

6/21/24 **Historic Resources and Historic Preservation Consultation**

Description: An email was sent to the Douglas County Historical Society, Duluth Preservation Alliance, Duluth Heritage Preservation Committee, Fond du Lac Tribe, Lake Superior Railroad Museum and the St. Louis County Historical Society, requesting a review of the attached map of projects from the 2050 MTP to determine if any have the “realistic potential” to negatively impact any historic resources or properties, and if so, to cite related regulations and to suggest recommendations to mitigate those potential impacts.

What We Heard – Response from one individual:

“Misaabekong or Duluth and its surrounding areas include many cultural and sacred sites of the Fond du Lac Band and other nations. Some of these sites include, but are not limited to cemeteries, villages, locations for ceremony, traditional harvesting locations, trails, and other properties in which the Band has significant interest in preserving. Not all of these records and places are known by the Office of the State Archaeologist, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, State Historic Preservation Office, or other entities. Coordination with the Fond du Lac Tribal Historic Preservation Office is crucially important, and we encourage early, meaningful, and ongoing consultation with the Band throughout every aspect of a project. The first step should be to reach out to the Fond du Lac Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Consultation with the Fond du Lac Tribal Historic Preservation Office is a requirement of the Section 106 process as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act. If a project receives federal funding, a consultation with the Tribe under Section 106 is required.”