



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

August 12, 2025 Special Meeting

**Meeting Summary**

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<b>2 Note Taker(s)</b>	Name, Title/Affiliation – Tari Aanonsen/MIC & Andrea Crause Zeitgeist Arts/SHIP/Active Transportation	
<b>Members Present</b>		
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<b>Chair</b>	Andrea Crouse (Virtual)	Zeitgeist Arts/SHIP/Active Transportation
<b>Vice Chair</b>	James Gittemeier (Virtual)	City of Duluth Senior Transportation Planner
	Carol Andrews (Virtual)	St. Louis County Public Works
	Dick Haney (via Phone)	Friends of Western Duluth Trails & Parks
	Skip Williams (Virtual)	Vibrant Streets Duluth
	Judy Gibbs (Virtual)	Citizen Representative
	Mimi Stender (Virtual)	Citizen Representative
<b>Non-Voting</b>	Maren Webb (Virtual)	Sr Transportation Planner, MnDOT District 1
<b>Members Absent</b>	^ Excused Absence	
	Chris Belden	Duluth Transit Authority
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior Public Works
	Cari Pedersen	City of Duluth Engineering
	Denis Sauve	Twin Ports Cyclery
	Mae Sommerfeld	WisDOT
<b>Non-Voting</b>	Bryan Anderson	
<b>Others Present</b>		
	Tari Aanonsen	MIC Administrative Assistant
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist
	Mike Wenholz	MIC Principal Planner



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### 1. Introductions / Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm. BPAC Chair, Andrea Crouse, stated that a quorum had been reached, and the meeting could commence.

### 2. Committee Business

No Committee Business to report for this meeting.

### 3. Topics for Discussion

#### • Amended Proposed Resolution to MIC Policy Board regarding the design for London Rd at 26<sup>th</sup> Ave E

Maren Webb stated that in order for the BPAC to vote on the resolution, there would need to be eight voting members present, and at the time, there were only seven. It was suggested that discussion could begin and perhaps another voting member would arrive. In the meantime, an email was sent during the meeting to the members not in attendance to announce that the meeting was in progress. There was a clarification on this that in Article V Section 4 of the BPAC bylaws, a BPAC resolution passed requiring subsequent action by the MIC Policy Board requires a quorum of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of BPAC voting membership. A modification was made, given the number of voting members present to have the resolution stay as a BPAC resolution without directing it to the MIC Board for action.

Ron Chicka stated that the way in which the resolution was currently written, it has mixed messaging; in part, it seems to be advising the MIC Policy Board on the BPAC's concerns related to the design, and in another part, stating that the resolution is intended to be a MIC Policy Board Resolution. He advised that the resolution be revised to reflect the intentions of the BPAC, as it is a BPAC resolution and not a MIC Policy Board resolution.

The members agreed.

Mike Wenzholz then walked through the suggested MIC edits, as emailed to the members earlier.

The following are the MIC staff's suggestions:

- The subtitle has been revised to be in proper resolution form.
- Delete the fourth Whereas as London Road is not identified as a "priority corridor" in the MIC's 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan. This statement is inaccurate.
- Delete the fifth Whereas as 1) the MIC Policy Board has no authority over "the goals and standards outlined in the City of Duluth's adopted plans" and 2) this statement is too broad (and in its current format subjective) as it does not specify what goals and standards "fail" to be met.
- Delete the eighth Whereas as 1) this statement is subjective as it does not specify how the proposed project fails to implement the MIC's 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan vision (MIC staff do not believe this proposed project simply fails to implement the vision laid out in the MIC's 2025 Bicycle Transportation Plan) and 2) the MIC Policy Board has no authority over the City of Duluth's Comprehensive Plan.
- The ninth and tenth section were revised to "Whereas" to be in better resolution form.
- The Therefore Be It Resolved section was revised to be in proper resolution form. The highlighted text needs clarity, such as *who* is to "strive ...", etc.

Skip and Andrea both agreed with the revisions. Andrea added that the "Now, Therefore" statement should be revised to read:



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“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BPAC acknowledges the potential for safety issues in the proposed design of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ave East and London Road intersection in its current form, and requests MnDOT 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.”

<p><b>Motion Discussion and Vote</b></p>	<p><b>Moved by Skip Williams, seconded by Mimi Stender, to approve the Resolution to the MIC Policy Board Supporting the Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure in the Proposed Design for London Road (TH61) Reconstruction at 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and London Road, as revised.</b></p> <p>Board discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James proposed a change to the 10<sup>th</sup> “Where As” statement and asked to remove the City of Duluth from that statement.</li> <li>• Richard Sarran commented that it would make sense to remove the city from this statement, as the city did not design the portion of the project that is in question and being addressed in this proposed resolution.</li> <li>• Carol suggested that the whole paragraph be removed, as the point is captured in the final “Now, Therefore” statement of the proposed resolution and this other “Where As” statement, as it stands, is too broad and vague.</li> </ul> <p><b>Skip rescinded his original motion, seconded by Mimi, and motioned to approve the Resolution to the MIC Policy Board Supporting the Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure in the Proposed Design for London Road (TH61) Reconstruction at 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and London Road, as revised.</b></p> <p><b>Voting Aye: Andrews, Crouse, Gibbs, Gittemeier, Haney, Stender, Williams</b></p> <p><b>Voting Nay: None</b></p> <p><b>Abstain: None</b></p> <p><b>Absent: Belden, Carlson, Pedersen, Sauve, Sommerfeld</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried: Aye: 7, Nay: 0.</b></p>
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### 4. Adjourn

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, BPAC Chair, Andrea Crouse adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.