

# 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP

## Final TIP Approval



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Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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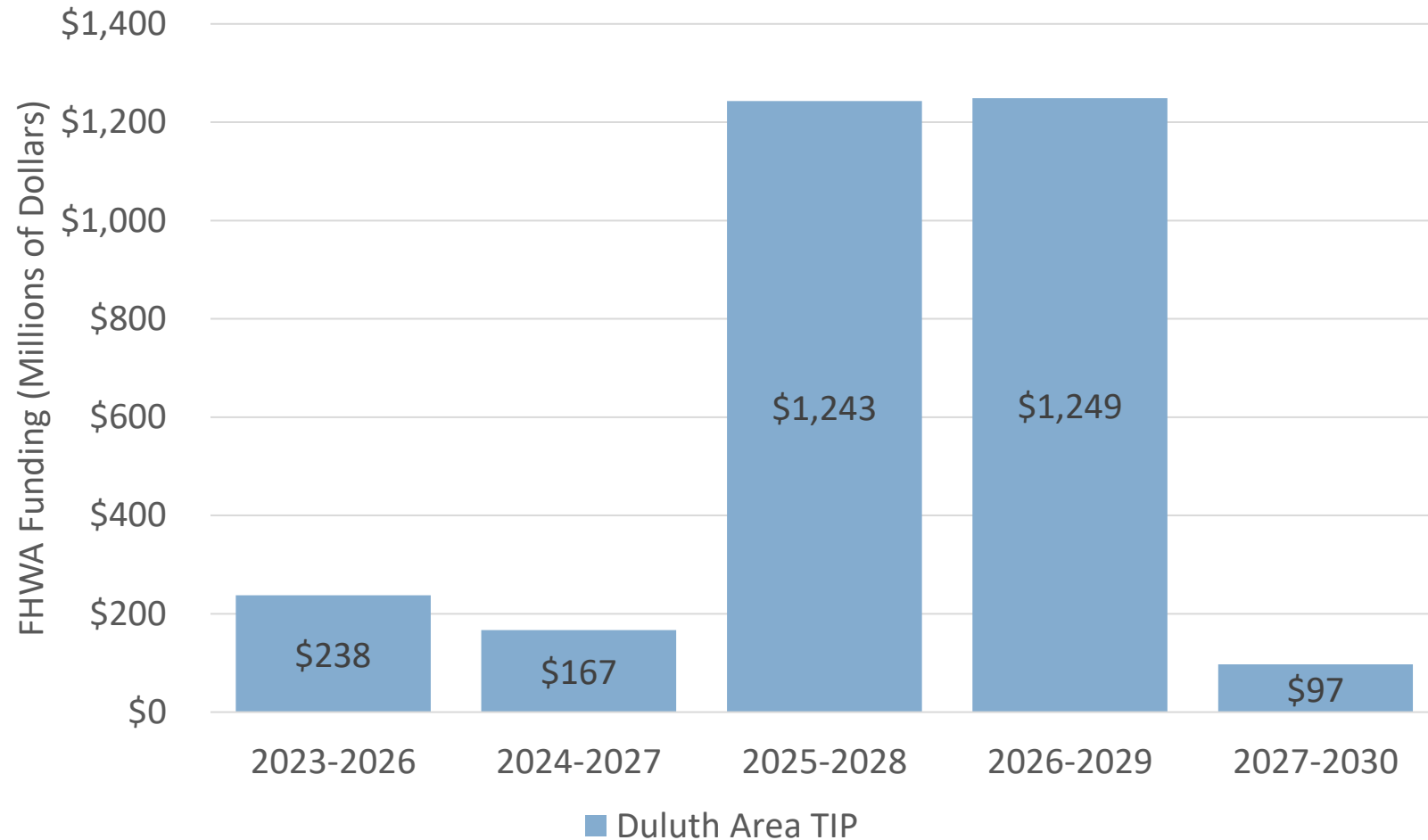
# Recap of MIC Public Outreach

**The 30-day Public Comment period was open July 13-August 12**

**Outreach methods :**

- Email
- Skywalk poster
- Website
- Facebook posts
- Public meetings (x3)
- ARDC Summer Newsletter
- Recap of CRP projects presentation for BPAC

