



DULUTH-SUPERIOR

Metropolitan Interstate Council

MIC Policy Board

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Meeting Notice

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed below.

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

Items for Approval

- Meeting Summary of 12.10.25
- MnDOT 2026 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets
- WisDOT 2026 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets
- Duluth-Superior Area Safety Action Plan – Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries by 2050
- 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #33-38

Items for Presentation and Discussion

None

Project Updates

- dsmic.org Website Redesign
- 2030 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Applications

Public Meeting Location:

Holiday Inn
Lake Superior Ballroom (lower level)
200 W 1st Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Attendance / Meeting Quorum

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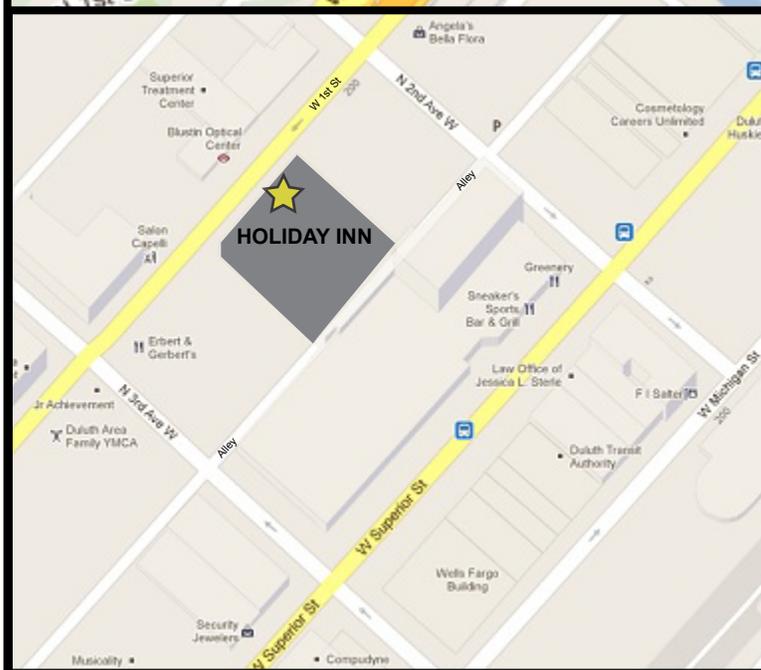
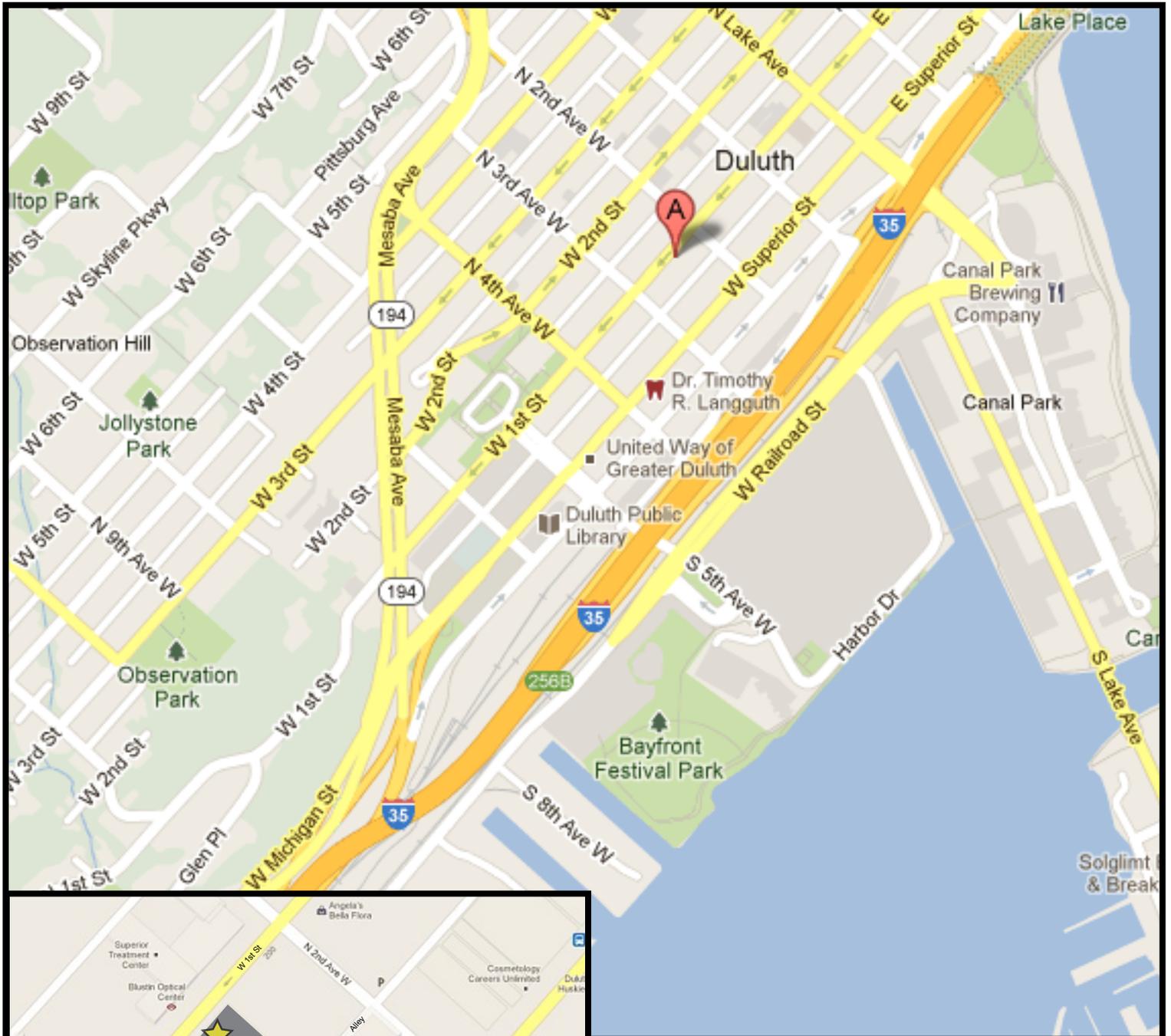
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Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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**Metropolitan
Interstate Council**

