding, several adjustments are being made to other funding categories, as described below (*rows in grey are previous line items; the rows in white are new line items; the text in red is revised information*).



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State Project ID	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Fed AC \$*	Fed AC Payback**	Other \$	Project Total \$ (Project Total)	Current Planned Year
069-609-050	STBGP	\$ -	\$ 1,480,000	\$ -	\$ 1,520,000	\$ 3,000,000	2024
069-609-050	STBGP	\$ -	\$ 1,627,650	\$ -	\$ 1,022,350	\$ 2,650,000	2024
069-609-050AC	STBGP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,480,000	\$ -	\$ -	2025
069-609-050AC	STBGP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,627,650	\$ -	\$ -	2025
069-609-050CRP	CRP	\$ 360,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 450,000	2024

Public comments will be taken about this proposed amendment when it is presented for approval at the May 17th, 2023 MIC Policy Board meeting. Contact Prescott Morrill with any questions: pmorrill@ardc.org

4. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #8-12

TIP AMENDMENT #8

A TIP amendment has been requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering work associated with a proposed culvert replacement on an unnamed tributary to the Pokegama River crossing STH 105. Preliminary engineering work 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 113-23-015	STH 105 Culvert replacement on unnamed tributary to Pokegama River	PE ROW CONST	102.8	25.7		128.5
Amended to TIP in May 2023	PE 0.0 mi 8760-00-02	TOTAL	102.8	25.7		128.5

TIP AMENDMENT #9

A TIP amendment has been requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for work associated with a proposed culvert replacement on an unnamed tributary to the Pokegama River crossing on STH 105. Construction/culvert replacement work is scheduled for 2026.



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2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-23-016	STH 105 Culvert replacement on unnamed tributary to Pokegama River	PE ROW CONST	2,364.4	591.1		2,955.5
Amended to TIP in May 2023	Const/Replacement 0.0 mi 8760-00-72	TOTAL	2,364.4	591.1		2,955.5

TIP AMENDMENT #10

A TIP amendment has been requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for work associated with a new local program referred to as the “Carbon Reduction Program”. Work associated with the proposed project will be towards replacing existing light fixtures with LED fixtures along USH2 & STH 35. Preliminary engineering work is scheduled for 2023.

2023 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
City of Superior 113-23-017	USH 2 & STH 35 Replace streetlights to LED. Pre-Eng Carbon Reduction Program 0.0 mi	PE ROW CONST			10	10
Amended to TIP in May 2023	8998-00-45	TOTAL			10	10

TIP AMENDMENT #11

A TIP amendment has been requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for work associated with a new local program referred to as the “Carbon Reduction Program”. Work associated with the proposed project will be towards replacing existing light fixtures with LED fixtures along USH2 & STH 35. 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
City of Superior 113-23-018	USH 2 & STH 35 Replace streetlights to LED. Constr. Carbon Reduction Program 0.0 mi	PE ROW CONST	74.1		31.1	105.2
Amended to TIP in May 2023	8998-00-46	TOTAL	74.1		31.1	105.2

TIP AMENDMENT #12

The MIC approved Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures (PM 2) and System Performance and Freight Measures (PM 3) on April 19, 2023. A formal TIP amendment process is requested to proceed with incorporating the new PM 2 and PM 3 targets into the 2023-2026 Superior TIP.

Infrastructure Performance Measures and 2022-2025 Targets (PM2)

Measure	Baseline	2-Year Target	4-Year Target
Percent of NHS* Bridges in Good Condition	51.3%	>49.0%	>48.0%
Percent of NHS Bridges in Poor Condition	2.6%	<3.0%	<3.0%
Percent of Interstate Pavement in Good Condition	65.9%	>60.0%	>60.0%
Percent of Interstate Pavement in Poor Condition	0.3%	<4.0%	<4.0%
Percent of Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in Good Condition	36.3%	>30.0%	>30.0%
Percent of Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in Poor Condition	4.2%	<10.0%	<10.0%

*NHS = National Highway System

System Reliability Performance Measures and 2022-2025 Targets (PM3):

Measure	Baseline	2-Year Target	4-Year Target
Percent of Reliable Person Miles on the Interstate	96.4%	92.5%	93.0%
Percent of Reliable Person Miles Reliable on the Non-Interstate NHS	93.9%	91.0%	89.5%
Truck Travel Time Reliability Index	1.20	1.3	1.3

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



Agenda Item Descriptions

5. WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE AIRPORT & SKY HARBOR

6. I-35 CORRIDOR PLAN – DESIGN CONCEPTS

7. PROJECT UPDATES

- *Amendment #2 to the MIC’s Contract with Bolton & Menk*

Additional Scope of Work and Funding for the Duluth Area I-35 Corridor Plan

Summary of the Change: An additional task has been identified for the Duluth Area I-35 Corridor Plan to further evaluate the Thompson Hill area from Boundary Avenue to Central Avenue. The MIC’s consultant has provided a detailed scope of work and MnDOT has agreed to provide additional funds in the amount of \$94,956.84, thereby increasing its share of the 2023 project budget from \$80,000.00 to \$174,956.84. No additional state or federal planning funds will be used.

Reason: Initial work on the I-35 Plan identified the need for a more detailed analysis of the Thompson Hill segment of the I-35 study area to better understand and document environmental concerns to aid in project scoping; and to further refine design concepts which may include a truck climbing lane for Thompson Hill, the I-35/Grand/Central Avenue interchange, and improved pedestrian/bike connections under I-35 in the West Duluth/Spirit Valley neighborhoods.

The additional work, involving technical analyses, agency coordination and public engagement, will be completed within the original project timeline. A technical memorandum documenting the analysis, findings, and agency input will be included in the final Plan.

- *Administrative Modification #10 to the 2023-26 Duluth Area TIP*

Removal of Project # 069-070-049, Rumble Strips at various locations, St Louis County - St Louis County has requested the removal of the following project from the current TIP. These changes have been approved by MIC staff and are within fiscal constraints. This change has been made administratively to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP and is detailed in the table below.

State Project ID	Agency	Route System	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$ STIP (MnDOT Total)	Project Total \$ (MPO Total)	Current Planned Year
069-070-049	St. Louis County	Various Locations	0	Safety Improvements	ST LOUIS COUNTY WIDE - CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	HSIP	\$213,300	\$25,000	\$238,300	\$238,300	2023
069-070-049	St. Louis County	Various Locations	0	Safety Improvements	ST LOUIS COUNTY WIDE - CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	HSIP	\$213,300	\$25,000	\$238,300	\$238,300	2023

**Based on the criteria adopted in the 2021 mic public involvement plan, these project changes do not require formal tip amendments and can be made as an administrative modification.*

8. ROUND TABLE

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