# FHWA Funding Totals



# Project Cost Totals

## Total Project Costs: 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP

| Jurisdiction     | 2027                | 2028                | 2029                | 2030                | Expenses                        | Revenues                   |               |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                  |                     |                     |                     |                     | 2027-2030 TIP<br>(4-year total) | Avg. Expend. (in millions) |               |
|                  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                                 | (4 years)                  |               |
|                  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                                 | Maintenance                | Operations    |
| MnDOT            | \$33,036,667        | \$28,330,000        | \$26,200,000        | \$88,800,000        | \$176,366,667                   | \$13.5                     | \$7.78        |
| St. Louis County | \$5,156,417         | \$43,276,000        | \$11,805,000        | \$570,000           | \$60,807,417                    | \$16.5                     | \$20.7        |
| City of Duluth   | \$3,661,750         | \$9,680,776         | \$1,472,000         | \$1,772,000         | \$16,586,526                    | \$26.4                     | \$21.4        |
| Hermantown       | \$ -                | \$2,865,244         | \$ -                | \$4,800,000         | \$4,800,000                     | \$4.4                      | \$ -          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$41,854,834</b> | <b>\$84,152,020</b> | <b>\$39,477,000</b> | <b>\$95,942,000</b> | <b>\$261,425,854</b>            | <b>\$60.8</b>              | <b>\$49.8</b> |

Does not include AC Payback Dollars | Source(s): MnDOT, St. Louis County, City of Duluth, City of Hermantown

