



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

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 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 1.15.25
- 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #3-4
- FY2029 Duluth Area Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Project Evaluation & Summaries
- 2027 Minnesota Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funds Project Summary

**Items for Presentation and Discussion**

- Draft MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan 2025 Status Update

**Project Updates**

- Administrative Modification #2 to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP

**In-Person Meeting Location:**

Northwood Technical College  
Conference Center Rm 108F  
600 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Superior, WI 54880

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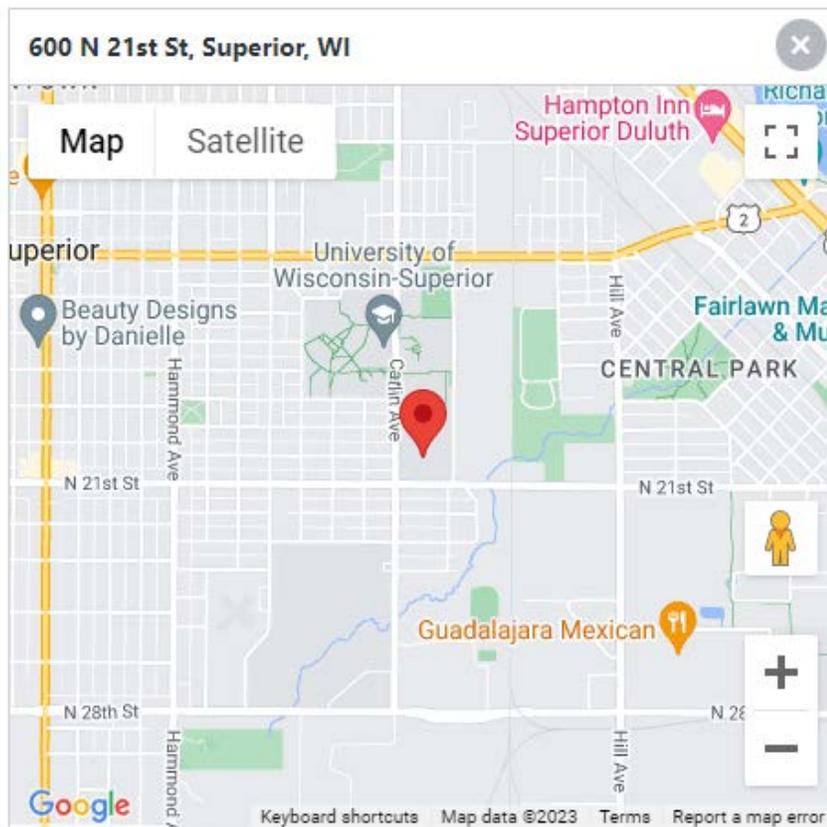
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Superior, WI 54880



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**MEETING AGENDA**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b></li> <li><b>2. Committee Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 12.11.24 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">"Open Public Comment Period"</p> </li> </ol>	<i>10 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendments #3-4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend for Approval, Richard Sarran</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<i>10 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>4. FY2029 Duluth Area Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Project Evaluation &amp; Summaries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend for Approval, Mike Wenzholz</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<i>15 min</i>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>6. Draft MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan 2025 &amp; Status Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Mike Wenzholz</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<i>15 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>7. Round Table</b></li> </ol>	<i>5 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8. Project Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative Modification #2 to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<i>5 min</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9. Adjourn</b></li> </ol>	

**Next Meeting**  
 Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
 Hampton Inn  
 6:00 pm



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Agenda Item Descriptions

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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 1.15.25\*
- MIC Director's Report

**Duluth - Rice Lake/Arrowhead Road(s) and Lowell School Access** – Third meeting was held this month with plan steering committee. Possible intersection improvements outlined for Rice Lake and Barnes, plus the school entrance on Rice Lake along with traffic heading along Madison to Arrowhead Road. A range of feasible options are being proposed that differ in restrictions to traffic (i.e. full signals, turn lane restrictions, roundabouts, partial roundabouts). Pedestrian and bike movements are also considered in these options. The MIC has conducted past planning efforts along this corridor including improved safety into/out of the school site itself. Mid-to-late March, a public input session is being planned for greater input.

**Superior – USH 2/53 and 50<sup>th</sup> Ave East (Itasca)** – After some internal discussions with various interested parties, a meeting is planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month to examine potential options to address traffic entering/exiting Superior at the far eastern side of the city. Mainly, the issue is speeding traffic and unsafe conditions for many, especially pedestrians trying to cross in this location. Various mitigation options may be considered involving speed changes, better alerts and possible physical alterations as well. More to report at the time of our February meetings.

**Duluth – Safe Routes to School** – ARDC staff, with the MIC, are examining updating the safe routes plans, done many years ago by MIC staff, in consultation via the school district. We're having talks with the district staff for a total look at all eligible schools – on the Duluth side. If awarded via state dollars, this would be likely a 2025 work item in our Work Program. It is important, and we have a legacy on this issue, to stay involved.

**Superior – N.28<sup>th</sup> St BNSF Yard Viaduct Plans** – The City of Superior has received two grants – with some sponsorship directly from the BN – to study the feasibility of an overpass at this location. The volumes of traffic – all modes – has led to this coming to the forefront to examine.

