



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 1:30 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 3.18.25
- 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6

**Items for Presentation and Discussion**

- 2026-2029 Duluth Area TIP Project List
- Sustainable Choices 2050 Implementation

**Project Updates**

- Administrative Modification #3-4 to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP
- Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update

**In-Person Meeting Location:**

WisDOT  
1701 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lake Superior Room  
Superior, WI 54880

**OR**

**OR**

**Join virtually via TEAMS below:**

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**Conference ID: 930 594 655#**

**Attendance / Meeting Quorum**

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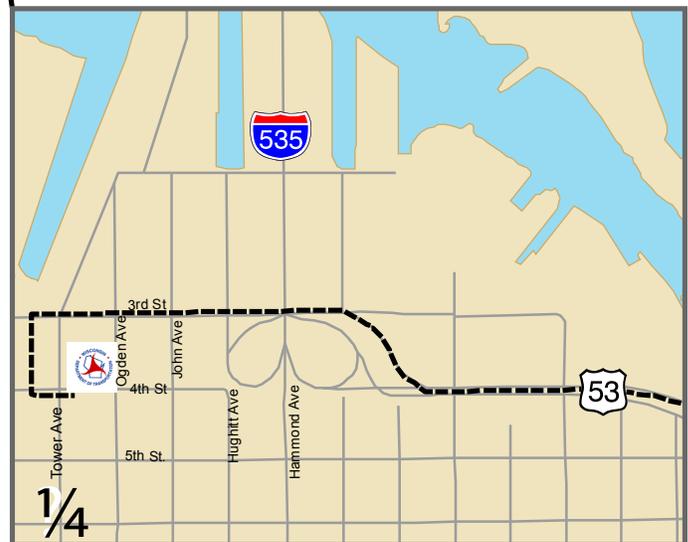
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**WisDOT Northwest Region - Superior Office**  
**1701 N 4th St**  
**Superior, WI**



**From Minnesota** on either I-35 N or S:  
 Take 535 / 53 (Blatnik Bridge) to Superior, WI  
**Bear RIGHT off bridge, then straight following signs for South 35**  
 At stop, turn LEFT onto 3rd St  
 Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave)  
 Turn LEFT at 4th St (1st left)  
 WisDOT will be on the left



**From Wisconsin:** Follow 53/2 from the south  
 Bear RIGHT at signs for **Superior Business District/ South 35 / Vehicle Registration Driver Licensing**  
 this becomes N 3rd St  
 Bear LEFT as road curves (Tower Ave / South 35)  
 Turn LEFT at 1st left (4th St)  
 WisDOT will be on the left

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- Meeting held in Lake Superior Conference Room

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (TAC)  
MEMBERS**

**Airport**

Tom Werner

**Active Transportation**

Skip Williams

**City of Duluth**

Cari Pedersen

Cindy Voigt

Chris Lee

James Gittemeier

**City of Hermantown**

David Bolf

Trish Crego (alternate)

**City of Proctor**

Jess Rich

**City of Superior**

Todd Janigo

Chris Carlson

Jason Serck (alternate)

**Douglas County**

Jason Jackman

**Duluth Transit Authority**

Chris Belden

Rod Fournier (alternate)

**Economic Development**

Vacant

**MnDOT**

Maren Webb

Derek Fredrickson

Bryan Anderson

(alternate)

**Mobility Challenged**

Vacant

**Port/Harbor**

Kate Ferguson

**St. Louis County**

Jim Foldesi

Matt Hemmila (alternate)

**WisDOT NW Region**

Mae Sommerfeld



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**MEETING AGENDA**

<b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b>	
<b>2. Committee Business</b>	<i>10 min</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary 3.18.25 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul>	
<b>3. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6</b>	<i>5 min</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Policy Board for Approval, Richard Sarran</li> </ul>	
<b>4. 2026-2029 Duluth Area TIP Project List – An Overview</b>	<i>20 min</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Mike Wenholz &amp; Richard Sarran</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Sustainable Choices 2050 Implementation – Ideas Discussion</b>	<i>20 min</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Mike Wenholz</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Round Table Discussion</b>	<i>5 min</i>
<b>7. Project Updates</b>	<i>5 min</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative Modification #3-4 to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP</li> <li>Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Adjourn</b>	

***Next Meeting***

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

MnDOT

1:30 pm



Agenda Item Descriptions

\* = Presented for TAC recommendation to the MIC Policy Board for Approval or Adoption

1. Introductions / Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 3.18.25\*
- MIC Director’s Report

**MIC Staffing** – Our Transportation Planner position has had six applicants. We’re in the middle of doing a first interview with three, possibly four candidates. Good background with all; likely more of a mid-level position for the MIC. A second interview would be in person with the top couple of individuals.

