



Meeting Summary

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Note Taker(s)	Barb Peterson	
Members Present		
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WI Co-Chair	Nick Baker	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
MN Co-Chair	Wayne Boucher	City of Hermantown
	Broc Allen	Douglas County Suburban Townships
	Ed Anderson	City of Superior – Citizen Rep
	Bill Fennessey	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Janet Kennedy	Duluth City Council
	Rosemary Lear	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Nick Ledin	Superior City Council
	Mike Mayou	Duluth City Council
	Sam Pomush	Douglas County Board of Supervisors
	Bob Quade	City of Rice Lake
	Jason Reid	City of Duluth - Citizen Representative
	Tom Szukis	DTA
	Jenny Van Sickle	Superior City Council
	Chad Ward	City of Proctor
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Annie Harala*	St. Louis County
Others Present		
	Bryan Anderson	MnDOT Dist 1
	Ron Chicka	MIC Director
	Dick Haney	Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails
	Sheldon Johnson	MIC Deputy Director/NWRPC
	Jim Kuehn	WisDOT
	Kris Liljeblad	MIC Sr Planner
	Prescott Morrill	MIC Planner
	Barb Peterson	MIC Admin Asst
	Ricky Sarran	MIC GIS Specialist
	Rondi Watson	MIC Communications Coordinator



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

Chair Wayne Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A “roll call” attendance was taken. When complete, Chair Boucher asked if there were any questions or changes to the agenda.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Meeting Summary of 12.14.22

Chair Baker then asked if there were any questions or changes to the October meeting summaries. Hearing none he asked for a motion.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Tom Szukis/Sam Pomush moved to approve the 12.14.22 meeting summary. There was no further discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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3. 2023-2026 SUPERIOR AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #1-5 (SEE

Sheldon Johnson provided a description of each of the amendments which include:

- #1 is a Voucher Program for North Country Independent Living throughout an 8 county area (WI)
- #2 is the ability for North Country to operate a mobility management program funding staff members who coordinate rides for the region’s population seniors and individuals with disabilities
- #3 is a requested for engineering work associated with reconstruction of Marina Drive/bridge replacement in the City of Superior
- #4 is a request for reconstruction associated with the reconstruction of Marina Drive/bridge replacement in the City of Superior
- #5 is a request for real estate acquisition associated with future work along STH 105 from MN/WI State Line to STH 35 that is already programmed in the TIP for 2024

With no questions or comments Sheldon asked for a motion.

Motion Discussion and Vote	Nick Baker/Sam Pomush moved to recommend the 2023-2026 Superior Area TIP Amendments 1-5 for approval. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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4. ADOPTION OF THE MN 2023 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE #1

Prescott Morrill shared that in accordance with federal law, each MPO must annually adopt five Safety (PM1) performance measure targets by February 27.

The MPO has the option to either adopt and use safety performance measure targets adopted by the state or to develop their own targets. The MIC is proposing to adopt the following performance measure targets established by MnDOT, which will be presented for information at the TAC meeting and for adoption by the MIC Policy Board.



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The 2023 targets are equal to the 2022 targets. This will require innovative thinking and sustained support to achieve these goals given recent trends in traffic safety.

Table 1: 2023 Statewide Safety Performance Measure Targets

Performance Metric	Baseline (2017-2021 average)	2023 Target
Number of fatalities	397.0	352.4
Fatality rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	0.695	0.582
Number of serious injuries	1,664.0	1,463.4
Serious injury rate (per 100M vehicle miles traveled)	2.908	2.470
Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries	280.8	258.4

Motion Discussion and Vote	Nick Baker/Chad Ward moved to adopt of the MN 2023 Safety Performance Measure #1. There was no discussion; the motion was approved unanimously.
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5. Project Update

- 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP Administrative Modification #6

Funding reduction for Project ID 6910-102

MnDOT has requested to decrease funding for Project ID 6910-102. This change has been approved by MIC staff. This change has been approved by MIC staff. All changes are within fiscal constraints.

This project change has been made administratively to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP and is detailed in the table below.

