

RESOLUTION 21-16

OF THE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

Adopting the 2022 - 2025 Wisconsin Transportation Improvement Program for the Superior Urbanized Area

WHEREAS, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council was created by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) as the urban planning policy body and designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with responsibility for performing urban transportation planning and is recognized by Minnesota and Wisconsin Governors, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Interstate Council has established a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a Long Range Transportation Plan, and a Transportation Improvement Program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Transportation regulations require the development and annual approval of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for each urbanized area by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials; special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit; the Wisconsin Department of Transportation; U.S. DOT; Federal Highway and Transit Administrations; and

WHEREAS, projects must be included in the TIP which utilize the following U.S. Department of Transportation program funds under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), Interstate System, National Highway System, Surface Transportation Program, Federal Bridge, Federal Transit Administration Capital and Operating Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the CY 2022-2025 TIP is an implementation of *Sustainable Choices 2045*, the Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan and is fiscally constrained; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Transportation regulations provide for self-certification that the urban transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
- (2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- (6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

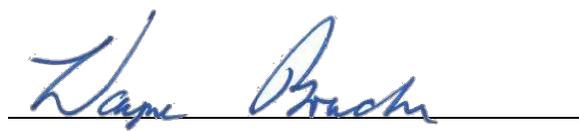
WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Interstate Council has solicited a 30-day public comment period on the Draft CY 2022-2025 TIP and any public comments received are documented in the TIP document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with 23 CFR 450.334, the Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby certifies that the metropolitan planning process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements as described above.

ATTEST:



Nick Baker, Wisconsin Co-Chair



Wayne Boucher, Minnesota Co-Chair



Ron Chicka, MIC Director

October 20, 2021

Date