



2017 Duluth-Superior Truck Route Study



Study Objective

To determine the most efficient, safest, least disruptive routes to and through the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area for trucks hauling freight.

Background

The MIC's most recent Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study was completed in 2001, as an update to the 1990 Truck Route Study and the 1997 Freight Movement Study. Since then, changes in the Duluth-Superior area roadway network and traffic patterns, locations of freight-generating businesses, and federal and state laws have influenced truck movements.

This study will examine current truck routes and the factors that influence truck movements through and to the Duluth-Superior area. Additionally, the study will consider appropriate revisions to area truck routes, and update the 2001 Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study recommendations.

Overview of Planned Work Activities

Initiate Study

Form a Truck Route Study Advisory Committee to assist in developing goals and objectives for the truck route system, and to identify issues, provide insight, and assist in updating the Truck Route Study and its recommendations.

Data Collection

Identify all data necessary to meet the goals and objectives of this study, and gather it via existing data sets, surveys, conducting counts, or other means. Data collection is expected to include working with trucking companies, truck drivers, state and local government agencies, state patrol or local police, and neighborhood or citizen groups, either directly or indirectly.

Data Analysis

Examine and analyze the data and information collected to determine trends or changes related to truck usage, land use, or business locations that impact truck routes in the Duluth-Superior area.

Public Input

In accordance with the MIC's Public Involvement Plan, organize and conduct public input activities to inform and gain feedback from additional project stakeholders who are anticipated to be impacted by current or future recommended truck routes.

Deliverables

An updated Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study document, that includes a list of recommendations and an updated Truck Route Map for the Duluth-Superior area, will be prepared.

Timeline

The updated Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study is proposed to be completed in late summer 2017. Three Advisory Committee meetings are anticipated between March and September.