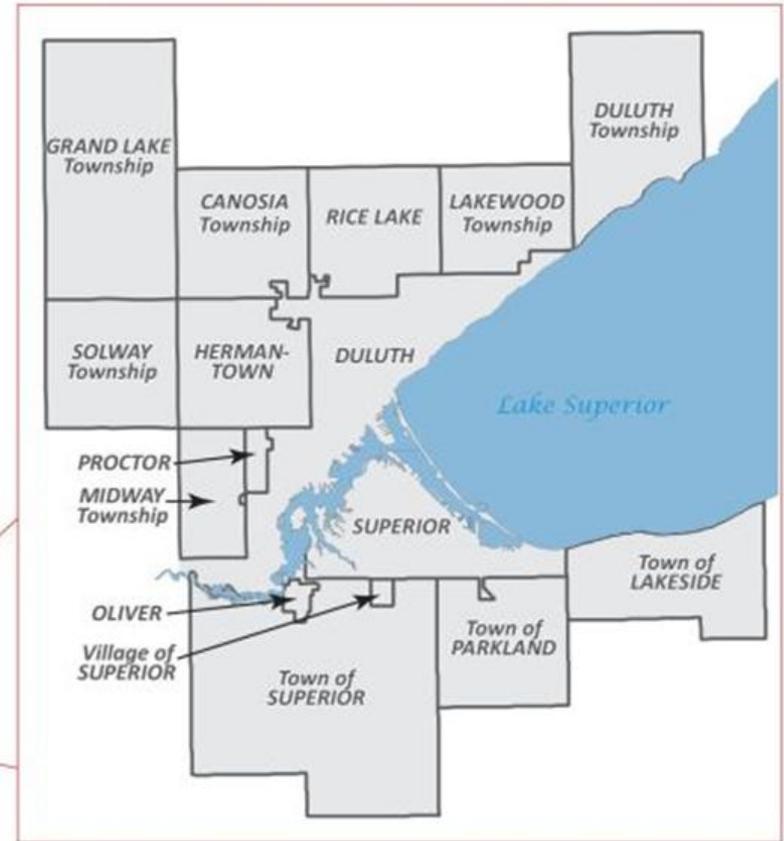


2026-2027 MIC Work Program and Budget Proposed Projects

TAC and MIC Meetings
August 19 & 20, 2025

Ron Chicka
MIC Director



MIC Planning Area

Standing Work Program Projects (2026-2027)

Long-Range Transportation Plan

- Initial implementation steps for *Sustainable Choices 2050*
- Integrating new performance-based approach into the TIP (and other MIC planning processes)

Duluth & Superior Transportation Improvement Programs

- Current TIP (2026-2029) Maintenance
 - Amendments and modifications
- New TIP (2027-2030) Development
 - Integrating new performance-based approach into TIP project application

Standing Work Program Projects (2026-2027)

Administration

- Program Administration, Coordination and Monitoring
- Update to the Memorandum of Understanding between the State, DTA and MIC (Three-party MOU)
- Communicate our transportation planning activities with the public and project stakeholders
- Development of the annual Work Program
- Staff attendance of trainings, workshops and conferences

Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2026-2027)

Bicycle & Pedestrian

- BPAC & Subcommittees
- Integrating Pedestrian Plan into Bicycle Plan
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts
- Functional Trail Planning – Connections between parks

Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2026-2027)

Transit

- DTA Coordination
- Bus stops/shelters – pedestrian connectivity and accessibility assessment
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Facility Study – participate on advisory committee
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) – assess the impact of various land uses on transit utilization

Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2026-2027)

Roadway

- Blatnik Bridge
- Central Entrance Design Study
- East 2nd Street at 50th Avenue East – Superior, WI
- I-35 Community Access Revitalization Study

Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2026-2027)

Harbor

- Coordinate HTAC & Subcommittees
- Possible Update to Port Land Use Plan

Freight

- State Freight Advisory Committees

Short-Range Planning Project (2026)

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Plan

- \$250,000 federal grant + \$62,500 local match = \$312,500 budget
- Work builds on MIC-area safety analysis work conducted by AECOM (2022-2024)
- Consultant-led; Zan Associates/Alliant
- Project initiated August 2025
- Focus on public engagement, political buy-in, and encouraging a community-wide safety culture

2026-2027 MIC Budget Funding Sources

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MIC Unified Transportation Planning Work Program

2026 Funding Sources

MINNESOTA

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG - Minnesota)	\$659,878
Minnesota State Funds (MnDOT)	\$61,050
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC - Match)	TBD

MINNESOTA TOTAL

TBD

WISCONSIN

Federal Highway Administration (CPG - Wisconsin)	\$71,726
Wisconsin State Funds (CPG Match - WisDOT)	\$3,212
Northwest Regional Planning Commission (Local Match-NWRPC)	\$14,719

WISCONSIN TOTAL

\$89,657

MINNESOTA + WISCONSIN FUNDING TOTALS

TBD

In addition to the above sources, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council was also the recipient of the Safe Streets For All Grant, as broken down below.

Federal Safe Streets For All Grant

FHWA	\$100,000
MnDOT - IIJA Discretionary Match Program	\$25,000

SS4A TOTAL

\$125,000

TOTAL 2026 REVENUE - ALL SOURCES

TBD

**Anticipated funding levels - subject to change upon further review from all sources.*

2026-27 Work Program & Budget Development Timeline

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- Presented for review and comment in September.

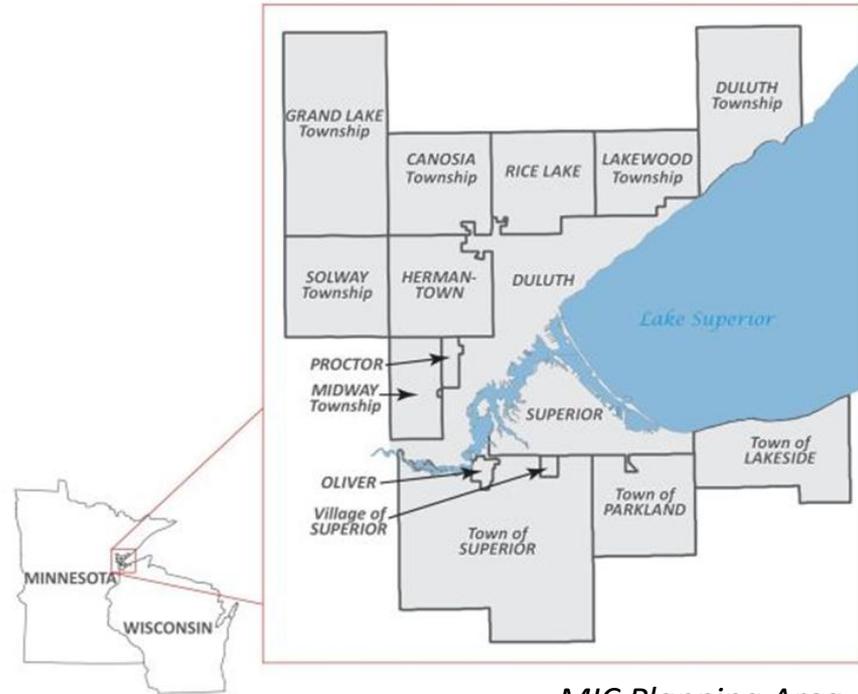
Final

- Final 2026-2027 Work Program & Budget will be presented for adoption by the MIC Policy Board in October.
- Forwarded to MnDOT, WisDOT, FHWA & FTA for final approvals.

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*Contact Ron Chicka with any
additional comments or
project suggestions*

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Comments? Questions?