Admin Mod #	State Project ID	Project Description	Year	Federal \$	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$
6	6910-102 MnDOT	MN 23 IN DULUTH JCT CSAH 3 BECKS RD. US STEEL CREEK CULVERT REPAIR. (TIED 6910-103)	2023	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,870,000
6	6910-102 MnDOT	MN 23 IN DULUTH JCT CSAH 3 BECKS RD. US STEEL CREEK CULVERT REPAIR. (TIED 6910-103)	2023	\$ -	\$ 1,418,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 1,500,000



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- *I-35 Corridor Project Update*

The I-35 Corridor Plan was launched in 2022 for the 14-mile corridor between Midway and 26th Ave E in Duluth. The Bolton & Menk consultant team is working on design alternatives to address deficiencies that were identified early in the project. These include safety, confusing design, and inadequate shoulder width. The team held a Public Open House in November at Denfeld H.S. and is programming other stakeholder engagement throughout 2023 to solicit input on the project. For further information contact Kris Liljeblad, kliljeblad@ardc.org at the MIC.

6. ROUND TABLE

Adjourn: With no further agenda items, discussions or announcements, Chair Boucher adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.



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Attachments:

2023-2026 DULUTH AREA TIP AMENDMENTS #2-6

Amendment #2:

The addition of work in FY 2023 for MnDOT, project ID 6982-356

MnDOT has requested the addition of funding in the amount of \$630,000 for stormwater infrastructure repairs along the I-35 corridor, from Lake Ave to 26th Ave E, in FY 2023.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #2 includes funding as follows:

- 6982-356 will include \$630,000 total project funding in FY2023

The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project Total \$	Year
6982-356	MnDOT	I-35	Road Repair	I-35 IN DULUTH FROM LAKE AVE TO 26TH AVE E. STORM STRUCTURE REPAIRS	SF	\$630,000	\$ 630,000	2023

Amendment #3

The addition of work in FY 2024 for the City of Duluth, project ID 118-126-022AC

The City of Duluth has requested Advance Construction (AC) payback funding in the amount of \$1,480,000 for Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, and ADA improvements along 3rd St in Duluth, from 12th Ave E to Mesaba Ave, in FY 2024.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #3 includes funding as follows:

- 118-126-022AC will include \$1,480,000 AC payback in FY2024.

The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Fed AC \$*	Fed AC Payback**	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
118-126-022	Duluth	MSAS 126	Resurface	3rd St, in Duluth From 12th Ave E To Mesaba Ave/Mn 194 Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, C&G & ADA	STBGP	\$1,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$1,750,000	2023
118-126-022	Duluth	Highway MSAS 126	Mill and Overlay, Storm Sewer Rehab	3rd St., in Duluth, from 12th Ave. E. to Mesaba Ave. (MN 194) Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, and ADA Improvements (AC Project Payback 2024)	STBGP	\$1,930,000	\$1,480,000		\$ 855,000	\$2,785,000	2023
118-126-022AC	Duluth	Highway MSAS 126	Mill and Overlay, Storm Sewer Rehab	3rd St., in Duluth, from 12th Ave. E. to Mesaba Ave. (MN 194) Mill & Overlay, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, and ADA Improvements (AC Payback 1 of 1)	STBGP	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,480,000	\$ -	\$1,480,000	2024

Note: SP 118-126-022 includes \$530,000 FY23 STBGP-TAP funds.



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Amendment #4

The addition of Advance Construction (AC) payback funding in FY 2023 for MnDOT, project ID 6980-62AC

MnDOT has requested Advance Construction (AC) payback funding in the amount of \$30,000,000 for the Garfield Ave Interchange/I-535 in FY 2023. This project was added after the Final Draft 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP was released for public comment. While it was included in the 2022-2025 Duluth Area TIP, it now needs to be amended into the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #4 includes funding as follows:

- 6980-62AC will include \$30,000,000 AC payback in FY2023.

