



DULUTH-SUPERIOR

Metropolitan Interstate Council

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 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 8.18.26
- Final Duluth-Superior Safety Action Plan
- Duluth Urban Area Functional Classification Changes
- Final 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP

Items for Presentation and Discussion

- Draft 2027-2028 MIC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Port Land Use Plan Update

Project Updates

- Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) June Update
- Safe Routes to School Update

In-Person Meeting Location:

MnDOT

Lake Superior Room

1123 Mesaba Avenue

Duluth, MN 55811

OR

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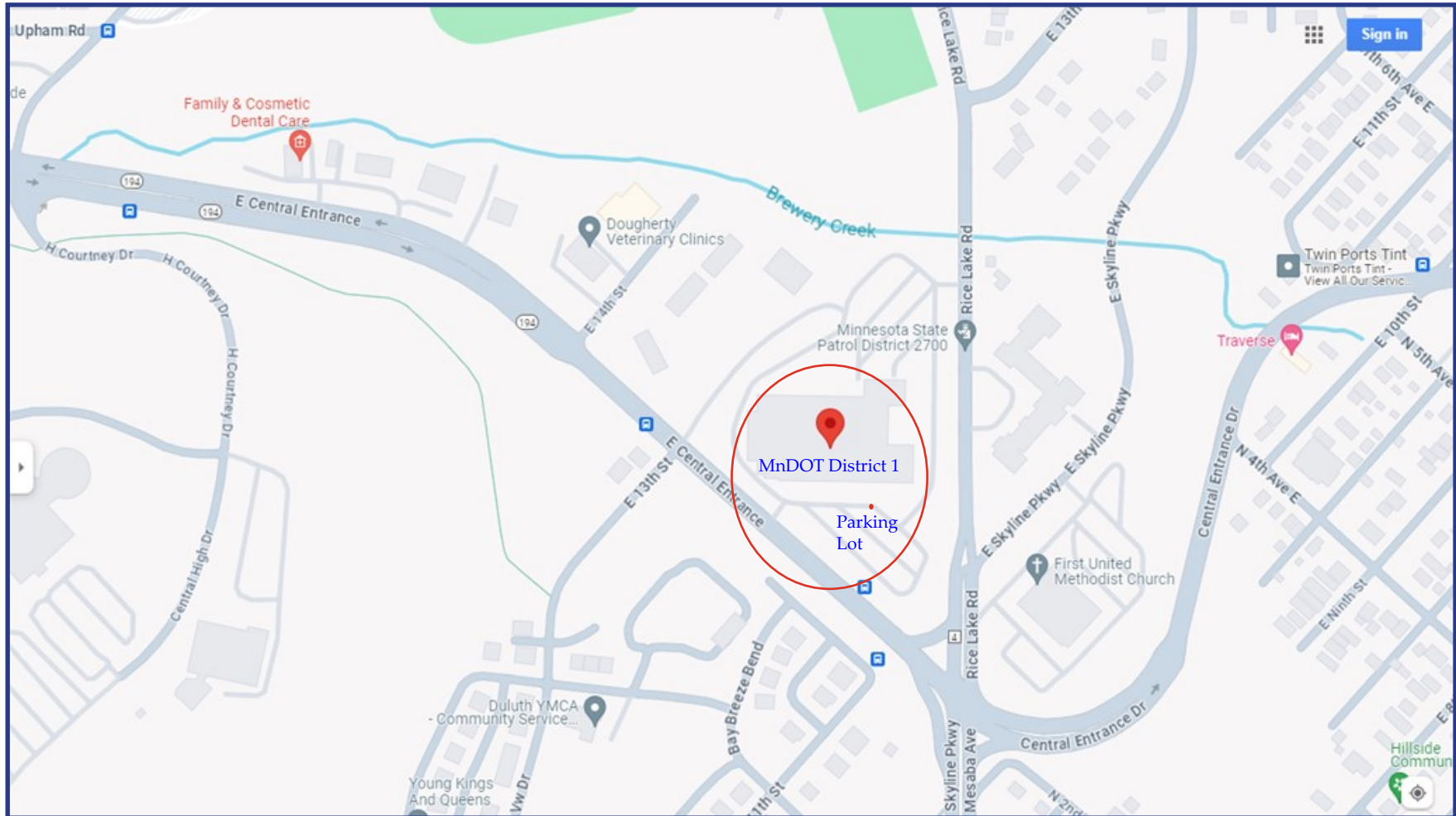
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Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 1:30 pm
Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions/Agenda Review	
2. Committee Business - Meeting Summary 8.18.26 (for Approval) - Director's Report	10 min
3. Final Duluth-Superior Safety Action Plan (Voice Vote) Recommend to the Policy Board for Adoption, Rondi Watson	30 min
4. Duluth Urban Area Functional Classification Changes (Voice Vote) Recommend to the Policy Board for Approval, Eli Norlander	15 min
5. Final 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP (Voice Vote) Recommend to the Policy Board for Adoption, Eli Norlander	15 min
6. Draft 2027-2028 MIC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Presentation & Discussion, Ron Chicka	10 min
7. Port Land Use Plan Update Presentation & Discussion, Mike Wenholz	10 min
8. Project Updates - Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update - Safe Routes to School Update	10 min
9. Round Table Discussion	5 min
10. Adjourn	

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

WisDOT

1:30 pm



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

1. Introductions/Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting Summary of 8.18.26*
- Director's Report

MIC Policy Board – Potential Adjustment to Meeting Times – For the present time, there will not be an adjustment to the meeting times of the MIC Policy Board. We will be discussing the results of a survey we did with the MIC Board members this month to determine next steps. We will keep TAC members apprised of the situation and potential changes; especially in that we would like to have some members attend the MIC Board meeting to aid in our overall presentation as it leads to actions taken.

Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) Triennial Review – This month, staff assisted in the DTA's three-year review of all functions as conducted by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The MICs role, though minor, consists of communications between our two entities and keeping various items (e.g. TIP tasks, performance measure approvals, other operating agreements) up to date and consistent with current federal language. All of our work functions were found to satisfy FTA's checklist.

Federal Bill Extension – A Continuing Resolution (CR) has been signed by Congress and the Administration (signed 9/2) that extends most transportation programs (including MPOs) through mid-December. The legislation expires at the end of this month. This action has been anticipated. The potential major components of the next federal bill have been established over the past year to two years with members of the House and Senate staff that write the bills. It remains to be seen if a full new bill is acted upon in the December "lame duck" session of Congress. There were some programs that did not continue with the extension. These included advance appropriations for programs involving intercity passenger rail, the Bridge formula program, and projects for electric vehicles. Also, \$13.5 billion was cut from some highway and transit funding.

3. Final Duluth-Superior Safety Action Plan* (Voice Vote)

After 12 months of planning and engagement, the MIC's [Duluth–Superior Area Safety Action Plan](#) is complete. At the September 15 TAC meeting, we will present the final plan and ask the TAC to recommend its adoption by the MIC Policy Board.

In June, our consultants from Zan presented the draft plan's Policies and Process recommendations to the TAC for discussion. In August, we provided an overview of how that input was incorporated into the final plan and offered one last opportunity for comments before finalizing the document.

Please review the [final Safety Action Plan](#) prior to the upcoming TAC meeting. To help ensure we can address your questions thoroughly at the meeting, please submit any questions in advance to Rondi Watson at rwatson@ardc.org no later than Monday, September 14.



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4. Duluth Urban Area functional classification Changes* (Voice Vote)

Since December 2025, MIC staff, along with jurisdictions and MnDOT Central Office, have been conducting a detailed review process of MIC area roadways' functional classifications. This review process identified 34 roadway segments in the MIC area to recommend for changes. MIC staff will present an overview of Functional Classification, the MIC area review process, and will show a web map of the proposed changes. Click [HERE](#) to view the web map showing road segments with new proposed classifications. In the web map, click on a road segment to see information about what the current and proposed classifications are and reasoning for the proposed change.

Questions regarding this item should be directed to Eli Norlander at 218-529-7556 or by email at enorlander@ardc.org.

5. Final 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP* (Voice Vote)

Staff will provide a presentation on the Final 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP. The Final Duluth Area TIP has been posted on the MIC website for review by the TAC and MIC members. Staff will provide a presentation that includes an overview of changes made since the draft stage, upcoming projects included in this TIP document, and follow-up on public comments received during the 30-day public comment period. will recommend the Final 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP for approval.

Questions regarding this item should be directed to Eli Norlander at 218-529-7556 or by email at enorlander@ardc.org.

6. Draft 2027-2028 MIC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The [Draft 2027-2028 MIC Work Program and Budget](#) document was sent to state and federal oversight for review on August 5, 2027. The MIC received a handful of comments, mostly regarding how the Safe & Accessible Transportation Options (SATO) funding was presented in the draft. MIC staff are working on making the appropriate changes and will have a final draft for review prior to the October meeting, when it will be presented for approval. A copy of the draft is available on the meeting webpage, as well as linked above, and a brief review will be presented for discussion. **Please return any comments regarding the draft to taanonsen@ardc.org by Wednesday, September 23, 2026.**

7. Port Land Use Plan (PLUP) Update

The MIC has developed and implemented several iterations of a Port Land Use Plan (PLUP) over several decades. The latest PLUP was approved in December of 2016. A key Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) stakeholder asked the MIC to consider updating the PLUP since the last PLUP would be 10-years old and there are numerous updates to be made. A small review group of key stakeholders was established and agreed an update of the PLUP was warranted. This short presentation will share what the PLUP is and its purpose, the initial proposed scope of this update effort, and a few other details. This is an initial FYI, and it is anticipated the TAC will receive updates and perhaps be provided targeted opportunities for input as appropriate in the future.



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8. Project Updates

• Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Update

The HTAC met on September 2 with a full agenda covering a variety of topics, including updates from the Dredging Subcommittee and the status of starting the Port Land Use Plan updates, an overview of CN Railway's iron ore business unit, status of Wisconsin DOT's Freight Plan update, news regarding the St. Lawrence Seaway from both American and Canadian perspectives, and pertinent harbor-related Blatnik Bridge Project details. For more information regarding these topics, please go to the [HTAC meeting webpage](#) where you can find copies of the presentations.

• Safe Routes to School Updates

ISD709 (Duluth)

ARDC Planning staff, the ISD709 Safe Routes to School Coordinator, and MIC staff have continued developing infrastructure and programming recommendations for the Duluth Public Schools Safe Routes to School Plan. The project team will be holding the first of two review meetings with jurisdiction staff on September 22nd. During this meeting, the team hopes to receive feedback and feasibility input on these recommendations. The project team has also been gathering input from families and school staff on the updated recommended safe walking routes for each school. Before the project wraps up in December, there will be two final steering committee meetings with principals and jurisdiction stakeholders to finish refining recommendations, finalize the safe walking routes, and develop the implementation section of the final plan.

Superior

MIC and City of Superior staff had an initial meeting with Superior School District staff and have been building out a steering committee and broader stakeholder list. School site data collection including drop off and pickup observations and monthly school bike counts, and a parent/caregiver survey will be the next data collection activities.

9. Round Table Discussion

10. Adjourn