

## 9/19/23 Minnesota Jurisdictions—Consultation #1

**Description:** AECOM staff held the first of two planned consultations with representatives from the jurisdictions on the Minnesota side of the MIC planning area, to gain input into observed and emerging transportation issues. The project process overview and engagement opportunities were discussed and highlighted by AECOM.

### What We Heard – Key Themes:

#### 1. Spot Locations and Safety Analysis:

- The plan recognizes spot locations with peak hour congestion.
- Safety analysis will explore opportunities for improvements.
- Local knowledge is vital, as data analysis may not always capture specific problem intersections.

#### 2. Optimizing Existing Facilities:

- Given infrastructure funding primarily relies on sales tax, maintaining and enhancing transportation assets is critical.
- Identifying short vehicle trips (under 3 miles or 1 mile) and upgrading pedestrian and bike experiences will be a priority.

#### 3. Optimizing Existing Capacity for Bike/Ped Safety:

- Utilize excess capacity for bike/pedestrian safety.
- Consider spot locations with peak hour congestion.
- Focus on upgrading pedestrian and bike experiences.

#### 4. Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles (EVs):

- Explore EV infrastructure needs.
- Charging stations during reconstruction projects.
- Potential future requirements through zoning and development codes.

#### 5. Preservation vs. Expansion/Reconstruction:

- Prioritize preservation over expansion/reconstruction.
- Maintain consistent pavement markings for emerging technologies.

#### 6. Rural-Urban Divide and Transportation as a Service:

- Rural areas may adopt new tech differently.
- Transportation as a Service could impact trip patterns.