The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed AC Payback**	Project Total \$	Year
6980-62AC	MnDOT	I-535	AC Payback	I-535 in Duluth 0.7Mi. S Jct I-35 to 0.5 Mi. N. Minnesota State Line. Garfield Interchange Bridge improvements, Concrete pavement, Retaining Walls (AC Payback 1 of 1).	NHPP	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	2023

Amendment #5

Additional funding in FY 2023 for MnDOT, project ID 0980-162

MnDOT has requested additional funding for project ID 0980-162 for a total project cost of \$1,100,000 for clear zone maintenance, and tree and brush removal on I-35 in Mahtowa. This change is added as an amendment as the change is greater than 50% of the project cost, and is greater than \$1M in total project cost after this requested change.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #5 includes funding as follows:

0980-162 will include a total project cost of \$1,100,000 in FY2023.

The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Project Total \$	Year
0980-162	MnDOT	I-35	Safety Improvement, Landscaping	I 35 NB & SB IN MAHTOWA FROM CSAH 4 TO CSAH 14, BOUNDARY AVE IN PROCTOR (CSAH 14) & MN48/HINCKLEY TO WILLOW RIVER (CSAH 43). CLEAR ZONE MAINTENANCE, TREE REMOVAL & BRUSHING. (ASSOC. 6982-341, 5880-202)	HSIP	\$337,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 375,000	2023
0980-162	MnDOT	I-35	Safety Improvement, Landscaping	I 35 NB & SB IN MAHTOWA FROM CSAH 4 TO CSAH 14, BOUNDARY AVE IN PROCTOR (CSAH 14) & MN48/HINCKLEY TO WILLOW RIVER (CSAH 43). CLEAR ZONE MAINTENANCE, TREE REMOVAL & BRUSHING. (ASSOC. 6982-341, 5880-202)	HSIP	\$990,000	\$110,000	\$1,100,000	2023



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Amendment #6

Additional funding in FY's 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 for MnDOT, project ID's 8801-BLATNIK CA-23, -24, -25, and -26

MnDOT has requested additional funding for Consultant Agreements/engineering for the Blatnik Bridge project. This formal amendment is to add Wisconsin's share of consultant agreements, adjust federal funding split to 90%/10%, and to add FY 2026 funding to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP. \$9,000,000 in federal funding is being provided centrally. Wisconsin's share of Consultant Agreements was originally omitted in error, and is now being added. There are no additional federal funds required or scope of work changes, therefore fiscal constrain is maintained.

Based on the criteria adopted in the MIC Public Involvement Plan, this addition requires a formal TIP amendment to the 2023-2026 Duluth Area TIP, by way of pre-approval by the MIC Board.

Amendment #6 includes funding as follows:

- 8801-BLATNIK CA-23 will include a total project cost of \$4,888,888 in FY2023
- 8801-BLATNIK CA-24 will include a total project cost of \$4,222,222 in FY2024
- 8801-BLATNIK CA-25 will include a total project cost of \$8,444,444 in FY2025
- 8801-BLATNIK CA-26 will include a total project cost of \$20,000,000 in FY2026

The project details are summarized below:

State Project ID	Agency	Roadway Name	Type of Work	Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	State T.H. or Bond \$	Other \$	Project Total \$	Year
8801-BLATNIK CA-23	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2023	NHPP	\$2,200,000	\$ 115,790	\$ -	\$ 2,315,790	2023
8801-BLATNIK CA-23	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2023	NHPP	\$2,200,000	\$ 244,444	\$ 2,444,444	\$ 4,888,888	2023
8801-BLATNIK CA-24	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2024	NHPP	\$1,900,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	2024
8801-BLATNIK CA-24	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2024	NHPP	\$1,900,000	\$ 211,111	\$ 2,111,111	\$ 4,222,222	2024
8801-BLATNIK CA-25	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2025	NHPP	\$3,800,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	2025
8801-BLATNIK CA-25	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2025	NHPP	\$3,800,000	\$ 422,222	\$ 4,222,222	\$ 8,444,444	2025
8801-BLATNIK CA-26	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2026	NHPP	\$9,000,000	\$ 473,684	\$ -	\$ 9,473,684	2026
8801-BLATNIK CA-26	MnDOT	I-535	Engineering	BLATNIK BRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS - 2026	NHPP	\$9,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000	2026