**Federal Legislation Update** – Certainly much activity on the federal front with respect to all legislation - transportation bills included. First and foremost, highway and transit planning dollars behind MPOs nationwide are not under scrutiny/threat. Quite well established; no concern at all. Certain funding pots (especially energy-based) new to the recent federal bill, are the immediate target. And these, if dollars awarded, are likely secure. For example, the electric vehicle station in our TIP and slated for Proctor Holiday/Circle K station is still good; at least that's what I've been told. Other programs – like the Reconnecting Community grant – still too early to tell. Much rests on exactly when a grant agreement was finalized; they're not going way back in time. More to come as updates come in.



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3. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #3-4\*

TIP AMENDMENT #3

New 2025 Bridge Rehabilitation Project (#6982-368)

MnDOT has requested adding a new 2025 project (#6982-368) to the 2025-2028 TIP, to replace the deck and beams and redeck the north bound lanes of the I-35 Ore Dock Bridge (BR#69866) due to fire damage. This bridge is [located in Duluth between 40<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Ave W.](#)

This project is 100% state funded, in the amount of \$1,650,000.

State Project ID	Agency	Route	Est. Length (Miles)	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project Total \$	Year
6982-368	MNDOT	I-35	0.1	BRRH - BRIDGE REHABILITATION	I-35 NB IN DULUTH 0.33 MI. SOUTH 27TH AVE W. REPLACE DECK, BEAMS AND REDECK ORE DOCK BRIDGE, BR#69866 DUE TO FIRE DAMAGE.	STATE TH NON-PAR	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000	2025

TIP AMENDMENT #4

Cost Decrease for Fond Du Lac Cemetery Ceremonial Structure Project ID #6910-114 (2025)

MnDOT has requested a cost reduction for a 2025 project to construct a ceremonial structure and gathering space for the Fond Du Lac cemetery, located in Duluth on [MN Hwy 23 at the junction of Hwy 210](#). MnDOT initially overestimated the cost of the project until final design could be determined in consultation with the Fond Du Lac tribe. After consultation and final design, the estimated cost of the project decreased from \$1,500,000 to \$750,000.

This project is 100% state funded, in the amount of \$750,000.

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project Total \$ (STIP Total)	Year
6910-114	MnDOT	MN 23	APPURTENANCE	MN 23 IN DULUTH AT JCT MN 210, CONSTRUCT CEREMONIAL STRUCTURE AND GATHERING SPACE FOR HISTORIC FOND DU LAC CEMETERY.	SF	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	2025
6910-114	MnDOT	MN 23	APPURTENANCE	MN 23 IN DULUTH AT JCT MN 210, CONSTRUCT CEREMONIAL STRUCTURE AND GATHERING SPACE FOR HISTORIC FOND DU LAC CEMETERY.	SF	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	2025

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

4. 2029 Duluth Area Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Project Evaluation & Summaries\*

The Minnesota (Duluth Area) 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. The MIC received two applications from two different jurisdictions (St. Louis County and City of Duluth) prior to the January 10 deadline. MIC staff reviewed and evaluated both of the received STBGP applications and prepared a summary of each to aid in Board member review. MIC staff will highlight primary aspects of each project. See materials in the meeting packet. Appropriate Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects will be summarized, as needed.



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Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Mike Wenzholz at 218-529-7573 or by email at [mwenzholz@ardc.org](mailto:mwenzholz@ardc.org).

**5. 2027 Minnesota Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funds Project Summary\***

The MIC received one Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) application from the City of Duluth prior to the January 10 deadline. MIC staff reviewed and summarized the received CRP application and prepared a summary to aid in Board member review. MIC staff will highlight the primary aspects of the project. See materials in the meeting packet.

Questions regarding the Minnesota CRP Funds Project should be directed to Mike Wenzholz at 218-529-7573 or by email at [mwenzholz@ardc.org](mailto:mwenzholz@ardc.org).

**6. Draft MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan 2025 & Status Update**

Work has been ongoing to complete development of the updated MIC Area Bicycle Transportation Plan, following the re-focused work plan discussed in December. Plan chapters are being finalized and a draft plan prepared. Maps and a prioritization of the local network are nearly complete. Meetings with local jurisdictions and the BPAC members have been helpful for their input and review. MIC 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. See materials in the meeting packet.

**7. Round Table Discussion**

**8. Project Updates**

- **Administrative Modification #2 to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Cost Reduction for 2026 St. Louis County Edgeline Painting Project**

The MIC approved St. Louis County’s request for a cost change in 2026 for state project ID #069-070-079 (installing 6-inch wet reflective epoxy edgeline in a groove on various county roads) as an Administrative Modification\* to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP, as detailed in the table below:

The cost decrease is due to some of the roads included in this project being completed in 2024 and the funding no longer needed for those roadways, including:

- Federal (Non-AC) – Reduced from \$780,300 to \$697,000
- Other – Reduced from \$176,700 to \$78,000
- Total Project Cost – Reduced from \$957,000 to \$775,000

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$ (STIP Total)	Year
069-070-079	St. Louis County	Various Locations	Traffic Control Devices/Safety	COUNTY WIDE - 6-INCH WET-REFLECTIVE EPOXY EDGELINE IN A GROOVE ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS (2025) ( assoc. 069-070-064 & 069-070-072)	HSIP	\$ 780,300	\$ 176,700	\$ 957,000	2026
069-070-079	St. Louis County	Various Locations	Traffic Control Devices/Safety	COUNTY WIDE - 6-INCH WET-REFLECTIVE EPOXY EDGELINE IN A GROOVE ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS (2025) ( assoc. 069-070-064 & 069-070-072)	HSIP	\$ 697,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 775,000	2026

**9. Adjourn**