



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**  
Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 1:30 pm  
**Meeting Notice**

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Meeting materials can be viewed on the [meeting web page](#) as well as on the attached pages.

#### Items for Approval

- Meeting Summary of 9.16.25
- 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #19-29
- Final 2026-2027 MIC Work Program

#### Items for Presentation and Discussion

- *Sustainable Choices 2050* Implementation
- Protect, CRP, & TA Project Solicitation & Timeline

#### Project Updates

- MIC Area Safety Action Plan
- Safe Routes to School
- Public Involvement Plan

#### In-Person Meeting Location:

MnDOT  
Lake Superior Room  
1123 Mesaba Avenue  
Duluth, MN 55811

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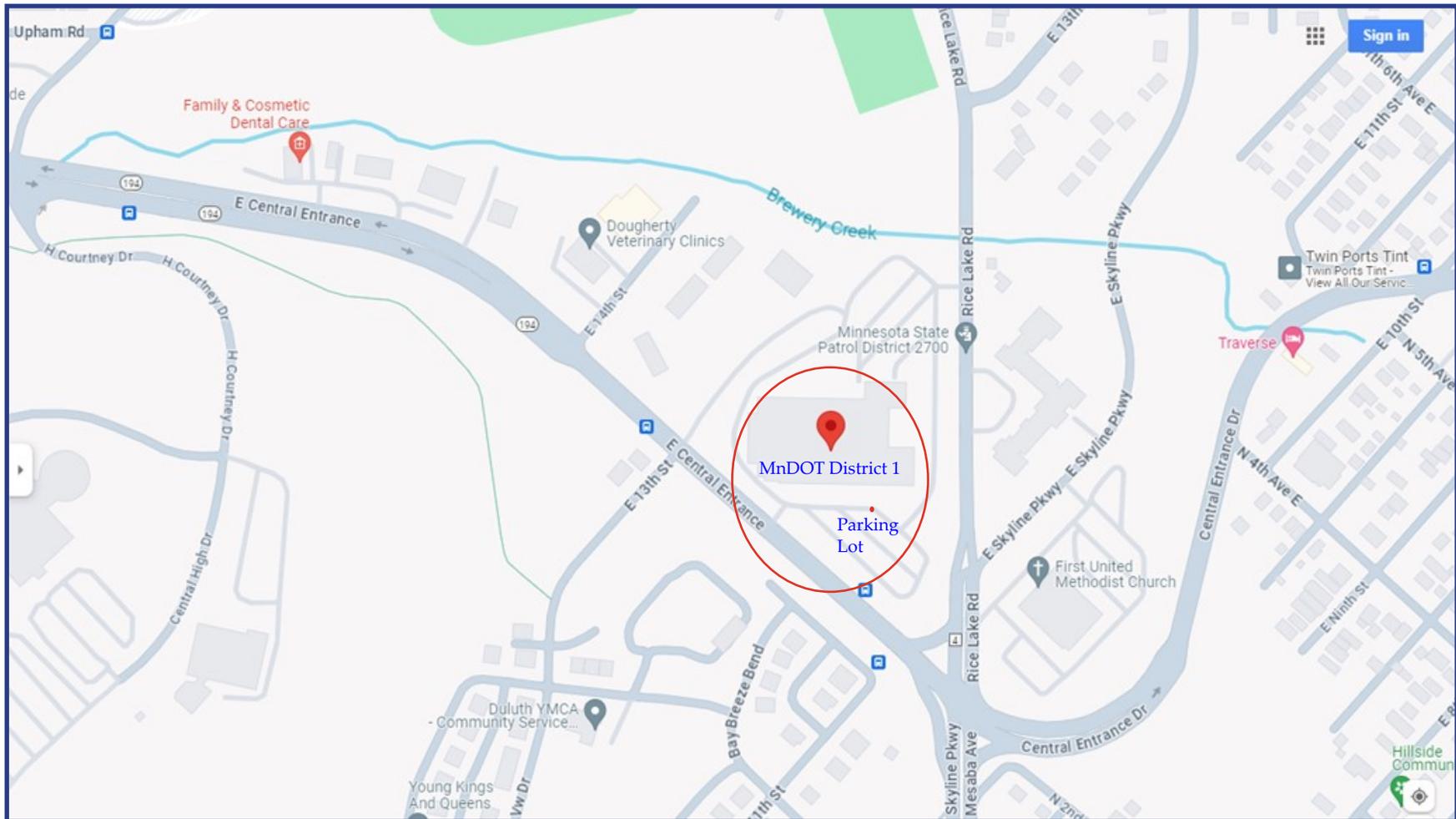
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# Duluth MnDOT District Office



