RESOLUTION 19-13
OF THE
DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

Adopting the 2020-2045 Update of its Long Range Transportation Plan, Sustainable Choices 2045

WHEREAS, Duluth-Superior metropolitan citizens require a safe and efficient transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility, conserves resources and contributes to improving the quality of life in the Duluth-Superior area; and

WHEREAS, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) was created by the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) as the urban transportation planning and policy body and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Interstate Council, being the designated MPO for the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area within St. Louis and Douglas County, has established a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to metropolitan transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the MIC performs the above activities to satisfy the Metropolitan Transportation Planning requirements of 23 U.S.C. Section 134 and 49 U.S.C. Section 5303, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended, the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the Clean Air Act of 1970 (CAA) as amended 1990 (CAAA); and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Choices 2045 is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with long range metropolitan transportation goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form this 2020-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Choices 2045 is fiscally constrained; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Choices 2045 was developed by its advisory committee, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the MIC Policy Board, in coordination and cooperation with locally elected officials and appointed highway and transit officials;
special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit and representatives of traditionally underserved communities; Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation (MnDOT, WisDOT); U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, advisory committee and public comment was solicited and regular opportunities for participation and input from a broad range of transportation stakeholders were provided regarding the transportation goals and objectives, priorities, recommendations and projects contained in this plan; and

WHEREAS, comments were received, responded to, and incorporated where feasible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby adopts the 2020-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Sustainable Choices 2045.

Duly adopted this 16th day of October, 2019:

MIC Policy Board Chair

Duluth-Superior MIC Policy Board Officer

MIC Director

MIC Deputy Director

October 16, 2019

Date