



# Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan



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*Adopting Sustainable Choices 2050 as its Long-Range  
Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025-2050*

**WHEREAS**, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) was designated by agreement between the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to conduct transportation planning for the Duluth, MN–Superior, WI Metropolitan Planning Area in accordance with 23 U.S.C. § 134; and

**WHEREAS**, the MIC has established a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) metropolitan transportation planning process that uses a performance-based approach to transportation decision-making to support the national goals described in 23 U.S.C. 150(b) and the general purposes described in 49 U.S.C. 5301(c); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with 23 CFR § 450.306, the MIC has developed a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), *Sustainable Choices 2050*, that provides for the development of an integrated multimodal transportation system and for the consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that address the planning factors described in § 450.306, to:

- (1) Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency,
- (2) Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users,
- (3) Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users,
- (4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight,
- (5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns,
- (6) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight,
- (7) Promote efficient system management and operation,
- (8) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system,
- (9) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation, and
- (10) Enhance travel and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, *Sustainable Choices 2050* was developed with input from the MIC Policy Board and its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which include local elected officials and appointed highway and transit officials; and from its Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC); and from interested parties and stakeholders including special interest and service organizations, users of public transit and representatives of traditionally underserved communities and disabled persons; and in consultation with Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation (MnDOT, WisDOT); Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

**WHEREAS**, public comment was solicited and regular opportunities for participation and input from a broad range of community stakeholders were provided regarding the transportation goals and objectives, priorities, recommendations and projects contained in this MTP; and

**WHEREAS**, comments were received, responded to, and incorporated where feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, *Sustainable Choices 2050* is fiscally constrained;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby adopts *Sustainable Choices 2050* as its long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for 2025-2050.

**ATTEST:**



MIC Policy Board Chair - MN



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MIC Deputy Director

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Date



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