



**Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Policy Board**
Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm
MEETING NOTICE

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Items for Approval

- Meeting Summary of 10.16.24
- 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #1

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- MIC Area Safety Action Plan – Crash Analysis and Project Selection
- Central Entrance Vision Plan 2021
- Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update

Project Updates

- 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #1
- 2029 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Application
- Re-focused Bicycle Transportation Plan

In-Person Meeting Location:

Douglas County
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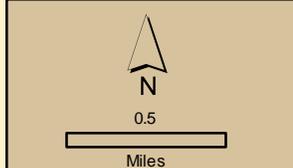
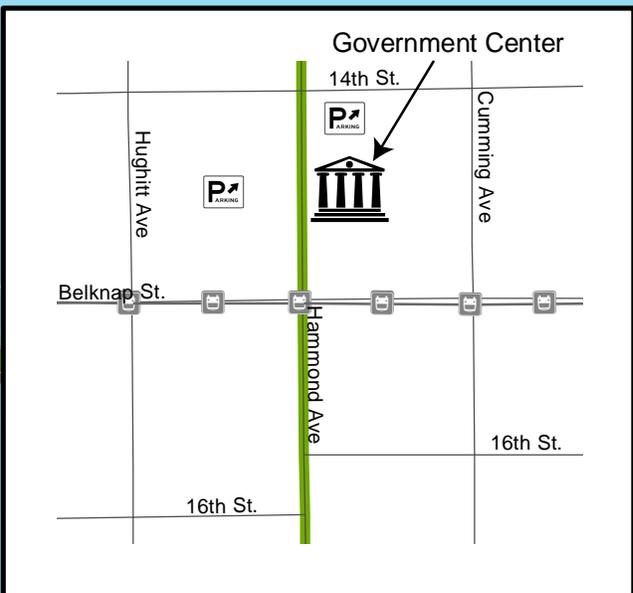
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MEETING AGENDA**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions/Agenda Review 2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 10.16.24 (for Approval) Nominate/Vote Chair and Vice Chair of Policy Board Nominate/Vote MIC Appointment to the ARDC Board Director’s Report <p style="text-align: center;">“Open Public Comment Period”</p> 	<i>10 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. MIC Area Safety Action Plan – Crash Analysis and Project Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Derek Salomonsen, AECOM 	<i>20 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for approval, Richard Sarran 	<i>10 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Central Entrance Vision Plan 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Ron Chicka, as well as Kyle Deming and James Gittemeier, City of Duluth 	<i>20 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Mike Wenzholz 	<i>15 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Round Table 	<i>5 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modifications #1 2029 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Application Re-focused Bicycle Transportation Plan 	<i>5 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Adjourn 	

Next Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2024
Holiday Inn Ballroom
6:00 pm



Agenda Item Descriptions

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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 10.16.24*
- MIC Director's Report

Rice Lake/Arrowhead Road(s) and Lowell School Access – A steering committee is underway – led by the County – to examine the intersection needs for Lowell school as it impacts both Rice Lake Road and Arrowhead Road with an inordinate volume of traffic at drop-off and pick-up times of the school day. Queues of vehicles stack on Rice Lake Road that exhibits safety concerns for all. Arrowhead is similarly impacted as vehicles weave their way along narrow residential roads designed for the occupants of the adjacent housing complexes. It has been so congested that the people living in these housing units have difficulty getting in/out of their residences at specific times of the day. Meetings will be held over the coming six months to put forward a multi-faceted solution involving all modes to rectify this situation.

Wis Commercial Ports Association – Attended annual meeting in Prairie du Chein targeted at Port Director's in the state and planning initiatives being conducted for these port towns. Discussed our Harbor TAC at length and its mission.

Minnesota/North Dakota and DOT/FHWA Annual Conference – Mike Wenzholz and I attended this workshop attended by DOT, FHWA and MPO staff from each state. I was presenting the national positions of the MPOs (mentioned in Oct) as to policies for the upcoming administration. Also discussed numerous items that all the MN MPOs are facing in terms of budgets, TIP actions and issues concerning our Metro Long Range Plans.

3. MIC Area Safety Action Plan – Crash Analysis and Project Selection

Engineering consultants from AECOM have completed the technical Safety Analysis and Project Selection components of the MIC's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and will present an overview of the work conducted for this first phase of its development.

As reported previously, the goal of the MIC's Safety Action plan is to develop a holistic, data-driven strategy to significantly reduce and eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries within the Duluth-Superior planning area, by identifying high-risk areas and implementing targeted interventions to improve road safety for all users.

The public engagement- and policy-focused work needed to complete the Safety Action Plan will be conducted in 2025-26, funded by the \$250,000 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) planning grant awarded to the MIC in 2024.



