

## **2/20/24      Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Consultation – Proposed Process for Project Scoring**

**Description:** Building upon the December 2023 presentation, AECOM and MIC staff presented the proposed process for scoring the projects to be included in the 2050 MTP, highlighting the proposed data-driven metrics along with the planning emphasis areas that will be used to help refine the project scoring, and invited comments for refining the proposed metrics.

### **What We Heard – Comments:**

**Q:** How much effort will this process require of jurisdictions?

**A:** Most of the scoring process is completed by the MPO and the consultant, AECOM. The jurisdictions are first asked for their lists of projects and then the scoring process begins. The MIC will likely be asking some follow up questions of the jurisdictions regarding the projects that make it to Step 3, but other than that, the work should be minimal.

**Q:** How many projects will be included in Step 3?

**A:** It has yet to be determined, but 25 has been mentioned. It may easily be determined by a clear line being drawn after the outcome of Step 1 scoring. We want to have narrowed down to a reasonable number.

**Q:** How often does this process occur?

**A:** Every five years.

**Q:** What is the benefit of keeping the project list limited?

**A:** To determine priority projects to receive federal funding in the Duluth and Superior TIPS, i.e., those that will best contribute toward meeting the long term goals of the MTP.