



**Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Policy Board**

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm

MEETING NOTICE

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Items for Approval

- Meeting Summary of 12.11.24
- 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #1-7
- 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2
- 2025 Minnesota Performance Measure (PM1) Targets

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- West Superior Street Reconstruction Project
- Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update
- MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan 2025

Project Updates

- ~~Administrative Modification #1 to the 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP~~
- Surface Transportation Block Grants Program (STBGP) & Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Projects

In-Person Meeting Location:

Holiday Inn
Lake Superior Ballroom
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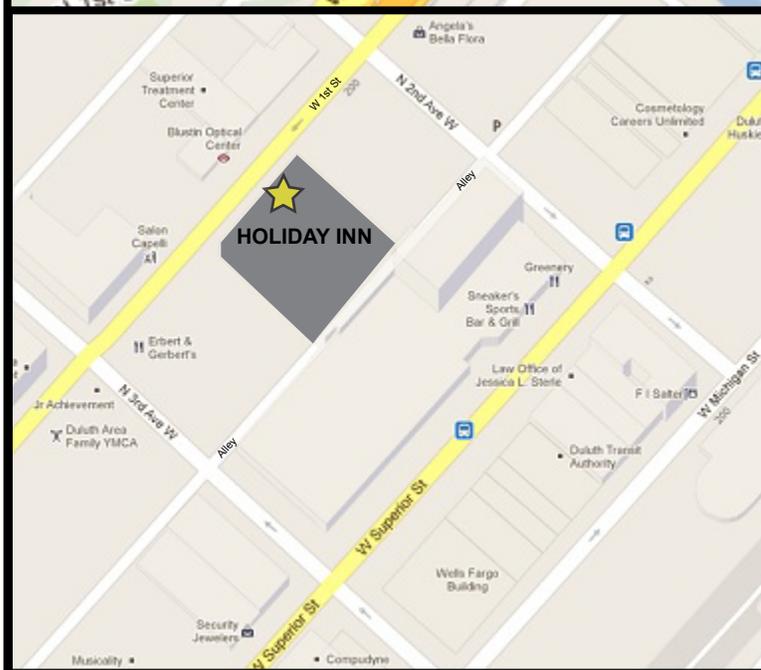
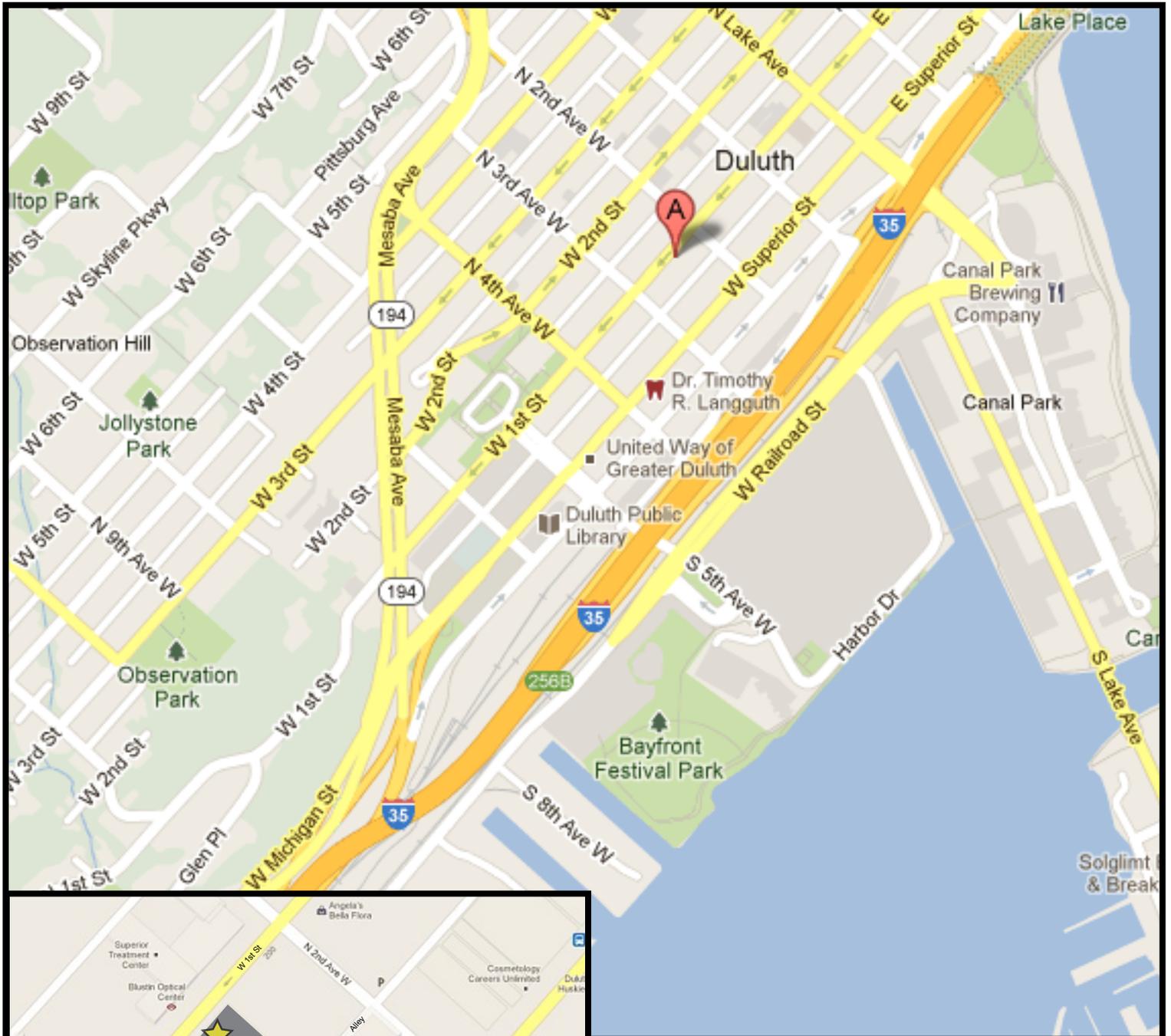
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MEETING AGENDA

