



## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:00 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 8.21.24

### Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Blatnik Bridge & Traffic Mitigation Plan
- Draft 2025-2026 MIC Work Program
- Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan 2024

### Project Updates

- No project updates to report on at this time

### In-Person Meeting Location:

Douglas County  
1316 N 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Superior, WI 54880

OR

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join virtually via TEAMS below:  
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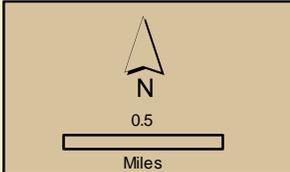
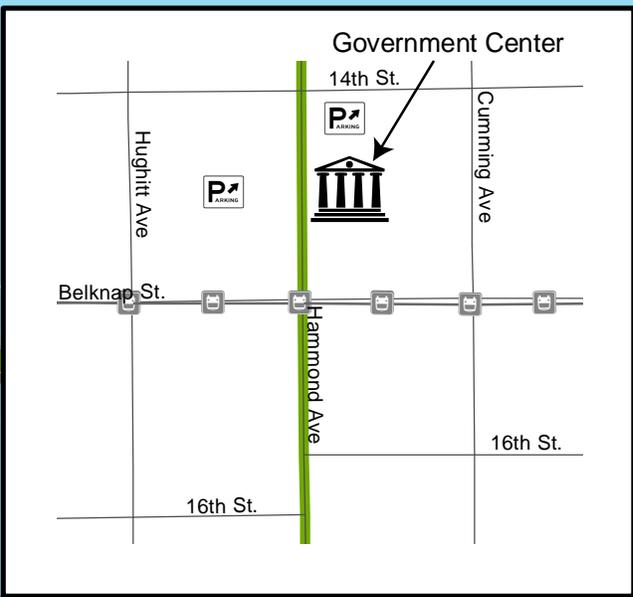
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## Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 6:00 pm MEETING AGENDA

<b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b>	
<b>2. Committee Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 8.21.24 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">"Open Public Comment Period"</p>	10 min
<b>3. Blatnik Bridge &amp; Traffic Mitigation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Pat Huston, MnDOT District 1 &amp; Jeff Knudson, SRF Consulting</li> </ul>	35 min
<b>4. Draft 2025-2026 MIC Work Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Ron Chicka</li> </ul>	15 min
<b>5. Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Prescott Morrill</li> </ul>	15 min
<b>6. Round Table</b>	5 min
<b>7. Project Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No project updates to report on at this time</li> </ul>	5 min
<b>8. Adjourn</b>	

**Next Meeting**  
 Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
 Hampton Inn  
 6:00 pm



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Agenda Item Descriptions

\* = Presented for Approval or Adoption

**1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW**

**2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- Meeting Summary of 8.21.24\*
- MIC Director's Report

**Long Range MTP 2050 Update** – The Public Comment period ended on September 6, 2024. MIC staff have received review comments from the public and from the TAC and MIC Board member review. A brief summary of the input received and how it is being addressed will be provided.

This will represent a final MTP update prior to asking for adoption of the MTP by the MIC Board in October. A link to the Long Range MTP 2050 is included in this agenda mailing and can also be found on our website here: [Sustainable-Choices-2050-Final-Draft.pdf](#)

**Additional items** – additional items will be presented verbally at the meeting next week.

**3. BLATNIK BRIDGE & TRAFFIC MITIGATION**

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**

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 can also be found on our website here: [Draft-2025-26-MIC-Work-Program-Budget](#). A brief review will be presented for discussion. Please return any comments regarding the draft by Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

Questions/comments regarding the Work Program should be directed to Ron Chicka at [rchicka@ardc.org](mailto:rchicka@ardc.org).

**5. 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.



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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](mailto:pmorrill@ardc.org).

**6. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

**7. PROJECT UPDATES**

**8. ADJOURN**