MIC Policy Board
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Summary of 12.10.25 (for Approval) Director’s Report <p style="text-align: center;">“Open Public Comment Period”</p>	<i>10 min</i>
3. MnDOT 2026 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets (Roll Call Vote)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval, Mike Wenholz 	<i>10 min</i>
4. WisDOT 2026 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets (Roll Call Vote)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval, Sheldon Johnson 	<i>10 min</i>
5. Duluth-Superior Area Safety Action Plan – Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries by 2050 (Voice Vote)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation & Discussion, Latasha Jennings-Dedina, Zan Associates, Senior Engagement Manager Recommend for Approval, Rondi Watson 	<i>25 min</i>
6. 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP Amendments #33-38(Roll Call Vote)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend for Approval, Sheldon Johnson 	<i>15 min</i>
7. Apprise from MIC Board Members	
	<i>10 min</i>
8. Project Updates (For Your Information)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dsmic.org Website Redesign 2030 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Transportation Alternatives (TA) & PROTECT Applications 	<i>5 min</i>
9. Adjourn	

Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Douglas County
6:00 pm



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 12.10.25*
- MIC Director's Report

DLH Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Working Group – The second meeting of this group convened this month to continue discussions on strategies locally for this federal initiative aimed at personalized (short trip) air service. In 2022, Congress approved the Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act to examine this topic nationwide over the coming decade. Numerous goals support this task, including leveraging existing infrastructure, and this is where MPOs play a role in planning for usage of current assets and determining new ones to possibly construct. The group is talking about a business attraction point that might attract an industry to this area. Members of the group include the Duluth Chamber, APEX (economic development), Mn Power as well as staff from the DOT's Aeronautics office.

Wisconsin Freight Advisory Committee – Maritime Panel – Staff is involved in ongoing meetings with the Wisconsin DOT Freight office as we plan to highlight the MICs work (via our many local partners) on enhancing maritime commerce at an upcoming meeting of this statewide group. The MIC sits on this statewide public/private group representing the MPOs in the state (small to mid-size organizations). We will likely be presenting the unique collaborative work of our Harbor TAC and, specifically, our Port Land Use Plan that points out the key asset of maritime usage of land adjacent to the deep-water draft for shipping purposes. This MIC Plan is referenced in both Duluth's and Superior's comprehensive plans.