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**Duluth MN**

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**Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council**

**Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 1:30 pm**

**Meeting Agenda**

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b>   |               |
| <b>2. Committee Business</b>  | <i>10 min</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary 9.16.25 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul>                           |               |
| <b>3. 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #19-29</b>   | <i>15 min</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Policy Board for Approval, Ron Chicka</li> </ul>                                      |               |
| <b>4. Final 2026-2027 MIC Work Program</b>  | <i>15 min</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Policy Board for Approval, Ron Chicka</li> </ul>                                      |               |
| <b>5. Sustainable Choices 2050 Implementation</b>   | <i>20 min</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, Mike Wenholz</li> </ul>   |               |
| <b>6. PROTECT, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), &amp; Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Solicitation &amp; TIP Timeline</b>             | <i>15 min</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and Discussion, Eli Norlander</li> </ul>  |               |
| <b>7. Round Table Discussion</b>  | <i>5 min</i>  |
| <b>8. Project Updates</b>   | <i>10 min</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MIC Area Safety Action Plan</li> <li>Safe Routes to School</li> <li>Public Involvement Plan</li> </ul> |               |
| <b>9. Adjourn</b>   |               |

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

TBD

1:30 pm



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**Agenda Item Descriptions**

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**1. Introductions / Agenda Review**

**2. Committee Business**

- Meeting Summary of 9.16.25\*
- MIC Director's Report

**Federal Shutdown and Federal Transportation Legislation** – For the MPOs in the state, there is not an immediate impact upon our work/funds as a result of the recent federal government shutdown. Our planning funds are encumbered from all sources and from both states. To date, we have been told that there should be no timing impact of various document approvals or reimbursements that we receive via the State. This has certainly occurred a few times over the last few years, and we've had no direct impact. However, should this go on for a longer period of time, it is possible some projects (not planning) may be slowed to a degree. This involves letting/scheduling of projects and their anticipated timelines and, again, impacts could be felt on this level.

As to the upcoming federal bill reauthorization (due to expire at the end of September of '26) AMPO is well positioned, nationally, to remain supportive of all our tasks in planning and project development and collaboration with road authorities, and in a fully multimodal vein. Partner organizations such as the National league of Cities and the National Association of Counties are working together to have an increased impact on the bill with respect to like goals and objectives. Meetings are well underway with the members of the House and Senate committees that develop and fund the transportation bill.

**3. 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #19-29\***

Ron Chicka will give an overview of the Superior Area TIP Amendments, as listed below:

**TIP AMENDMENT #19**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for preliminary engineering work associated with bridge deck sealing at various locations at B-16-0012 and B-16-0024. Total project cost is estimated at \$730. Work related to the project amendment is scheduled for 2026.

*Please refer to the table on the next page.*



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

Transportation Advisory Committee

October 14, 2025

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2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                             |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |   |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |   |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | USH 53  | PE    | 0.584                             | 0.146 |       | 0.730 |
| 113-25-036                      | NW Region, USH 53 Bridge Deck                   | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Sealing Various Locations B-16-0012 & B-16-0024 | CONST |                                   |       |       |       |
| 1190-03-08                      | miles 0.0 NHPP                                  |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$)             | TOTAL | 0.584                             | 0.146 |       | 0.730 |
|                                 | \$786,205                                       |       |                                   |       |       |       |

TIP AMENDMENT #20

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with water main work due to the Blatnik Bridge replacement project and roadway realignment. Total project cost is estimated at \$830,000. Work related to the project amendment is scheduled for 2026.

