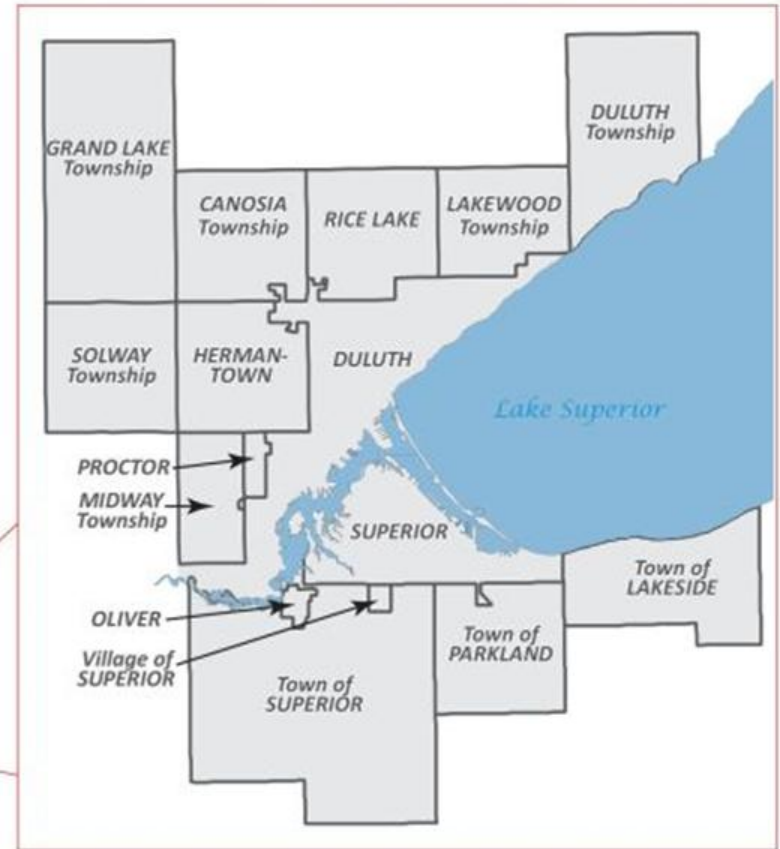


# Draft 2026-2027 MIC Work Program and Budget

TAC and MIC Meetings  
September 16 & 17, 2025

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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
- Integrate Pedestrian Plan into Bicycle Plan
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts
- Bicycle Compatibility Index

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue East – Superior, WI
- I-35 Community Access Revitalization Study

# Ongoing Modal Planning Projects (2026-2027)

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## Harbor

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

## Freight

- State Freight Advisory Committees

# Short-Range Planning Project (2026-2027)

## 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
- Estimated Project completion in October 2026
- Focus on public engagement, political buy-in, and encouraging a community-wide safety culture

# 2026-2027 MIC Budget Funding Sources

**DRAFT**

## **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 (ARC) | \$119,181 |

**MINNESOTA TOTAL \$840,109**

#### **WISCONSIN**

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

**WISCONSIN TOTAL \$89,657**

**MINNESOTA + WISCONSIN FUNDING TOTALS \$929,766**

**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 \$1,054,766**

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

# 2026-27 Work Program & Budget Development Timeline

## Draft

- Presented for review and comment in September.

## Final

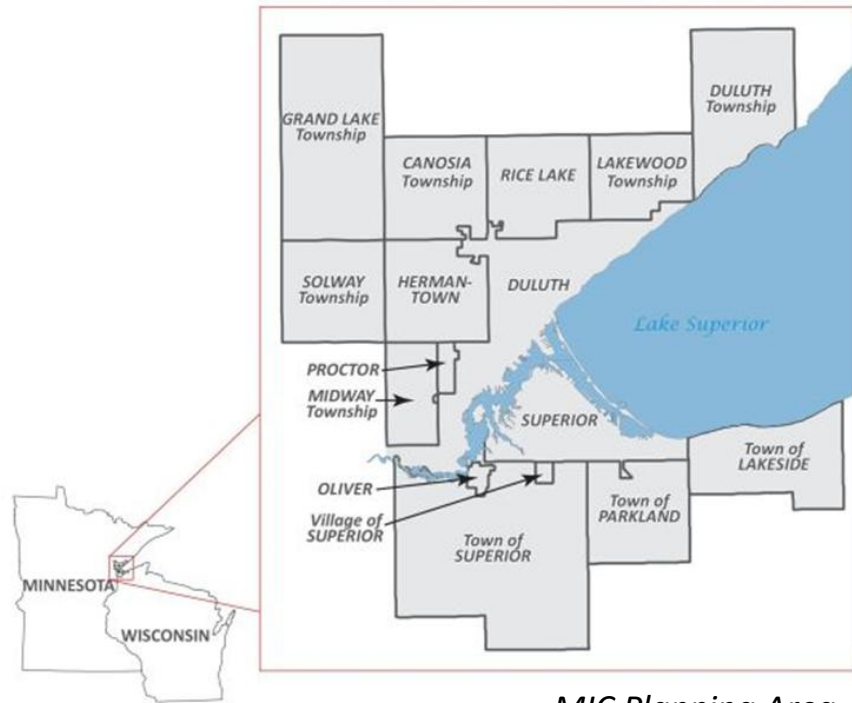
- Final 2026-2027 Work Program & Budget will be presented for adoption by the MIC Policy Board in October.
- Forwarded to MnDOT, WisDOT, FHWA & FTA for final approvals.

# 2026-2027 MIC Work Program and Budget Proposed Projects

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*Contact Ron Chicka with any  
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## Comments? Questions?

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