

Stakeholder Involvement

What We've Heard So Far

TAC and MIC Meetings
January 16 & 17, 2024

Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan



Sustainable Choices 2050

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BikeShare workshop in Astoria, Queens

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Portland Bureau of Transportation planners show off some proposed safety and access to transit projects near the 60th Avenue MAX station.



We're Listening

Engagement Strategies

- Advisory Committees
- Open Houses
- Surveys
- Focus Groups



Focus Groups (December 5 & 6)

3 Key Themes

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HTAC/Freight

- What are regional and local freight issues and needs? How to enhance the regional and global competitiveness of the Duluth-Superior Port?



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Highlights – What We've Heard So Far

Transportation System Perceptions

Traffic congestion

- Light at middays and weekends and moderate during morning and evening commutes.

Transit Service

- Perceived as average
 - Few survey respondents are bus riders.

Pedestrian Facilities

- Sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian traffic signals, etc., are considered poor to average.



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Transportation System Perceptions

Bicycle Infrastructure

- Bike riders in the region do not feel as though biking is safe or convenient
 - Even non-cyclists feel that bike infrastructure is poor



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Transportation Issues and Opportunities

Snow clearance, particularly as it affects walking

- Identified by a strong majority of respondents

Spot traffic congestion

- On a small number of road segments and intersections

Excess road capacity

- Reallocate pavement or right of way to walking, biking, or transit
- Reduce pavement or right of way to save costs and minimize environmental impacts

Limited funding

- Requires prioritization of initiatives



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Transportation Issues and Opportunities

Oversized trucks

- Need to be able to accommodate as port activities grow
- A truck bypass would benefit all transportation in the region

Reliable, base system for walking

- Should be a key feature of the 2050 plan
- Fix gaps in the sidewalk system, determine year-round maintenance
- Especially critical as this area's population ages.

Continuous, safe east-west greenway or bike lane

- Could dramatically improve cycling

Transit system

- Has been improved, but still perceived as a “second class” mode



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Transportation System Priorities & Values

Critical Issues to be Addressed

- **Maintaining** infrastructure in good working condition;
- Improving conditions for **walking, biking, and transit**;
- **Transportation safety** identified as the region's number one priority

Key Themes

- Pedestrians
- Sustainability
- Equity



Who Else Do We Need To Reach Out To?

Individuals and organizations that support:

- Aging and older people
- Disabled people
- Low-income people
- Minority or historically disadvantaged people
- People who take the bus
- Businesses
- City of Superior



Next Steps (Jan-Feb)

- Finalize stakeholder contact info
- Reach out to schedule focused discussions
 - We go to them and/or
 - They come to us

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- *Others?*

Comments? Questions?

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