2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                     |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |   |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |   |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH535                                   | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-037                      | Superior - Duluth                       | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | St Louis River Br B16-0005-0001 to 0005 | CONST |                                   |       | 830   | 830   |
| 1199-00-80                      | Water Main                              |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | miles 0.0                               | TOTAL |                                   |       | 830   | 830   |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$)     |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                           |       |                                   |       |       |       |



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**TIP AMENDMENT #21**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with a sidewalk extension at UP rail crossing 186174L due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$30,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                 |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |                                     |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |                                     |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour                     | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-038                      | Superior-Duluth                     | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Ogden Ave, UP RR XING               | CONST |                                   | 30    |       | 30    |
| 1199-00-52                      | 186174L                             |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Sidewalk Extension miles 0.0        |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) | TOTAL |                                   | 30    |       | 30    |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                       |       |                                   |       |       |       |

**TIP AMENDMENT #22**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with a surface/sidewalk at UP rail crossing 186165M due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$242,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

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**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                                     |           | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |   |           | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |   |           | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour<br>Superior-Duluth                      | PE<br>ROW |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-039                      | Winter Street, UP RR XING<br>186165M                    | CONST     |                                   | 24    | 218   | 242   |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Surface/Sidewalk miles 0.0                              |           |                                   |       |       |       |
| 1199-00-53                      | Total Improvement Cost<br>(nearest \$)<br>\$410,096,125 | TOTAL     |                                   | 24    | 218   | 242   |

**TIP AMENDMENT #23**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with a surface/sidewalk at CP rail crossing 691665B due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$131,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                                     |           | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |   |           | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |   |           | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour<br>Superior-Duluth                      | PE<br>ROW |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-040                      | Ogden Ave, CP RR XING<br>691665B                        | CONST     |                                   | 17    | 114   | 131   |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Surface/Sidewalk miles 0.0                              |           |                                   |       |       |       |
| 1199-00-54                      | Total Improvement Cost<br>(nearest \$)<br>\$410,096,125 | TOTAL     |                                   | 17    | 114   | 131   |



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**TIP AMENDMENT #24**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with a surface at CP rail crossing 691660S due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$164,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                 |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |                                     |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |                                     |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour                     | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-041                      | Superior-Duluth                     | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Grand Ave, CP RR XING 691660S       | CONST |                                   | 16    | 148   | 164   |
| 1199-00-55                      | Surface miles 0.0                   |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) | TOTAL |                                   | 16    | 148   | 164   |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                       |       |                                   |       |       |       |

**TIP AMENDMENT #25**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with a surface at CP rail crossing 691656 due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$278,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                 |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |                                     |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |                                     |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour                     | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-042                      | Superior-Duluth                     | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Winter St, CP RR XING 691656        | CONST |                                   | 97    | 181   | 278   |
| 1199-00-56                      | Surface miles 0.0                   |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) | TOTAL |                                   | 97    | 181   | 278   |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                       |       |                                   |       |       |       |



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**TIP AMENDMENT #26**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with a surface at BNSF rail crossings 061462H, 086562J, 085931A, due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$202,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                               |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |   |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |   |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour                                   | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-043                      | Superior-Duluth                                   | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Winter St, BNSF RR XING 061462H, 086562J, 085931A | CONST |                                   | 50    | 152   | 202   |
| 1199-00-57                      | Surface miles 0.0                                 |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$)               | TOTAL |                                   | 50    | 152   | 202   |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                                     |       |                                   |       |       |       |

**TIP AMENDMENT #27**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with surface work at BNSF rail crossings 082644C due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$252,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                          |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|--|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |  |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |  |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour                              | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-044                      | Superior-Duluth                              | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | NP Railroad Rd, BNSF RR XING 082644C Surface | CONST |                                   | 126   | 126   | 252   |
| 1199-00-58                      | miles 0.0                                    |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$)          | TOTAL |                                   | 126   | 126   | 252   |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                                |       |                                   |       |       |       |



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**TIP AMENDMENT #28**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with signal work at BNSF rail crossings 082644C due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$350,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                 |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |                                     |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |                                     |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour                     | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-045                      | Superior-Duluth                     | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | NP Railroad Rd, BNSF RR XING        | CONST |                                   | 350   |       | 350   |
| 1199-00-59                      | 082644C Signals                     |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | miles 0.0                           |       |                                   |       |       |       |
|                                 | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) | TOTAL |                                   | 350   |       | 350   |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                       |       |                                   |       |       |       |

**TIP AMENDMENT #29**

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT for construction work associated with signal work at CP rail crossings 691657J due to pending detours associated with the closure of the Blatnik Bridge. Total project cost is estimated at \$278,000. Work activities related to the project amendment are scheduled to start in 2025.