**What projects are coming to the Duluth  
area over the next four years?**

# Upcoming Projects: STBG

**Surface Transportation Block Grant  
(STBG) program**

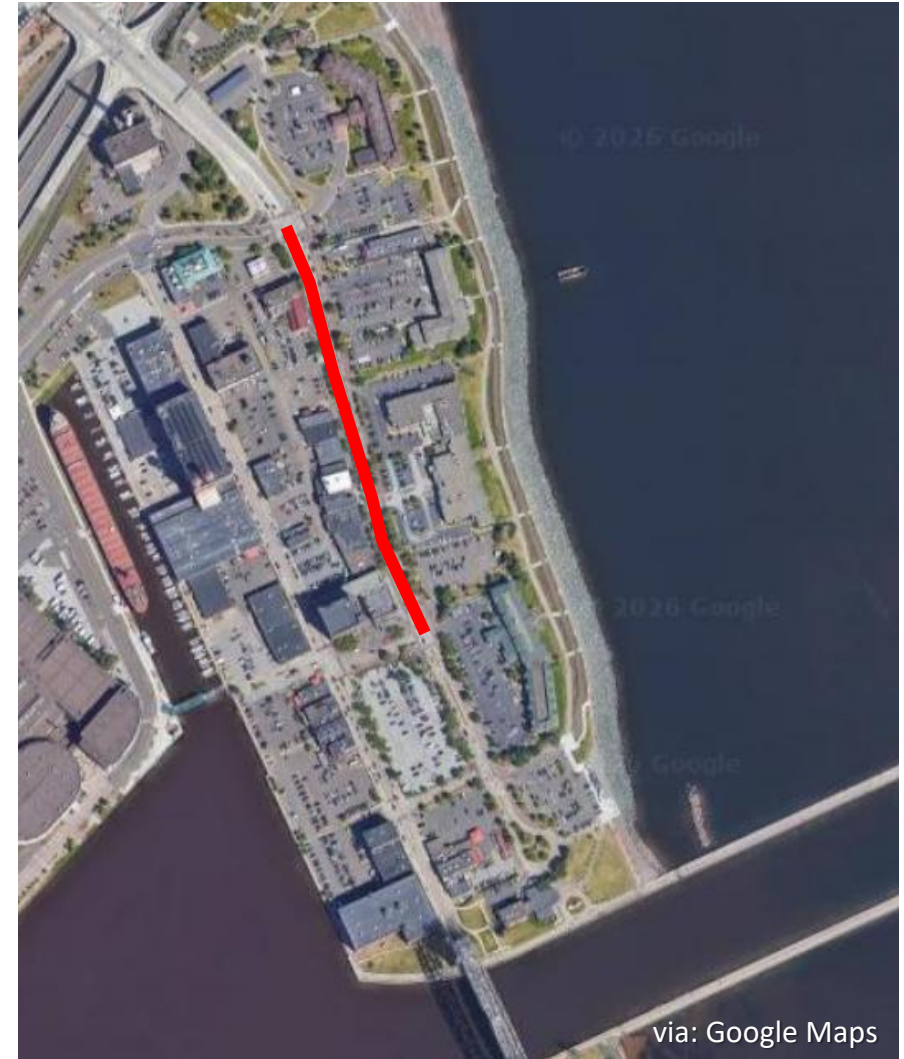
**Canal Park Dr Reconditioning (2027)**

Railroad St Buchanan St

\$971,750 STBG

Street lighting

Concrete repairs



# Upcoming Projects: TA

## Transportation Alternatives (TA) program

### Campus Connector Trail (2027)

Segment 6

\$586,028 TA

Connect to existing Lakewalk &  
Congdon Park Dr trail



# Upcoming Projects: CRP

## Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

### Locking it in: Micromobility Parking (2027)

“E McCuen St to Lester River Rd”

- Addressing lack of parking for micro-mobility devices as identified in Zeitgeist Cycling Needs Assessment
- Micromobility shelters
- Micro-mobility racks
- Portable micro-mobility racks (used for events)

**Summer 2026** – locations selected, evaluated for location and number of racks

**Summer 2027** – Installation



# Upcoming Projects: BUILD

**Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) program**

**Rice Lake Road Corridor Project (2027-2028)**

\$25 million BUILD

\$600,000 TA

\$40.9 million total cost

New paved trail, reconstructed roadway, four single-lane roundabouts, new road



# Responses to Comments

Detailed responses provided with help from jurisdiction staff

Corrections and changes incorporated to project maps

Revised Community Impact Assessment methodology

In the table below, comments submitted via email or received during the virtual and in-person TIP input sessions. Those that pertain to a specific TIP project are noted in the second column and some comments are separated into pieces mentioning specific projects.

| Commenter         | Projects mentioned                    | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MIC Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1 (input session) | 069-070-080, 069-070-085, 069-070-084 | How are the left turn lane projects selected? Does that add crossing distances, what are considerations for pedestrians at these locations? Does traffic volume warrant an added left turn lane at these three locations? | <a href="#">Left-turn lane</a> projects are prioritized by the County Road Safety Plan and Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. Priority is given to those intersections that have numerous risk factors present such as ratio of major road to minor road traffic volume, or if the intersection is skewed or located in/near a curve. Most of the left-turn lane projects are located at state/county intersections. Traffic volume is not necessarily a warrant but can be a risk factor especially for those intersections with higher percentages of left-turning vehicles from the major road to the minor road. Recent left-turn lane projects implemented by St. Louis County include a 3 ft wide pavement extension outside of the right-turn <a href="#">lanes</a> so pedestrians and bicyclists are not "pinched out" onto the aggregate shoulder. |
| 1 (input session) | 069-610-013                           | Will Tischer Rd be reopened by the time the bridge replacement occurs? This is an important alternate route for when Strand Rd is closed.                                                                                 | According to <a href="#">St. Louis County's Public Works projects website</a> , the Tischer Rd project is anticipated for completion in August 2026. The Strand Rd bridge project is not <a href="#">programmed</a> for construction until 2028                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

