



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Policy Board
Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Meeting Notice

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Items for Approval

- Meeting Summary of 9.17.25
- 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #19-29
- Final 2026-2027 MIC Work Program

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- *None for this meeting*

Project Updates

- MIC Area Safety Action Plan
- Protect, CRP, TA Project Solicitation & Timeline

Public Meeting Location:

Holiday Inn
Lyric Conference Center
200 W 1st Street
Duluth, MN 55802

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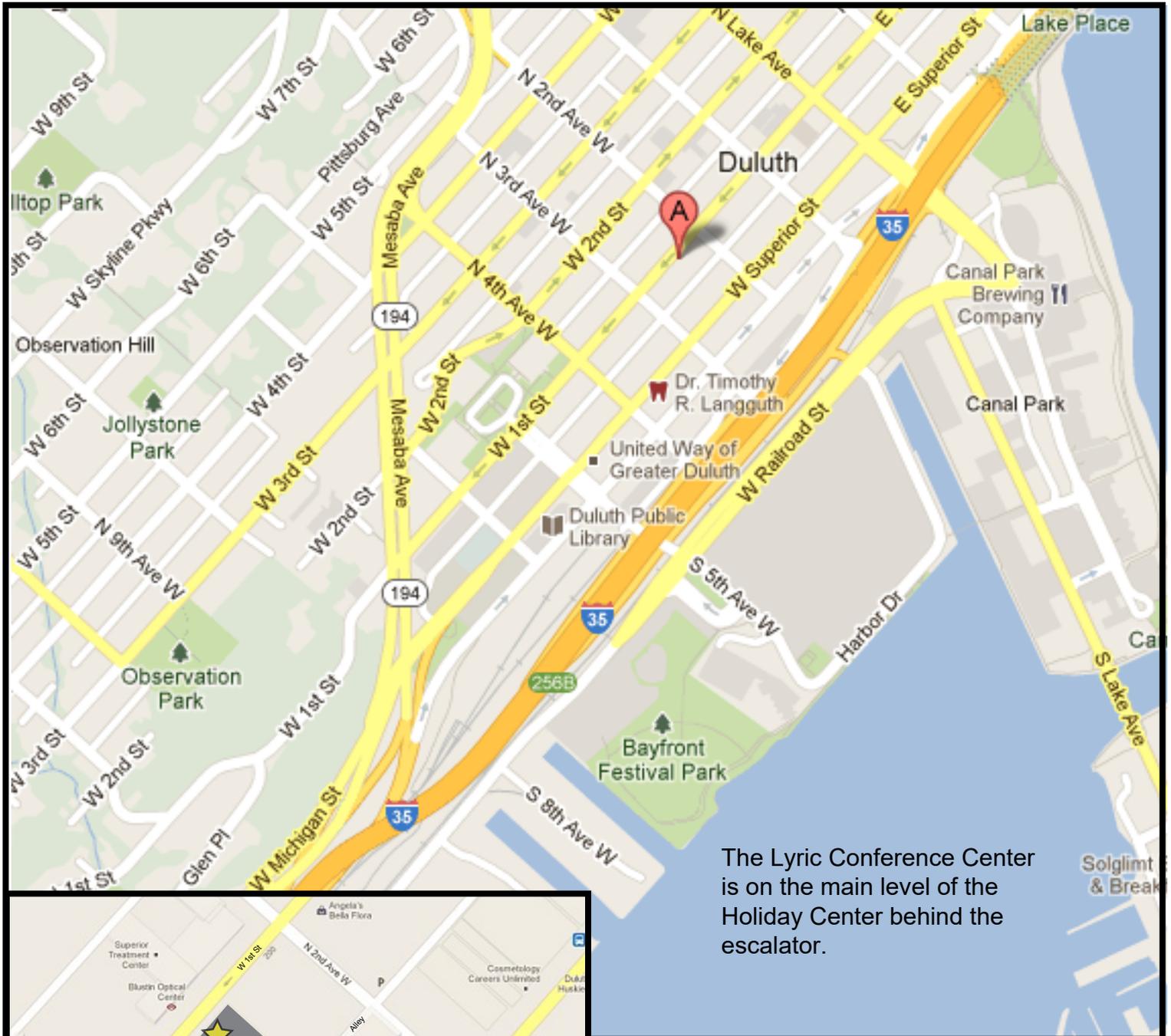
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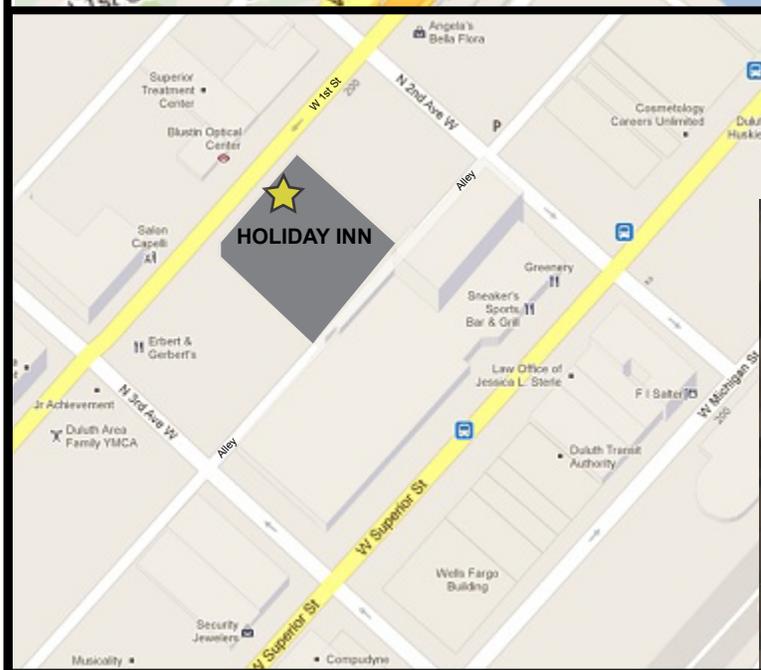
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Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 9.17.25 (for Approval by Roll Call Vote) Director's Report 	10 min
3. 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #19-29 (Roll Call Vote)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval, Sheldon Johnson 	15 min
4. Final 2026-2027 MIC Work Program (Roll Call Vote)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval, Ron Chicka 	15 min
5. Apprise from MIC Board Members	
6. Guest Comments (Three minute limit per speaker)	
7. Project Updates (For Your Information)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIC Area Safety Action Plan PROTECT, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project 	5 min
8. Adjourn	