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**2025 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)**

| Jurisdiction and Project Number | Project Description                 |       | Estimated Costs & Funding Sources |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 |                                     |       | Thousands                         |       |       |       |
|                                 |                                     |       | Federal                           | State | Local | Total |
| WisDOT                          | IH 535 – Detour Superior-Duluth     | PE    |                                   |       |       |       |
| 113-25-046                      | Catlin Ave, CP RR XING 691657J      | ROW   |                                   |       |       |       |
| Amended to TIP in October 2025  | Surface miles 0.0                   | CONST |                                   | 28    | 250   | 278   |
| 1199-01-50                      | Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) | TOTAL |                                   | 28    | 250   | 278   |
|                                 | \$410,096,125                       |       |                                   |       |       |       |

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at [sjohnson@nwrpc.com](mailto:sjohnson@nwrpc.com).

**4. Final 2026-2027 MIC Work Program\***

The [Final 2025-2026 MIC Work Program and Budget](#) is included with the meeting materials for review prior to the meeting and will be presented at the meeting for approval.

**5. Sustainable Choices 2050 Implementation**

There are a number of things that can be done to implement different aspects of *Sustainable Choices 2050*, the MIC area’s long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that was completed October 2024. This is a follow-up to our discussion during the April TAC meeting. MIC staff will share proposed upcoming implementation steps and ask the TAC members their thoughts and suggestions.

**6. PROTECT, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), & Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Solicitation & TIP Timeline**

Eli Norlander of the MIC will be providing a presentation on the project solicitation timeline for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Transportation Alternatives (TA) federal funding programs. The solicitation announcement for all three of these programs was sent to jurisdictions on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Jurisdictions have until October 31<sup>st</sup> to submit a letter of intent for their projects ahead of the full application period opening on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will discuss the solicitation process this year which will be conducted by ARDC.

**7. Round Table Discussion**



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## 8. Project Updates

- **MIC Safety Action Plan**

MIC staff, in collaboration with lead consultant Zan Associates and subcontractor Alliant Engineering, has begun work on the second phase of our [Safety Action Plan](#). This month, the team will host a workshop to gather input that will help shape the project's Community Action Plan. This foundational document will outline strategies, identify primary stakeholder groups, and serve as a guiding framework for the planning process from November 2025 through October 2026.

- **Safe Routes to School**

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, ARDC and the MIC held a kick-off meeting for the Duluth Public Schools Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Planning initiative. School principals, state & county staff, and members of DPD completed a visioning exercise to help develop a vision statement for the initiative. They also discussed current initiatives around the Duluth Public Schools district that have been successes related to biking & walking to school. During October, ARDC & MIC staff are working with the Duluth Public School District's Safe Routes to School Coordinator to perform drop off/pickup observations at school sites, a key data collection activity for the SRTS planning process.

- **MIC Public Engagement Plan**

The MIC will be updating its Public Involvement Plan (PIP), last revised in 2021. This comprehensive update fulfills federal requirements under 23 CFR 450.316 to periodically review and improve public participation procedures. The updated plan will create a more inclusive and measurable framework for community involvement in our transportation planning processes and ensure consistency with state DOT processes.

Initial steps in its development include conducting a thorough review of related regulations, Title VI and Language Access Plan requirements with MIC staff, surveying other MPO plans for best practices and other content, and working with partner agencies and TAC and MIC members to update the processes we will follow to develop, amend, and administratively modify the Duluth and Superior TIPs, the long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the UPWP..

We plan to present the draft Plan for release for a 45-day public comment period in January, conduct formal consultations with state and federal agencies, and hold at least one public meeting during that time. Staff will incorporate feedback received and prepare the final document for approval by the MIC Policy Board in March.

## 9. Adjourn