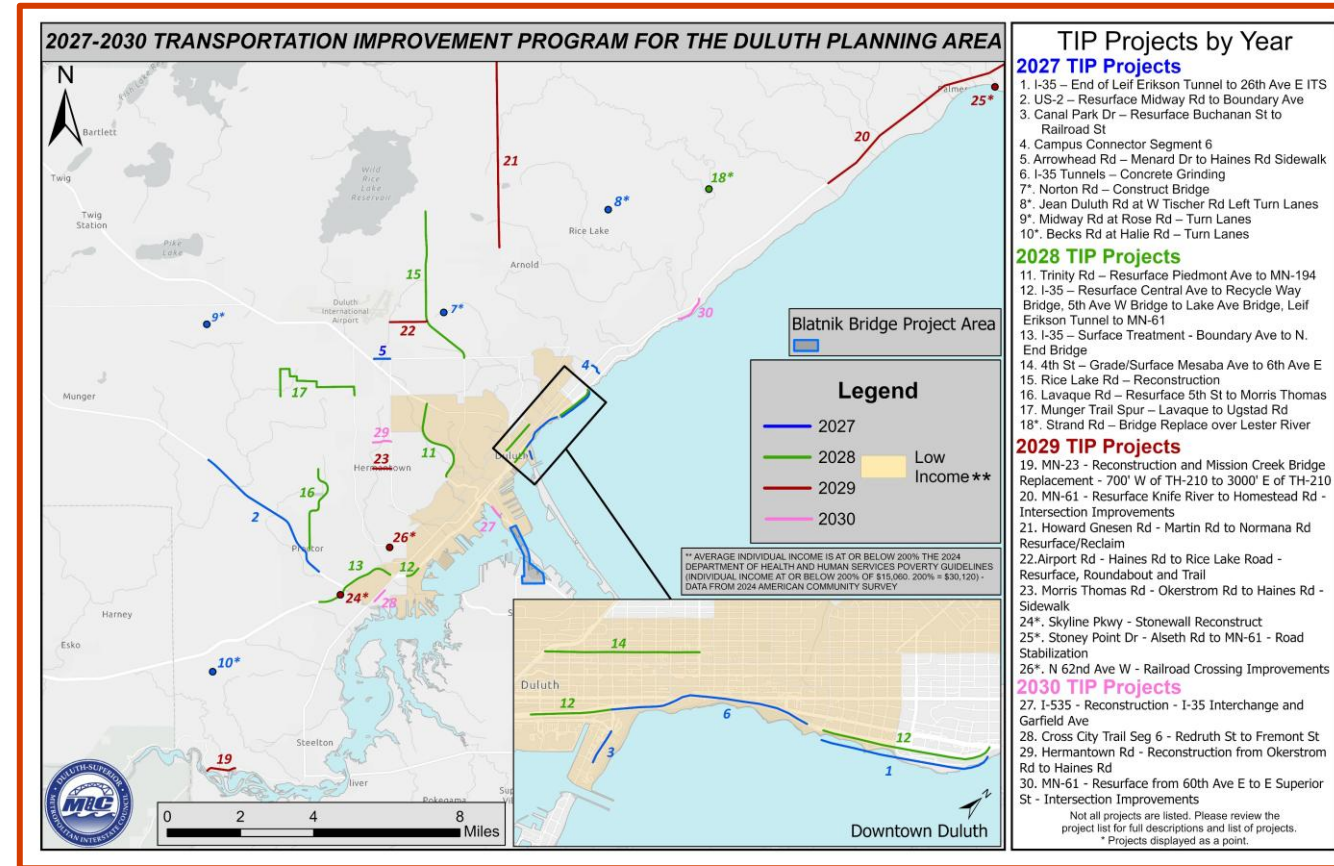
# Community Impact Assessment

## Community Impact Assessment changes based on FHWA comment

Executive Orders & updates to the implementation of Title VI say:

- Community impact assessment must consider all population cohorts

CIA chapter now includes only low-income areas



# Status Report

Projects dropping out of the TIP (FY2026)