3. MnDOT Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets*

In accordance with the USDOT/FHWA strategy to achieve national transportation performance goals, every state DOT and MPO must annually adopt five Safety Performance Measure (PM1) targets. MPOs have the option to either adopt the targets established by the state or develop their own targets. For 2026, the MIC is proposing to adopt MnDOT's statewide Safety Performance Measure targets for the Minnesota portion of the MIC Planning Area. (WisDOT sets its own PM targets, which the MIC adopts separately for the Wisconsin portion of the MIC Planning Area).

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These performance measures are incorporated into the Duluth Area TIP. These targets and the baseline are as follows:

Performance Measure	2026 Target	Baseline (2020-2024 average)
Number of fatalities	352.4	442.4
Fatality rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	0.582	0.780
Number of serious injuries	1463.4	1854.0
Serious injury rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	2.470	3.264
Number of non-motorist severe injuries	258.4	303.6

The Safety PM Final Rule establishes five performance measures as five-year rolling averages. "Five-year rolling average" means the average of data from the current year plus the previous 4 years of data; it is a metric that calculates trends over time.

The 2026 targets are the same as 2024 and 2025. The targets are unchanged because all 5 targets were not met (all averages are increasing rather than decreasing).

Minnesota supports setting aspiration targets, but they must be achievable. Minnesota does not support setting targets greater than the prior year.

4. WisDOT 2026 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets*

Pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has established statewide targets for the federal performance measures intended to assess performance of the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program; 23 CFR Part 490. The 2026 targets (five-year rolling averages) for the five safety performance measures are identified below in Exhibit A.

Please refer to Exhibit A on the next page.



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Exhibit A

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Performance Measure	2026 Safety Targets (2% Reduction)	Baseline (2020-2024 average)
Number of fatalities	587.0	599.0
Fatality rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	0.911	0.930
Number of serious injuries	3,163.0	3,277.6
Serious injury rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	4.902	5.002
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	392.4	400.4

5. Duluth-Superior Area Safety Action Plan – Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries by 2050*

The MIC is progressing into Phase 2 of its Safety Action Plan project, which aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries across the region. The Policy Board will review and vote on a [resolution](#) committing to a timebound goal to achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries in the MIC planning area.

6. 2025-2028 Superior Area TIP amendments #33-38*

Sheldon Johnson will give an overview of the Superior Area TIP Amendments, as listed below:

TIP AMENDMENT #33

This project enables IndiGO (North Country Independent Living Center) the ability to continue their transportation voucher and volunteer driver program to eligible clients throughout (eight county area including; Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn) northern Wisconsin. The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026.

Please refer to the table on the next page.



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2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
IndiGO - North Country Independent Living Center	Funding a Volunteer Driver & Voucher Program for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 8 NW Counties.		101,988		101,988	203,976
113-25-050 Amended to TIP in January 2026		TOTAL	101,988		101,988	203,976

TIP AMENDMENT #34

This project enables the Center for Independent Living to provide a volunteer drivers and travel coordination program to eligible clients throughout a 42-county area (including Douglas County). The project provides individuals with disabilities and residents aged 55 and over who are experiencing a transportation barrier a means of traveling to work, school, shopping, and other events. The vouchers are used to reimburse friends, neighbors and other volunteers who use their own vehicle for transporting disabled individuals. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026.

2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Center for Independent Living	Funding Volunteer Drivers & Travel Coordination for individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 42 Central and NW Wisconsin Counties.		256,838		256,838	513,676
113-25-051 Amended to TIP in January 2026		TOTAL	256,838		256,838	513,676



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TIP AMENDMENT #35

This project enables the Center for Independent Living to operate a mobility management/call center funding staff members who coordinate rides for a 42-county area (including Douglas County) for a population of seniors and individuals with disabilities, and also work to expand their service, provide outreach and information of transportation options to residents, and work to coordinate rides with other providers. Federal funds for this project are made available through the Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Program administered by WisDOT. The project will span January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026.

2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Section 5310)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
Center for Independent Living	Funding mobility management to assist individuals with disabilities and others experiencing transportation barriers in 42 Central and NW Wisconsin Counties.		132,196		33,049	165,245
113-25-052 Amended to TIP in January 2026		TOTAL	132,196		33,049	165,245

TIP AMENDMENT #36

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT to change the scope of project 113-25-024 to redefine this project as Phase I & II and reduce the funding level from \$1,400,000 to \$435,000. Work related to the project amendment remains scheduled for 2025 project start with work continuing into 2026.