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions/Agenda Review 2. Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 12.11.24 (for Approval) <p style="text-align: center;">“Open Public Comment Period”</p> 	10 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. West Superior Street Reconstruction Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Alex Popp, City of Duluth 	30 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #1-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval, Sheldon Johnson 	15 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval, Richard Sarran 	10 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. 2025 Minnesota Performance Measure (PM1) Targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Adoption, Mike Wenholz 	10 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	20 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan 2025 Status Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Mike Wenholz 	15 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Round Table 	5 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Modification #1 to the 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP 2029 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grants Program (STBGP) & Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Applications 	5 min
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Adjourn 	

Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2024
Northwood Technical College
6:00 pm



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 12.11.24*

3. West Superior Street Reconstruction Project

The City of Duluth is finalizing the design for the West Superior Street reconstruction project in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. This project is part of the Lincoln Park Active Transportation Corridor, partially funded through a Federal RAISE grant. Alex Popp, PE, the City’s project engineer, will provide an overview of the design process as well as details of the final design and the expected construction timeline.

4. 2028-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #1-7*

TIP AMENDMENT #1

This project enables IndiGO (North Country Independent Living Center) the ability to continue their transportation voucher and volunteer driver program to eligible clients throughout (eight county area including Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn) northern Wisconsin. The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier, a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
IndiGO - North Country Independent Living Center 113-25-020 Amended to TIP in January 2025	Funding a Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 8 NW Counties.	Voucher Program	172,863		172,863	345,726
		TOTAL	172,863		172,863	345,726

TIP AMENDMENT #2

This project enables IndiGO (North Country Independent Living Center) the ability to operate a mobility management program funding staff members who coordinate rides for the region’s population seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and



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Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
IndiGO - North Country Independent Living Center 113-25-021 Amended to TIP in January 2025	Funding a mobility manager within NCIL	Mobility Manager	28,368		7,092	35,460
		TOTAL	28,368		7,092	35,460

