



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 1:30 pm
MEETING NOTICE

This meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting – join us in person at the location listed below OR participate virtually via Microsoft Teams (login info, below).

Meeting materials can be viewed on the [meeting web page](#) as well as on the attached pages.

Items for Approval

- Meeting Summary of 8.20.24

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Blatnik Bridge & Traffic Mitigation
- Draft 2025-2026 MIC Work Program
- Long Range MTP 2050 Project Update
- Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan 2024

Project Updates

- No project updates at this time to report

In-Person Meeting Location: **OR**
WisDOT
1701 4th Street
Superior, WI 54880

join virtually via TEAMS below:
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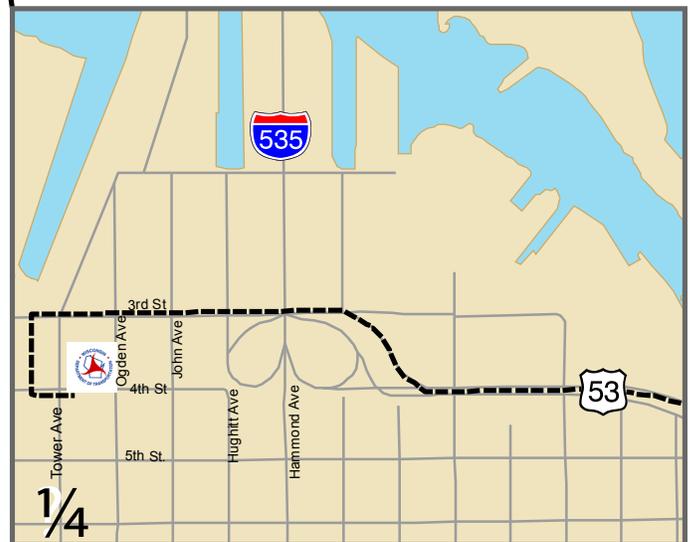
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WisDOT Northwest Region - Superior Office
1701 N 4th St
Superior, WI



From Minnesota on either I-35 N or S:
 Take 535 / 53 (Blatnik Bridge) to Superior, WI
Bear RIGHT off bridge, then straight following signs for South 35
 At stop, turn LEFT onto 3rd St
 Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave)
 Turn LEFT at 4th St (1st left)
 WisDOT will be on the left



From Wisconsin: Follow 53/2 from the south
 Bear RIGHT at signs for **Superior Business District/ South 35 / Vehicle Registration Driver Licensing**
 this becomes N 3rd St
 Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave / South 35)
 Turn LEFT at 1st left (4th St)
 WisDOT will be on the left

- Parking lot in front of building
- Meeting held in Lake Superior Conference Room

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(TAC)
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary 8.20.24 (for Approval) Director's Report 	10 min
3. Blatnik Bridge & Traffic Mitigation Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Pat Huston, MnDOT District 1 & Jeff Knudson, SRF Consulting 	35 min
4. Draft 2025-2026 MIC Work Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Ron Chicka 	15 min
5. Long Range MTP 2050 Project Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	15 min
6. Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan 2024	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Prescott Morrill 	15 min
7. Round Table	5 min
8. Project Updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No project updates at this time to report 	5 min
9. Adjourn	

Next Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024
Hampton Inn
1:30 pm



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September 17, 2024

Agenda Item Descriptions

** = Presented for TAC recommendation to the MIC Policy Board for Approval or Adoption*

1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 8.20.24*
- MIC Director's Report

The September Director's Report will be given verbally at the meeting next week. Thank you.

3. BLATNIK BRIDGE & TRAFFIC MITIGATION PLAN

Pat Huston MnDOT District One Assistant District Engineer for Major Projects and Jeff Knudson of SRF Consulting will be providing an update on the Blatnik Bridge construction schedule. They will also be discussing design schematics of the bridge, with a greater focus on traffic mitigation options in both Minnesota and Wisconsin for when the bridge is closed for four to five years.

4. DRAFT 2025-2026 MIC WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

Our 2025-2026 Work Program and Budget has been drafted and is under review by our State and Federal oversight personnel. A copy of the draft is attached to the agenda notification and a brief review will be presented for discussion. Please return any comments regarding the draft by Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

5. LONG RANGE MTP 2050 PROJECT UPDATE

Every MPO is federally required to prepare and update a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the key plan of each MPO. An MTP provides the overall vision for the region's transportation system, includes goals and objectives to help meet the vision, identifies projects that can be included in future TIPs, and provides the underpinning of the MPO's work program. The MIC is required to update its long-range MTP at least once every 5 years. The next MTP update is due this October. MIC staff have been working on numerous tasks to support the MTP update for many months.

MIC staff have received review comments from the Public Comment period and from TAC and MIC Board member review. A brief summary of input received and how it is being addressed will be provided.

This will represent a final group MTP discussion prior to asking for support in recommending adoption of the MTP by the MIC Board in October.



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6. DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN BIKEWAYS PLAN 2024

The Duluth Superior Bikeways Plan 2024 is an update to the existing 2019 Bikeway Plan. MIC staff has been working on updating language to more relevant, contemporary vision and goals, as well as updates to existing infrastructure and improvements since the last publication of this Bikeway Plan.

In addition to updates to the existing maps in the plan, this update will also include the following to the vision and goals of the plan, to include:

1. Low cost/high benefit projects to tap into the latent demand for our bicycle transportation network.
2. Complete the “Primary Arterial Network”, to connect both across Duluth (east-to-west), and up-and-down the hill.
3. Sustainability – a commitment to address a reduction in the carbon footprint of our transportation system.
4. Bike-ability and accessibility of this region: that between any two points (travelling from point A to point B), is clearly able to be done without the need for a personal automobile.
5. Year-Round Reliability: that the entire transportation network, for all modes of transportation, is accessible to all users, all year round.

Questions regarding the plan should be directed to Prescott Morrill at 218-529-7556 or by email at pmorrill@ardc.org.

7. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

8. PROJECT UPDATES

9. ADJOURN