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The Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan



Pedestrian



Harbor/Port



Highways



Transit



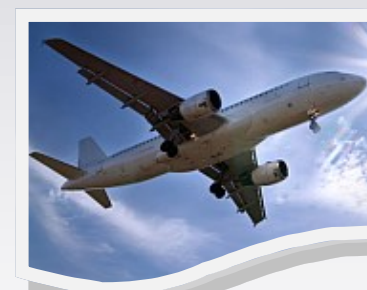
Rail



Local Roadways



Bicycle



Air

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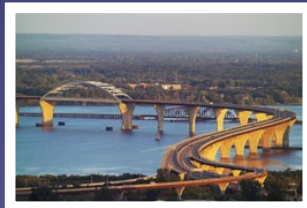
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Connections 2040 is the most recent update of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Duluth, MN-Superior, WI urbanized area. *Connections 2040* presents a long-range (2015-2040) strategy to guide the effective investment of public funds for multi-modal transportation infrastructure throughout the Duluth-Superior area. The LRTP is updated every five years in accordance with federal and state requirements, and reflects local planning initiatives and incorporates public input.

Connections 2040 also provides the foundation for the annual development of the Duluth and Superior Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), short-range capital improvement programs that implement some of the needed highway, transit, and bikeway projects identified in the project lists in Chapter 5, as well as for the MIC's annual work program activities.

A great deal of effort was applied to address provisions in the federal transportation bill (MAP-21) specific to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (including the MIC) and its emphasis on performance measures and performance-based planning. Just as important, it was developed with an eye to making the content more accessible to a broader, more diverse audience interested in accessing information about the multiple modes of transportation in the Duluth-Superior area.

Connections 2040 consists of six individual chapters: **Chapter 1-Introduction** establishes the transportation goals and objectives for Duluth-Superior for the next 25 years. In combination with **Chapter 2-Planning & Policy Framework**, which outlines the federal and state transportation policies, plans and regulations that guided the development of this plan, they are the foundation for *Connections 2040*. **Chapter 3-Trends** describes the trends in area land use, demographics, economics, employment and travel demand patterns. **Chapter 4-System Performance** assesses the degree to which this area's transportation facilities provide access, ensure mobility, and operate safely and efficiently to move people and freight via by both motorized and non-motorized modes. **Chapter 5-Projects & Funding** lists short-, mid-, and long-term transportation projects planned to be implemented by the major jurisdictions within the MIC planning area as well as projected funding sources, which together form the financial analysis for the plan. **Chapter 6-Participation** details the process that was used to engage the public and a wide range of stakeholder groups during the development of this plan.

Connections 2040 may be amended as a result of changes in projected federal, state and local funding and/or substantive planning and policy shifts resulting from area plans, studies, priorities and initiatives.

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