

Duluth-Superior Long-Range Transportation Plan



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Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2050 Status Update for the MIC Board

April 17, 2024



MTP Basics

- Federally required
- Must be updated every 5 years
- Long Range MTP – Looks out 25 years (to 2050)
- Should largely direct the MIC's annual work program



MTP Basics

- Sets the overall vision for the MIC area's multimodal transportation network
 - Includes 5 Goals and 26 Objectives
- Lists proposed transportation projects in the MIC area over the next 25 years
 - Includes a list of prioritized projects that best help to implement the vision
- The primary MIC plan to guide carrying out a **continuing**, **cooperative**, and **comprehensive** performance-based multimodal transportation planning process



MTP Basics

- Considers an integrated, accessible, & maintained transportation network for:
 - Pedestrian use (walking, rolling)
 - Biking
 - Micromobility (scooters, etc.)
 - Driving Cars
 - Driving Trucks
- Also Considers:
 - Port of Duluth-Superior (maritime transportation)
 - Rail (including passenger rail – NLX)
 - Airports
 - Big picture, future needs, trends, or concepts



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- Final plan must be adopted by the October MIC Board meeting
- AECOM is our consultant – providing significant assistance
- Significant effort from the entire MIC staff



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- *Sustainable Choices 2045* was a full-scale overhaul and rewrite of previous MIC MTP's
- *Sustainable Choices 2050* is an update
- Significant emphasis on the importance of the vision
 - Vision remains the same



Sustainable Choices 2050 - Vision

Sustainable Choices 2050 is guided by the following overall vision:

Develop a community-supported multimodal transportation system that not only supports the diverse needs of people and commerce, but is also fiscally, socially, and environmentally sustainable over time.

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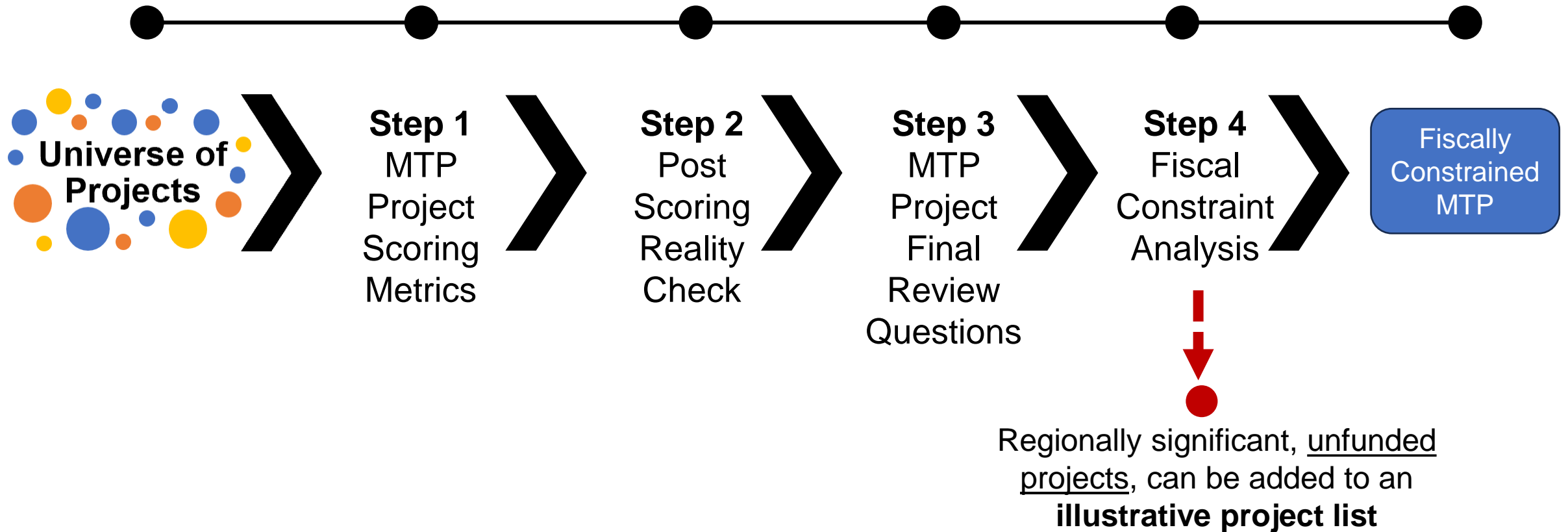
- Goals & Objectives slightly revised
- Focus Group Consultations held
 - Pedestrian, Sustainability, & Equity
- Jurisdictional Consultations held
 - New group approach used (MN and WI)
- Consultations with representatives of Older Adults and People with Disabilities scheduled (next week)



What Has Been Done to Date?

- Demographic & Socioeconomic document
- One chapter completed, other chapters being worked on
- Performance-Based Planning (PBP) Process established
 - Federal requirement
 - First true attempt at this in a MIC MTP
 - Significant partnership effort between MIC staff, consultant, and MIC area jurisdiction staff
 - Multi-step MTP project scoring

MTP Project PBP Scoring Process





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- Finalize PBP Project Prioritization List
- Finalize Fiscal Analyses
 - Fiscally Constrained Projects vs Illustrative Projects
- Conduct Environmental Consultation
- Conduct Historic Resources Consultation



What Remains to be Completed?

- Finalize all Chapters
- Complete editing & formatting of the entire MTP
- Submit DRAFT MTP to FHWA, MnDOT, and WisDOT for review (July)
- Prepare for Public Review Period (August)
- Conduct Public Open Houses (August)
- Make Final Revisions & Submit for Approval (September-October)



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Remaining Timeline



Significant Deadlines

- Complete DRAFT MTP (Now – June)
- Request Approval for Public Review Period (June)
- Submit DRAFT MTP to FHWA, MnDOT, and WisDOT for review (July)
- Public Review Period & Public Open Houses (August)
- Make Final Revisions (September)
- Request Approval of final MTP (October)

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Questions / Discussion

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