Next Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Northwood Technical College
6:00 pm



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 9.17.25*
- 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 Amendment #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.



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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				
	Superior-Duluth	ROW				
113-25-038	Ogden Ave, UP RR XING	CONST		30		30
Amended to TIP in October 2025	186174L					
1199-00-52	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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Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT	IH 535 – Detour Superior-Duluth	PE				
113-25-039	Winter Street, UP RR XING	ROW				
Amended to TIP in October 2025	186165M	CONST		24	218	242
1199-00-53	Surface/Sidewalk miles 0.0					
	Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$)	TOTAL		24	218	242
	\$410,096,125					

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 Superior-Duluth	PE				
113-25-040	Ogden Ave, CP RR XING	ROW				
Amended to TIP in October 2025	691665B	CONST		17	114	131
1199-00-54	Surface/Sidewalk miles 0.0					
	Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$)	TOTAL		17	114	131
	\$410,096,125					



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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				
	Superior-Duluth	ROW				
113-25-041	Grand Ave, CP RR XING	CONST		16	148	164
Amended to TIP in October 2025	691660S					
	Surface miles 0.0					
1199-00-55	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				
	Superior-Duluth	ROW				
113-25-042	Winter St, CP RR XING 691656	CONST		97	181	278
Amended to TIP in October 2025	Surface miles 0.0					
	Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$)	TOTAL		97	181	278
1199-00-56	\$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 Superior-Duluth	PE ROW				
113-25-043	Winter St, BNSF RR XING 061462H, 086562J, 085931A	CONST		50	152	202
Amended to TIP in October 2025	Surface miles 0.0					
1199-00-57	Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) \$410,096,125	TOTAL		50	152	202

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 Superior-Duluth	PE ROW				
113-25-044	NP Railroad Rd, BNSF RR XING 082644C Surface	CONST		126	126	252
Amended to TIP in October 2025	miles 0.0					
1199-00-58	Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) \$410,096,125	TOTAL		126	126	252



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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 Superior-Duluth	PE ROW				
113-25-045	NP Railroad Rd, BNSF RR XING	CONST		350		350
Amended to TIP in October 2025	082644C Signals miles 0.0					
1199-00-59	Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) \$410,096,125	TOTAL		350		350

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 113-25-046 Amended to TIP in October 2025 1199-01-50	IH 535 – Detour Superior-Duluth Catlin Ave, CP RR XING 691657J Surface miles 0.0	PE ROW CONST		28	250	278
	Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) \$410,096,125	TOTAL		28	250	278

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at 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. Apprise from MIC Board Members

6. Guest Comments (Comments will be limited to three minutes)

7. Project Updates (For your information)

- **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.

- **PROTECT, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project**

At the TAC meeting, Eli Norlander of the MIC will have provided 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 6th. Jurisdictions have until October 31st to submit a letter of intent for their projects ahead of the full application period opening on December 1st. Staff will have discussed the solicitation process this year which will be conducted by ARDC, meaning projects are collected by ARDC



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and delivered to the MIC staff for review and project selection. These programs have had minor adjustments from prior years such as changing the co-benefits that are part of the narrative section. These changes occurred based on state and federal communication. In the MIC area, the solicitation includes multiple years of funding across the three programs. FY2028, FY2029, and FY2030 CRP funds, FY2029 and FY2030 PROTECT funds, and FY2030 TA funds are all part of the current solicitation.

8. Adjourn