



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 1:30 pm**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

This meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting – join us in person at the location listed below OR participate virtually via Microsoft Teams (login info, below).

Meeting materials can be viewed on the [meeting web page](#) as well as on the attached pages.

### **Items for Approval:**

- Meeting Summary of 8.15.23
- Adjusted MIC Urban Area Boundary
- 2024 WisDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets
- Final 2024-2027 Superior Area TIP
- Final 2024-2025 MIC Work Program

### **Items for Presentation and Discussion**

- Duluth Area I-35 Corridor Plan – Study Findings and Draft Implementation Plan
- MTP Long Range Plan 2050 – Goals and Objectives
- Bike & Pedestrian Planning Update

### **Project Updates**

- Rice Lake Road Corridor Improvement Project
- Letter of Support for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant

### **In-Person Meeting Location:**

**Hampton Inn**  
**310 Canal Park Drive**  
**Duluth, MN 55802**

### **OR Join virtually via TEAMS below:**

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### **OR Join by Phone (audio only)**

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**Conference ID: 220 328 523#**

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### **Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council**

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**MEETING AGENDA**

<b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review</b>	
<b>2. Committee Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Summary of 8.15.23 (for Approval)</li> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul>	10 min
<b>3. Duluth Area I-35 Corridor Plan-Study Findings and Draft Implementation Plan</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Angie Bersaw, Principal Planner, Bolton &amp; Menk, Inc.</li> </ul>	30 min
<b>4. Final MIC Urban Area Boundary Adjustment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Policy Board for approval, Richard Saran</li> </ul>	5 min
<b>5. WisDOT 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Policy Board for adoption, Sheldon Johnson</li> </ul>	5 min
<b>6. Final 2024-2027 Superior Area TIP</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Policy Board for adoption, Sheldon Johnson</li> </ul>	5 min
<b>7. Final 2024-2025 MIC Work Program</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend to the Policy Board for adoption, Ron Chicka</li> </ul>	10 min
<b>8. MTP Long Range Plan 2050 Goals and Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Rondi Watson</li> </ul>	15 min
<b>9. Bike &amp; Pedestrian Planning Update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussion, Prescott Morrill</li> </ul>	10 min
<b>10. Round Table</b>	
	5 min
<b>11. Project Updates</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rice Lake Road Corridor Improvement Project, Rondi Watson</li> <li>Letter of Support for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant, Rondi Watson</li> </ul>	5 min
<b>12. Adjourn</b>	

**Next Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
WisDOT  
1:30 pm



**Legend**

- Primary On-Street Signed Route (Heavy-Moderate Traffic)
- Primary On-Street Signed Route (Low-Moderate Traffic)
- Primary On-Street Unsigned Route
- Secondary Connector Route
- Bicycling Prohibited or Not Recommended
- - - Off Road Bike Path
- Scenic Skyline Parkway
- Gravel Road
- DTA Route

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 310 Canal Park Drive  
 Duluth, MN  
 218-720-3000

From I-35 N:  
 Take the 5th Ave W exit - Exit 256B toward Lake Ave  
 Turn right onto Lake Ave/Canal Park Drive  
 Stay straight to go onto N Lake Ave  
 N Lake Ave becomes Canal Park Dr



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**Agenda Item Descriptions**

*\* = Presented for TAC recommendation to the MIC Policy Board for Approval or Adoption*

**1. INTRODUCTIONS / AGENDA REVIEW**

**2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- Meeting Summary of 8.15.23\*
- MIC Director's Report

**3. DULUTH AREA I-35 CORRIDOR PLAN – STUDY FINDINGS AND DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The I-35 Corridor Plan is nearing completion. Consultants from Bolton & Menk will present the study findings and draft Implementation Plan outlining individual projects and next steps prioritized into short, mid, and long-term timeframes. The Implementation Plan and final study report will be posted on the I-35 Corridor Plan website in late October/early November.

**4. MIC URBAN AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT \***

The MIC's Urban Area Boundary (UAB) designates the urban section of the MIC Planning Area and is updated every 10 years based on the Decennial Census. The FHWA allows MPOs to adjust the Census-defined urban boundaries to smooth out irregularities and encompass fringe areas with residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and/or national defense significance. We are allowed to make the boundary bigger, but we cannot make it smaller than the 2020 Census-defined urban boundary. The UAB is important because its location affects roadway eligibility for federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding and other federal highway programs. We have met with both state DOTs for input and are presenting the final Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary for review by the TAC and approval by the MIC Policy Board. The Adjusted UAB will be official after it has been approved by both DOTs and FHWA.

**5. 2024 MIC SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS – WISCONSIN\***

In accordance with federal law, every MPO must annually adopt five Safety (PM1) performance measure targets by February 27, intended to assess performance of the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

The MIC has the option either to adopt the safety performance measure targets adopted by the state DOT or to develop their own targets. For the Wisconsin side of the MIC area, the MIC is proposing to adopt the statewide performance measure targets established by WisDOT. The 2024 targets (five-year rolling averages) for the five PM1 Safety performance measures are identified below in Exhibit A.



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**Exhibit A**

**Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

Measure	2018-2022 Baseline Averages*	2024 Safety Targets*
Number of Fatalities	600.8	588.8
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT	.934	.915
Number of Serious Injuries	3095.6	3033.7
Rate of Serious Injury per 100 million VMT	4.822	4.726
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	379.4	371.8

*\*Final 2022 FARS data was not available at the time of target setting. The historical difference between state fatality data and FARS data was used to adjust 2022 state fatalities data in calculating the fatalities baselines and targets.*

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or by email at [sjohnson@nwrpc.com](mailto:sjohnson@nwrpc.com).

**6. FINAL 2024-2027 SUPERIOR AREA TIP \***

The public comment period for the 2024-2027 Superior Area TIP concluded on September 30, 2023. No comments were received. The final document has been finished and will be presented for adoption by the MIC Policy Board.

**7. FINAL 2024-2025 MIC WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET\***

The Final 2024-2025 MIC Work Program and Budget is included with the meeting materials for review prior to the meeting, and will be presented for approval at the October TAC and MIC meetings.

**8. 2050 LONG RANGE PLAN -- GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

One of the foundations of the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) planning process is to define transportation goals and objectives for the MIC area for the next 25 years. We will present those that were developed for the current (2045) MTP for your review and comment relative to the 2050 update of the plan.



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## 9. BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING UPDATE

A lot of bike and pedestrian planning work has taken place over the summer, including the ongoing work of a very engaged BPAC and its Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittees. In addition, results are available from the 2023 annual bike and pedestrian counts that were conducted in collaboration with the City of Duluth and Zeitgeist Arts.

## 10. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

## 11. PROJECT UPDATES

- **Rice Lake Road Corridor Improvement Project**

St. Louis County is continuing to lead a planning and preliminary engineering process to improve the Rice Lake Rd (CSAH 4) corridor. Their focus now is on developing a competitive project that would successfully obtain federal funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. They have requested a letter of support from the MIC to include with their application. More information about this project will be presented at the December MIC and TAC meetings.

- **Letter of Support for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant**

The MIC provided a letter of support included with the meeting materials for the City of Duluth's application for a federal RCN grant.

## 12. ADJOURN