TIP AMENDMENT #3

This project enables the Center for Independent Living to provide a transportation voucher and volunteer driver program to eligible clients throughout a 42-county area (including Douglas County). The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier, a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Center for Independent Living 113-25-022 Amended to TIP in January 2025	Funding a Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 42 Central and NW Wisconsin Counties.	Voucher Program	229,589		229,589	459,178
		TOTAL	229,589		229,589	459,178



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TIP AMENDMENT #4

This project enables the Center for Independent Living to operate a mobility management program funding staff members who coordinate rides for a 42-county area (including Douglas County) for a population of seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Center for Independent Living	Funding a mobility manager within the Center for Independent Living	Mobility Manager	86,096		21,524	107,620
113-25-023 Amended to TIP in January 2025		TOTAL	86,096		21,524	107,620

TIP AMENDMENT #5

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with the Blatnik Bridge replacement project with amendment funding totaling \$1,400. Work related to the project amendment is scheduled for 2025.

2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	IH 535 St. Louis River Bridge	PE ROW CONST		1,400		1,400
113-25-024 Amended to TIP in January 2025	B-16-0005-0001 to 0005 (0.0 miles) Sanitary Sewer 1199-00-41	TOTAL		1,400		1,400



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TIP AMENDMENT #6

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with a repaving project of STH 35 from CTH B South to 69th Street. Total project cost is estimated at \$9,000. Work related to the project amendment is scheduled for 2028.

2028 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-25-025	STH 35 CTH B S to 69 th St. (9.0 miles) Cold in place	PE ROW CONST	7,200	1,800		9,000
Amended to TIP in January 2025	recycling paving STBG 8010-00-77	TOTAL	7,200	1,800		9,000

TIP AMENDMENT #7

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for work associated with repainting of the Bong Bridge which is currently listed in the 2025-2028 TIP as project ID 113-24-020. An amendment is required as project funding has increased and federal funds are now obligated to the project. Work remains on schedule for 2025. Local funding is provided by MnDOT. Total project cost is estimated at \$5,577,000.

2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-24-020	USH 2 Bong Bridge Painting (0.0 miles)	PE ROW CONST	1,601	1,031	2,945	5,577
Amended to TIP in January 2025	Local Share MnDOT NHPP 8680-00-74	TOTAL	1,601	1,031	2,945	5,577

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.



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5. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #2*

TIP AMENDMENT #2

Project Scope Revision for MN 61 at Jct of McQuade Rd (069-070-074, 6926-58/58N) and Type of Work and Cost change to 6926-58N.

MnDOT/St. Louis County is requesting changes to a single construction project which was separated into 3 state project ID's. Project is located on MN 61 at Jct of McQuade Rd and is planned for FY 2026. Scope change is to remove the Talmadge River Culvert Repair and remove RWIS (Road and Weather Information System) from 069-070-074, this is now MnDOT Only.

Additionally for project 6926-58N type of work and cost changes are being requested. Type of work is changing from "Drainage" to "Pavement Resurface and Rehabilitation" with a related cost decrease;

- Total project cost = \$1,000,000 down to \$188,890
 - Federal funding = \$800,000 down to \$153,794
 - State funding = \$200,000 down to \$35,096

This change has been made as an Amendment* to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP, as detailed in the table below:

1/15/2025	State Project ID	Agency	Route	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
	069-070-074	St. Louis County	MN-61	0.4	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY	**SEC 164**: MN 61 ATJCT CSAH33/MCQUADE RD. CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION, TALMADGE RIVER CULVERT REPAIR AND INSTALL RWIS. (ASSOC 6926-58) MNDOT LEAD	HSIP	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 55,555	\$ 555,555	2026
Amendment 2	069-070-074	St. Louis County	MN-61	0.4	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY	**SEC 164**: MN 61 ATJCT CSAH33/MCQUADE RD. CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION, TALMADGE RIVER CULVERT REPAIR AND INSTALL RWIS. (ASSOC 6926-58) MNDOT LEAD	HSIP	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 55,555	\$ 555,555	2026
	6926-58	MnDOT	MN 61	0.4	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY	**SEC 164**: MN 61 ATJCT CSAH33/MCQUADE RD. CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION, TALMADGE RIVER CULVERT REPAIR AND INSTAL RWIS. (ASSOC 069-070-074) MNDOT LEAD	HSIP	\$ 500,000	\$ 55,555	\$ -	\$ 555,555	2026
Amendment 2	6926-58	MnDOT	MN 61	0.4	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY	**SEC 164**: MN 61 ATJCT CSAH33/MCQUADE RD. CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION, TALMADGE RIVER CULVERT REPAIR AND INSTAL RWIS. (ASSOC 069-070-074) MNDOT LEAD	HSIP	\$ 500,000	\$ 55,555	\$ -	\$ 555,555	2026
	6926-58N	MnDOT	MN 61	0.4	DRAINAGE	MN 61 ATJCT CSAH33/MCQUADE RD. CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION, TALMADGE RIVER CULVERT REPAIR AND INSTAL RWIS. (ASSOC 069-070-074) MNDOT LEAD	NHPP	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	2026
Amendment 2	6926-58N	MnDOT	MN 61	0.4	PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION	MN 61 ATJCT CSAH33/MCQUADE RD. CONSTRUCT REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION, TALMADGE RIVER CULVERT REPAIR AND INSTAL RWIS. (ASSOC 069-070-074) MNDOT LEAD	NHPP	\$ 153,794	\$ 35,096	\$ -	\$ 188,890	2026

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.



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6. 2025 Minnesota Performance Measure (PM1) Targets*

2025 MnDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets Proposed for Adoption by the MIC

In accordance with the USDOT/FHWA strategy to achieve national transportation performance goals, every state DOT and MPO must annually adopt five Safety Performance Measure (PM1) targets to support the Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP). MPOs have the option to either adopt the targets established by the state or develop their own.

For 2025, MIC staff recommends that MnDOT’s statewide Safety Performance Measure targets be adopted for the Minnesota portion of the MIC Planning Area. (WisDOT sets its own targets, which the MIC adopts separately for the Wisconsin portion of the MIC Planning Area). By doing so, the MIC agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of MnDOT’s 2025 Safety PM1 targets. These performance measures are also incorporated into the Duluth Area TIP and our long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (*Sustainable Choices 2050*).

Based on the trend expressed in the baseline data, which shows a statewide increase rather than a decrease in all five Safety performance measures, MnDOT’s 2025 targets are unchanged from 2024, as follows:

MnDOT 2025 Statewide Safety Performance Measure Targets

Performance Measure	Baseline (2018-2022 average)	Baseline (2019-2023 average)	2025 Targets*
Number of fatalities	414.2	420.8	352.4
Fatality rate (per 100M VMT**)	0.725	0.742	0.582
Number of serious injuries	1676.2	1,745.6	1,463.4
Serious injury rate (per 100M VMT)	2.930	3.075	2.470
Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries	282.4	285.4	258.4

*Targets are based on five-year rolling averages to address year-to-year variations and anomalies.

**VMT = Vehicle Miles Traveled

Questions regarding the MnDOT PM1 Targets should be directed to Mike Wenzholz at 218-529-7573 or by email at mwenzholz@ardc.org.

7. 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.



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8. MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan 2025

Work has been ongoing to complete development of the updated MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan, following the re-focused work plan discussed last month. Plan chapters are being finalized and a draft plan prepared. Maps will be completed in January. A meeting with jurisdictions will occur in January and the draft plan will be sent to BPAC members in late January for their review. Staff will share a few key aspects of the updated plan. The timeline goal remains 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. Round Table Discussion

10. Project Updates

- ~~Administrative Modification #1 to the 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP~~

~~An administrative modification to project 113-23-011 will be made to advance the project from CY 2027 to CY 2026. The project will remain the same in length (0.14 miles) and budget cost (\$2,209,000), and the project and TIP remain fiscally constraint.~~

- **2029 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) & Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Applications**

The Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) application was revised for 2029 and was distributed to local jurisdictions in December 2024 to use to apply for STBGP eligible funds. 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 discuss available Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. Applications from the jurisdictions were received prior to the January 10 deadline. MIC staff are currently reviewing and evaluating the STBGP applications received and will be preparing for STBGP Preliminary Public Engagement that begins the last week of January and extends into February. Staff will share relevant CRP details.

11. Adjourn