



Meeting Summary

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1Note Taker(s)	Tari Aanonsen, MIC Administrative/Finance Assistant	
Members Present		
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	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
MN Co-Chair	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Annie Harala	St. Louis County
	Yauhen Karatai	City of Duluth – Citizen Representative
	Janet Kennedy	Duluth City Council
	Nick Ledin	Superior City Council
	Mike Mayou	Duluth City Council
	Adam McGill	Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) Board
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Randy Skowlund	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
	Scott Welsh	Solway Township
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Mark Johnson	City of Superior
	John Lohse*	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Vacant	Superior City Council
Others Present		
	Jim Benning	City of Duluth
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	James Gittemeier	City of Duluth
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director, NWRPC
	Joe Jurewicz	City of Duluth
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth
	Elinor Rosenberg	City of Duluth - AmeriCorps
	Richard Sarran	MIC Senior GIS Specialist
	Mae Sommerfeld	WisDOT Northwest Region
	Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth
	Mike Wenzholz	MIC Principal Planner



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

MIC Co-Chair, Nick Boucher, called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm. A “Roll Call” attendance was taken. When completed, Chair Boucher then moved on to item# 2 on the agenda.

2. Committee Business

Open Public Comment Period:

Chair Boucher then allowed for an opportunity for Public Comment. Hearing none, he continued to item #3 on the agenda.

3. 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6*

Joe Jurewicz, Traffic Engineer for the City of Duluth, gave a detailed overview of the Duluth Area 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, scope change, and correction to the project description for the 2025 pavement resurface and rehabilitation project (repaving, curb and gutter, sidewalk ADA upgrades) on [Railroad Street](#) from 5th Avenue West to Canal Park Drive.

The cost increase is due to updated project estimates as well as a change to the scope of work (storm sewer work is not needed and was removed from the project). The project description will be corrected to include replacement traffic signals at two intersections on Railroad Street (at S. Lake Ave and at N. Lake Ave/Canal Park Drive) and streetlights, as originally intended elements of 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, STORM SEWER , CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALK AS NECESSARY , AND ADA UPGRADES, TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT	STBGP	\$1,480,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 2,500,000	2025

No Public Comments were received.



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Motion Discussion and Vote	<p>Moved by Harala, Seconded by Ward to approve the 2025-2028 Duluth Area TIP Amendment #6 for adoption.</p> <p>Board Discussion:</p> <p>Janet Kennedy asked why the storm water portion of the project was removed and what the contingency is if it is determined to be needed. Joe Jurewicz explained that the project is for a reclaim, or resurfacing, of the roadway, which does not require digging and so the project does not call for storm water replacement. Being that the city has been awarded the Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods (RCN) federal grant, which will be used to fund a study looking at I-35 and the downtown connections, it was logical to only focus on improving the pavement condition for this section of roadway, until the study has been completed and can assess the needs for the area. Member Kennedy followed up by asking if the cost of this project was worth the benefit. Joe replied that yes, it is, as the pavement conditions need improvement, and the life expectancy of the resurfacing should be between 15 to 20 years, which may line up with future projects in the area.</p> <p>Annie Harala asked if this project will affect the RCN grant. James Gittemeier stated that the RCN study will likely call for construction projects occurring in the late 2030's, which lines up with the life expectancy of this project. Member Harala followed up by asking if there are bicycle or pedestrian improvements planned in this project. Joe Jurewicz stated that pedestrian lighting was being replaced at all crossings, these crossings will also be brought up to current ADA compliance standards, and a new, marked pedestrian crosswalk is to be installed by the movie theater and Railroad Street. He also stated that there is currently a 10-foot paved trail that runs next to Railroad Street that will be undisturbed during construction and will be available throughout most of the project.</p> <p>Yauhen Karatai stated that he would like to thank the City of Duluth engineering staff for diving into the details and for answering his questions related to this project.</p> <p>Voting Aye: Allen, Anderson, Boucher, Harala, Karatai, Kennedy, Ledin, Mayou, McGill, Quade, Skowlund, Ward, Welsh</p> <p>Voting Nay: None</p> <p>Abstain: None</p> <p>Absent: Baker, Johnson, Lohse</p> <p>Motion Carried: Aye: 13, Nay: 0</p>
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- 4. Adjourn:** With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Boucher adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.