**Central Entrance Update** – Various projects have had to shuffle with the City of Duluth and the State. Central Entrance is now being pushed to 2031 at an initial cost of \$1.2M. To date, I have not heard of any action taken by the City as to a Resolution of Support for any specific design recommendations.

**St Louis County – Midway Road and Martin Road Plans** – The County is kicking off corridor planning efforts in May; looking at Midway north of Hwy 194 to Martin, and Martin Road eastward from Midway. Key intersections will be examined for future construction projects including the main one of USH 53 and Midway. Engagement will involve the public, businesses and road agency representatives. The MIC has been asked to have a seat on the steering committee.

3. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6

Richard Sarran gave a detailed overview of the Duluth TIP Amendments, as listed below:

**TIP AMENDMENT #6**

**Cost Increase and Scope Change for Railroad Street Project**

Project ID #118-118-005 (2025)

The City of Duluth has requested a cost increase and scope change for a 2025 pavement resurface and rehabilitation project (repaving, curb and gutter, sidewalk ADA upgrades) on [Railroad Street](#) from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to Canal Park Drive.

The cost increase is due to updated project estimates as well as additions to the scope of work. These include replacement traffic signals at two intersections on Railroad Street (at S. Lake Ave and at N. Lake Ave/Canal Park Drive) and streetlights. Storm sewer work is not needed and was removed from the project.

The total project cost has increased from \$2,100,000 to \$2,500,000, a cost increase of \$400,000.

State Project ID	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
118-118-005	Railroad St (MSAS 118)	PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION	RAILROAD ST (MSAS 118) IN DULUTH FROM 5TH AVE W TO CANAL PARK DRIVE BITUMINOUS RESURFACING, STORM SEWER, CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALK AS NECESSARY, AND ADA UPGRADES	STBGP	\$1,480,000	\$ 620,000	\$ 2,100,000	2025
118-118-005	Railroad St (MSAS 118)	PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION	RAILROAD ST (MSAS 118) IN DULUTH FROM 5TH AVE W TO CANAL PARK DRIVE BITUMINOUS RESURFACING, <del>STORM SEWER,</del> CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALK <del>AS NECESSARY,</del> AND ADA UPGRADES, <del>TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT</del>	STBGP	\$1,480,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 2,500,000	2025



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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. 2026-2029 Duluth Area TIP Project List – An Overview

Staff will present an overview of the 2026-2029 Duluth Area TIP Project List. The discussion will focus on new projects added, projects removed, and significant changes made to existing projects for each year of the TIP. This will also serve as the TAC’s initial opportunity to review the TIP project list.

5. Sustainable Choices 2050 Implementation – Ideas Discussion

There are a number of things that can be done to implement different aspects of *Sustainable Choices 2050*, the MIC area’s long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that was completed October 2024. MIC staff would like to share a few of these options and ask the TAC members about their thoughts and suggestions, as well as ideas for other options.

6. Round Table Discussion

7. Project Updates

- **Administrative Modification #3 to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP**

**Clerical Error Correction**

(Project ID #6910-114, 2026)

The MIC has approved an administrative modification to correct a clerical error to amendment #4 as approved on Feb 19, 2025. The project year was mistakenly shown as 2025 and should have shown 2026.

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project 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	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	2026

- **Administrative Modification #4 to the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP**

**Clerical Error Correction**

(Project ID #069-070-079, 2025)

The MIC has approved an administrative modification to correct a clerical error to administrative modification #2 as approved on Feb 20, 2025. The project year was mistakenly shown as 2026 and should have shown 2025.

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	\$ 697,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 775,000	2025



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- **Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update**

The HTAC met on March 5 with a lighter agenda covering a variety of topics, including the annual update of the MIC Harbor Work Plan, a variety of Subcommittee updates, a presentation on the origin of the Port Authority, and a detailed summary of the 2024 shipping season. The lighter agenda was due to the overlap with the St Louis River Summit.

### 8. Adjourn