

RESOLUTION XX-XX
DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL
POLICY BOARD

*Supporting Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure in the Proposed Design
for London Road (TH 61) MILL and OVERLAY/REHAB AND
RECONSTRUCTION AT 26TH AVE EAST*

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (DSMIC) Policy Board on matters related to active transportation, with the goal of promoting safe, accessible, and equitable mobility options for all users, including people who walk, bike, and roll; and

WHEREAS, the BPAC recently adopted and the MIC board approved a regional Bike five year plan prioritizing multi-modal transportation, the completion of regional biking networks, and the development of a connected, safe and maintained active transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the City of Duluth has adopted both a Comprehensive Plan and a Bike Plan that prioritize multi-modal transportation, complete streets, and the development of a connected and safe active transportation network; and

WHEREAS, these adopted plans specifically identify London Road (TH 61) as a priority corridor for improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the current design proposed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the 26th Ave East intersection at London Road reconstruction fails to meet the goals and standards outlined in the City of Duluth's adopted plans; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design lacks continuous, protected bicycle infrastructure, does not adequately improve pedestrian access or safety, and continues to prioritize vehicle throughput over the safety and comfort of non-motorized users; and

WHEREAS, the design conflicts with local and regional goals around transportation equity, public health, sustainability, and the reduction of serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, failing to implement the vision laid out in the Bike Plan and Comprehensive Plan undermines years of public engagement and planning efforts, and jeopardizes the integrity of future planning processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee strongly questions the design decisions reflected in the current 26th Ave East and London Road intersection reconstruction proposal;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that BPAC calls upon MnDOT and the City of Duluth to revise the project design to align with the adopted Duluth Bike Plan and Comprehensive Plan, including the incorporation of continuous, protected bicycle facilities, safer pedestrian crossings, and effective traffic calming;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that BPAC urges the DSMIC Policy Board to formally object to the proposed design in its current form and to advocate for a revised design that fully reflects the community's values, safety priorities, and policy commitments to multi-modal transportation or remove the project from the TIP.