Construction status & MTP goals & objectives they are helping to meet

| State Project ID | Agency | Route System | Type of Work                                                           | Project Description                                                                                                                                                     | Status                                         | Expected Completion | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | MTP Goals & PMs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|                  |        |              |                                                                        | CONFLICT INTERSECTION, TALMADGE RIVER BOX CULVERT REPAIR AND INSTALL RWIS.                                                                                              | completed in 2026                              |                     | McQuade Road intersection, repair of the Talmadge River culvert wall and the installation of a Roadway Weather Information System.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (Economic Vitality) with the addition of a J-turn intersection, Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS), and repair of the Talmadge River culvert. It will also contribute to meeting PM1: Safety. This project is listed in the MTP project list as project MN-01-14.                                                                                                                                            |
| 69-00220         | MnDOT  | CSAH 98      | RR X-ING IMPROVEMENTS                                                  | WCL CSAH 98, CANOSIA RD, HERMANTOWN, ST LOUIS COUNTY. REPLACE EXISTING SIGNAL SYSTEM                                                                                    | Not started or Other (explain)                 | 2027                | Project is to replace the signals and gates. Funds provided by the Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Program (Section 130 Funds) and CN Railroad funds. The agreement has been executed for the work. Work will be completed in 2027 by CN Railroad.                                                                                                                                                     | This project is contributing towards meeting Goal 1 (Safety and Security) with the improvement of the rail crossing. It will also contribute to meeting PM1: Safety. This project is listed in the MTP project list as project MN-01-16.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 69-00221         | MnDOT  | CSAH 91      | RR X-ING IMPROVEMENTS                                                  | WCL CSAH 91, N 40TH AVE W, DULUTH, ST LOUIS COUNTY. REPLACE EXISTING SIGNAL SYSTEM                                                                                      | Not started or Other (explain)                 | 2027 or 2028        | Project is to replace the signals and gates, replace and extend the crossing surface and reconstruct the roadway surface of 40th Ave W and include pedestrian improvements. Funds provided by the Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Program (Section 130 Funds) and CN Railroad funds. The agreement should be in progress for this crossing. Planning for 2027 or 2028 for construction by CN Railroad. | This project is contributing towards meeting Goal 1 (Safety and Security), Goal 2 (Livable Communities and Equity), and Goal 3 (Health of People and the Environment), with the improvement of the rail crossing including pedestrian improvements. It will also contribute to meeting PM1: Safety. This project is also identified on the MIC Area Priority Projects List in Sustainable Choices 2050 (Chapter 4). |
| 6916-119         | MnDOT  | US 53        | PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION                                  | US 53 NB & SB IN DULUTH, FROM 0.21 MI SE JCT HAINES RD(CSAH91) TO 0.13 MI SE JCT MIDWAY RD.(CASH 13) IN HERMANTOWN. PAVEMENT REHAB, TURN LANE UPDATES. (ASSOC.6915-140) | In progress, will be completed in 2026         | Sep. 2026           | Project work has started. Motorists can expect lane and shoulder closures. Turn lane resurfacing will occur during weekday daytime hours and require lane and shoulder closures. Night work on mainline will be in August.                                                                                                                                                                              | This project is contributing towards meeting Goal 1 (Safety and Security), Goal 4 (Moving People and Goods), and Goal 5 (Economic Vitality) with pavement preventive maintenance and resurfacing of turn lanes. It will also contribute to meeting PM1: Safety and PM2: Infrastructure. This project is listed in the MTP project list as project MN-01-23.                                                         |
| 118-166-004      | Duluth | MSAS 166     | PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION , TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY | IN DULUTH MSAS166(40TH AVE E.)CONST ROUNDABOUT                                                                                                                          | In progress, but will not be completed in 2026 | 2027                | Construction <u>began</u> 2026, <u>2 year</u> project with work completed in 2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Goal 1 -2, 4, 5<br>Goal 2 - 1, 3<br>Goal 3 - 1<br>Goal 4 - 1, 2<br>Goal 5 - 1, 2, 5<br>PM 1 - Safety<br>PM 2 - Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in good repair.<br>PM 3 - System reliability                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 118-191-003      | Duluth | MSAS 191     | PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION , TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY | IN DULUTH MSAS191(26TH AVE E.)CONST ROUNDABOUT                                                                                                                          | In progress, but will not be completed in 2026 | 2027                | Construction <u>began</u> 2026, <u>2 year</u> project, with work completed in 2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Goal 1 -2, 4, 5<br>Goal 2 - 1, 3<br>Goal 3 - 1<br>Goal 4 - 1, 2<br>Goal 5 - 1, 2, 5<br>PM 1 - Safety<br>PM 2 - Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in good repair.<br>PM 3 - System reliability                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 118-193-003      | Duluth | MSAS 193     | PAVEMENT RESURFACE AND REHABILITATION , TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES/SAFETY | IN DULUTH MSAS193(LONDON RD.) INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS                                                                                                                 | In progress, but will not be completed in 2026 | 2027                | Construction <u>began</u> 2026, <u>2 year</u> project, with work completed in 2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Goal 1 -2, 4, 5<br>Goal 2 - 1, 3<br>Goal 3 - 1<br>Goal 4 - 1, 2<br>Goal 5 - 1, 2, 5<br>PM 1 - Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

# What is next, if approved?

## **Federal & State approval process**

- MnDOT review & approval
- FHWA/FTA Final review & approval
- Next TIP cycle begins

Questions?



# Opportunity for Public Comment



PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME  
AND AFFILIATION  
(IF ANY)



COMMENT TIME LIMIT:  
3 MINUTES



PLEASE DIRECT YOUR  
REMARKS TO THE ACTION  
UNDER CONSIDERATION BY  
THE BOARD

*The Chair, with committee approval, has the option of extending or closing the public comment period, depending on the number of people who wish to speak and the length of the meeting agenda*

# **2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP**

TAC recommends approval of Final 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP and requests a motion to:

**Approve Final 2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP**

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