Please refer to the table on the next page.



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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 113-25-024 Amendment to TIP in January 2026	IH 535	PE				
	St. Louis River Bridge	ROW				
	Phase I & II	CONST		435		435
	B-16-0005-0001 to 0005			1,400		1,400
	(0.0 miles)					
	Sanitary Sewer	TOTAL		435		435
	State Bond Funds Total			1,400		1,400
	Improvement Cost					
	(nearest \$) \$410,096,125					
	1199-00-41					

TIP AMENDMENT #37

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT to reduce the overall cost of construction work associated with sanitary sewer work related to the Blatnik Bridge replacement work. Total project cost is now programed at \$3,558,000 from the original \$4,347,000 cost. Work related to the project amendment remains scheduled for 2026.

2026 Transportation Improvements Projects (Roadway)

Jurisdiction and Project Number	Project Description		Estimated Costs & Funding Sources			
			Thousands			
			Federal	State	Local	Total
WisDOT 113-25-034 Amended to TIP in January 2026	IH535	PE				
	Superior - Duluth	ROW				
	St Louis River Br B16-	CONST		3,328	230	3,558
	0005-0001 to 0005			3,912	435	4,347
	Reimbursement to MN					
	miles 0.0					
	State Bond Funds	TOTAL		3,328	230	3,558
	Total Improvement Cost			3,912	435	4,347
	(nearest \$)					
	\$410,096,125					
	1199-00-78					
	ID to bill City of Superior for their portion of sanitary sewer					



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TIP AMENDMENT #38

A TIP amendment has been requested by WisDOT to add Phase III construction work associated with sanitary sewer replacement work due to the Blatnik Bridge replacement project. Work related to the project 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 113-25-053 Amendment to TIP in January 2026	IH 535 St. Louis River Bridge Phase III B-16-0005-0001 to 0005 (0.0 miles)	PE ROW CONST		150		150
	Sanitary Sewer State Bond Funds Total Improvement Cost (nearest \$) \$410,096,125 1199-00-42	TOTAL		150		150

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com.

7. Apprise from MIC Board Members

8. Project Updates (Discussion Optional)

- **DSMIC.ORG Website Redesign**

The website project is rounding the homestretch. In the next two weeks, MIC staff will be reviewing the fully developed site for final edits before it goes live. The new site will have a clean, modern look and will be easier to navigate. It is anticipated to launch January 30th, 2026.



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- **2030 Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Transportation Alternatives (TA) & PROTECT**

The deadline for Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Transportation Alternatives (TA), and PROTECT applications was on January 9, 2026. The following includes a summary of applications received for projects within the MIC area:

STBG: 2 applications

- City of Hermantown -
 - **Project description:** Reconstruction of Hermantown Road between Okerstrom Road and Haines Road. To serve recent and future development, provide safety improvements, and provide crossings and connection to an existing trail.
- City of Duluth –
 - **Project description:** 4th Street Reconstruction from Mesaba Ave (MN 194) to 6th Ave East. Address curb ramp ADA standards, under-sized sidewalks and curb extensions, bicycle accommodations, and traffic signal ADA noncompliance.

CRP: 1 application

- St. Louis County –
 - **Project description:** Construct a sidewalk along the north side of CSAH 56 (Morris Thomas Rd) beginning at Okerstrom Rd and ending at CSAH 91 (Haines Rd) for a total length of 0.50 mile located in the City of Hermantown

PROTECT: 1 application

- St. Louis County -
 - **Project description:** Stoney Point Drive experiences sloughing and landslides due to stormwater runoff, extreme storm events, and wave action of Lake Superior that now requires an 800-foot long project consisting of permanent slope stabilization and slight road realignment.

TA: 2 applications

- St. Louis County –
 - **Project description:** Construct a sidewalk along the north side of CSAH 56 (Morris Thomas Rd) beginning at Okerstrom Rd and ending at CSAH 91 (Haines Rd) for a total length of 0.50 mile located in the City of Hermantown
- City of Duluth –
 - **Project description:** Extension of the Cross City Trail, a paved shared use path, from Redruth Street to Fremont Street.

Further information about the project applications will be posted to the MIC website when MIC staff complete the established evaluation process.

9. Adjourn