

2/1/24 **Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Targeted Stakeholder Discussion)**

Description: MIC staff attended the regularly-scheduled meeting of the MIC's BPAC and provided a status update about the MTP and invited comments from the group about pedestrian and bicycle transportation in the MIC area.

What We Heard – Comments

Top Priorities:

- Year round reliability and access (all season maintenance -- snow and ice clearing)
- Better connectivity/eliminate gaps
- Safer bike options (protected lanes)
- Safer crossings
- Sidewalk repairs needed in Duluth
- Policy options that more formally and directly integrate bike/ped infrastructure.
- Establish a transportation commission in Duluth
- Implement a safe systems approach – undertake a community-wide multimodal Safety Action Plan in accordance with SS4A grant requirements
- Training options
- **Specific locations of concern:**
 - 6th Ave E (Duluth)
 - Miller Hill Mall area
- **Discussion Question: What are your ideas for metrics to evaluate progress toward top priorities and desired outcomes for bicyclists and pedestrians?**
 - Bike/Ped Mode share increase
 - Reduced number of conflict points
 - VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) decrease: e.g., MN legislature trying to reduce VMT by 20%
 - Metric –not sure what-- to evaluate how direct proposed bike routes are
 - Metric to evaluate how roadway projects enhance (or create barriers) to accessibility