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4. 2028-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #1*

TIP AMENDMENT #1

New Project - UDAC Bus Purchase – Project ID TRF-0087-25

MnDOT Transit is requesting the addition of a new project for FY 2025. This project is to purchase a Class 200 Minivan for UDAC to provide transportation to elderly and persons with disabilities. The proposed project has a cost of \$170,000, \$136,000 coming from FTA and \$34,000 match from UDAC.

- Total STIP project cost = \$170,000
 - Federal funding = \$136,000
 - Other local funding = \$34,000

State Project ID	Agency	Route	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
TRF-0087-25	Transit (UDAC)	TRANSIT	0	TRANSIT VEHICLE PURCHASE	SECT 5310: UDAC PURCHASE 2 EXPANSION MINI-VANS (CLASS 200)	FTA	\$ 136,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 170,000	2025

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Mike Wenzholz at 218-529-7573 or by email at mwenzholz@ardc.org or Richard Sarran at 218-529-7502 or by email at rsarran@ardc.org.

5. Central Entrance Vision Plan 2021

We'll review the MIC conducted work from a couple of years back, plus show the City's Small Area Plan for this corridor. It is, currently, under final design status with the DOT. I've been serving on that design team all along. Recently, I presented this item to the City Council as they consider a statement on their behalf. City administration is, likewise, doing the same. At some point in the near future, the DOT's consultant will unroll design options for the public with informational workshops. For the MIC Board, we can consider a resolution stating what we (MIC Board) hope to see come to fruition as to the design. I will have a draft resolution for review and discussion at the meeting.

6. Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update

The HTAC met on December 4 with a full agenda covering a variety of topics, including a variety of Subcommittee updates, a Blatnik Bridge Project update, West Superior Street Reconstruction Project overview, status of a Duluth Dredged Material Management Preliminary Assessment, and an update on the C Reiss Facility work. A brief summary of the meeting, including some highlights, will be presented to the MIC Board.

7. Round Table Discussion



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8. Project Updates

- **2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #1**

Changing ELLE from One Existing MnDOT Project to Another

MnDOT requests dropping the ELLE (Early Let Late Encumbrance) smart code from project 6908-68 (an 8.4 mile pavement resurface and rehabilitation project on US-2 from MN 194 to Midway Road (CSAH 13) and adding it to project 8821-358 (a 58.5 mile traffic control devices safety project to install wet reflective pavement markings that includes a portion of Boundary Avenue (CSAH 14) in Proctor). The original project 6908-68 had trouble with an early letting date and could not deliver in time. All costs, scope & fiscal year (2026) remain unchanged.

11/22/2024	State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project Total \$ (STIP Total)
Original	6908-68	MnDOT	US 2	PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION	**ELLE**: US 2, FROM MN 194 TO MIDWAY RD (CSAH13), RECLAIM	NHPP	\$ 7,164,960	\$ 1,635,040	\$ 8,800,000
Admin Mod 1	6908-68	MnDOT	US 2	PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION	**ELLE**: US 2, FROM MN 194 TO MIDWAY RD (CSAH13), RECLAIM	NHPP	\$ 7,164,960	\$ 1,635,040	\$ 8,800,000
Original	8821-358	MnDOT	I-35	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY	I-35 NB&SB VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM CHISAGO/PINE CO LINE TO 1 MI. S. MN 48 IN HINCKLEY & 2.19 MI. N HINCKLEY TO 4.5MI. N. PINE CO.CSAH33 (SWANSON RD) & 1.7 MI. N STURGEON LAKE TO 2.6 MI. S. PINE CO.CSAH 4 & 0.3MI. N MN 45 TO 0.5M. S CSAH14 (BOUNDARY AVE) IN PROCTOR. 6" GROUND IN WET REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKINGS.	HSIP	\$ 1,710,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 1,900,000
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- **2029 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Application**
The Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) application has been revised for 2029 and has been distributed to local jurisdictions to use to apply for STBGP eligible funds. Applications from the jurisdictions are due January 10, 2025. A pre-application meeting was held with local jurisdictions and MnDOT staff to walk through the revised application, discuss potential projects that may be applied for, discuss pertinent timelines and deadlines, and discussed available Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds.
- **Re-focused Bicycle Transportation Plan**
Following staff changes at the MIC a re-focused approach for completing the Bicycle Transportation Plan has been developed. This approach has been shared with BPAC leaders who added input and agreed to a final approach. A prioritization framework has been developed and projects prioritized. Plan chapters are being finalized this month. Maps will be completed in January. The new short timeline goal is to ask the TAC to recommend to the Policy Board the adoption of the final 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan at their meeting on March 19, 2025.

9. Adjourn