

RESOLUTION 25-XX

DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

Supporting the Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure in the Proposed Design for London Road (TH 61) Reconstruction at 26th Avenue East and London Road

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) 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 adopted and the MIC Policy Board approved the MIC's 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan, a regional 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 the MIC's 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan that prioritizes 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 continues to prioritize motorized vehicle throughput over the safety and comfort of non-motorized users; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 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 MIC's 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan and City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan undermines years of public engagement and planning efforts, and jeopardizes the integrity of future planning processes;~~

WHEREAS, the MIC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) strongly questions the design decisions reflected in the current 26th Ave East and London Road intersection reconstruction proposal;

WHEREAS, the BPAC advises the MIC Policy Board to call upon MnDOT and the City of Duluth to revise the project design to align with the adopted 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan and City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MIC Policy Board acknowledges the potential for safety issues in the proposed design of the 26th Ave East intersection in its current form, and strive as designs are finalized, to address the dangers posed by the free right turn lane and reflect the community's values, safety priorities, and policy commitments to multi-modal transportation.

MIC Co-Chair (MN)

MIC Co-Chair (WI)

Date