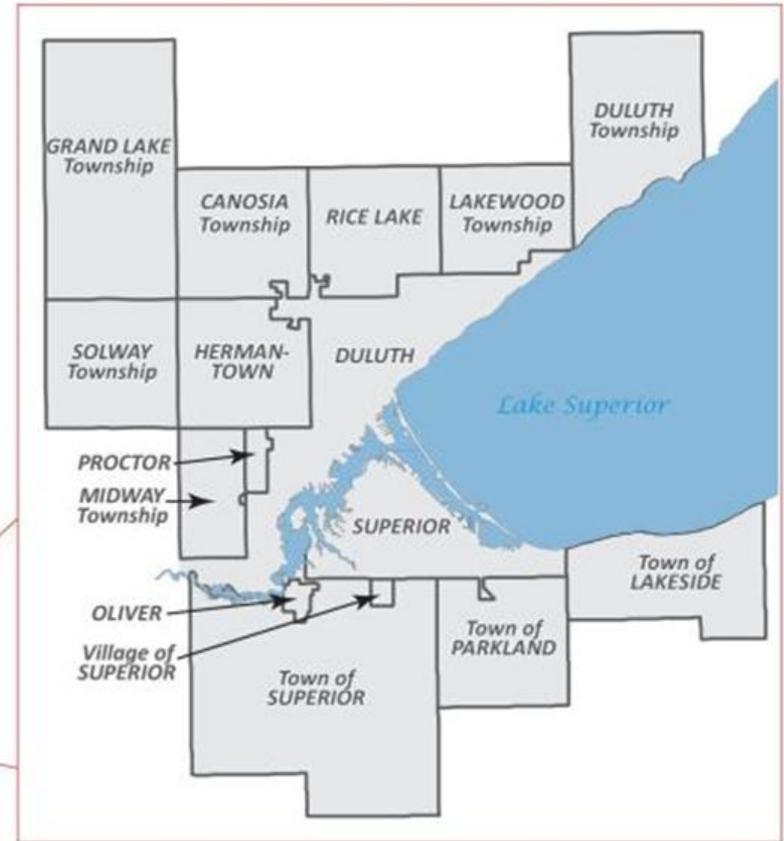


# 2025-2026 MIC Work Program and Budget Proposed Projects

TAC and MIC Meetings  
August 20 & 21, 2024

Ron Chicka  
MIC Director



*MIC Planning Area*

# Standing Work Program Projects (2025-2026)

## Long-Range Transportation Plan

- Initial implementation steps for *Sustainable Choices 2050*
- Integrating new performance-based approach into the TIP (and other MIC planning processes)

## Duluth & Superior Transportation Improvement Programs

- Current TIP (2025-2028) Maintenance
  - Amendments and modifications
- New TIP (2026-2029) Development
  - Integrating new performance-based approach into TIP project application

# Standing Work Program Projects (2025-2026)

## Administration

- Program Administration, Coordination and Monitoring
- Update to the Memorandum of Understanding between the State, DTA and MIC (Three-party MOU)
- Communicate our transportation planning activities with the public and project stakeholders
- Development of the annual Work Program
- Staff attendance of trainings, workshops and conferences

# Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2025-2026)

## **Bicycle & Pedestrian**

- BPAC & Subcommittees
- Duluth-Superior Area Pedestrian Plan Update
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts
- Functional Trail Planning – Connections between parks
- MN Regional Route through MIC area

# Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2025-2026)

## Transit

- DTA Coordination
- Bus stops/shelters – pedestrian connectivity and accessibility assessment
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Facility Study – participate on advisory committee
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) – assess the impact of various land uses on transit utilization

# Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2025-2026)

## Roadway

- 4-to-3 Lane Reductions
- North Tower Avenue – Belknap to 28<sup>th</sup> Street
- Blatnik Bridge
- Central Entrance Design Study

# Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2025-2026)

## Harbor

- Coordinate HTAC & Subcommittees

## Freight

- State Freight Advisory Committees

# Short-Range Planning Project (2025-2026)

## Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Plan

- \$250,000 federal grant + \$62,500 local match = \$312,500 budget
- Work builds on MIC-area safety analysis work conducted by AECOM (2022-2024)
- Consultant-led; RFP to be developed this year and posted early 2025
- Estimated start of work May/June 2025
- Focus on public engagement, political buy-in, and encouraging a community-wide safety culture

# 2025-2026 MIC Budget Funding Sources

**DRAFT**

## MIC Unified Transportation Planning Work Program

### 2025 Funding Sources

#### MINNESOTA

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG - Minnesota)	\$644,898
Minnesota State Funds (MnDOT)	\$53,420
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC - Match)	\$121,160

#### MINNESOTA TOTAL

**\$819,478**

#### WISCONSIN

Federal Highway Administration (CPG - Wisconsin)	\$70,453
Wisconsin State Funds (CPG Match - WisDOT)	\$3,210
Northwest Regional Planning Commission (Local Match-NWRPC)	\$14,403

#### WISCONSIN TOTAL

**\$88,066**

#### MINNESOTA + WISCONSIN FUNDING TOTALS

**\$907,544**

In addition to the above sources, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council was also the recipient of the 2023 Safe Streets For All Grant, as broken down below.

#### Federal Safe Streets For All Grant

FHWA	\$250,000
MnDOT - IJJA Discretionary Match Program	\$62,500

#### SS4A TOTAL

**\$312,500**

#### TOTAL 2025 REVENUE - ALL SOURCES

**\$1,220,044**

*\*Anticipated funding levels - subject to change upon further review from all sources.*

# 2025-26 Work Program & Budget Development Timeline

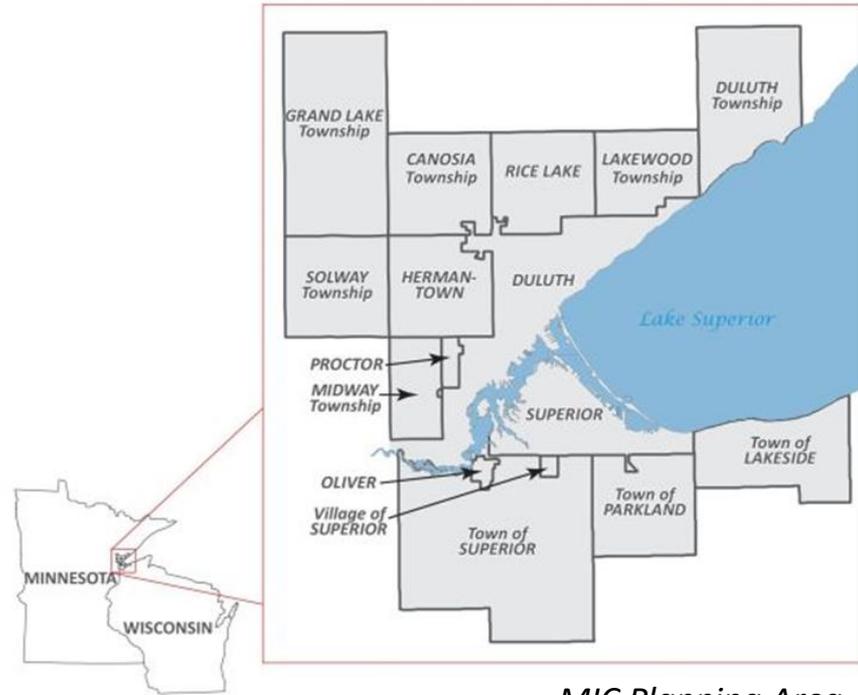
## Draft

- Presented for review and comment in September.

## Final

- Final 2025-2026 Work Program & Budget will be presented for adoption by the MIC Policy Board in October.
- Forwarded to MnDOT, WisDOT, FHWA & FTA for final approvals.

# 2025-2026 MIC Work Program and Budget Proposed Projects



*MIC Planning Area*

*Contact Ron Chicka with any  
additional comments or  
project suggestions*

[rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org)

## Comments? Questions?