RESOLUTION 26-03

OF THE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

Establishing the Metropolitan Interstate Council's commitment to attaining the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries for all modes of travel in the MIC's Planning Area by 2050, with an interim goal of a 50% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2035
and
to implementing an ongoing monitoring process for measuring and reporting progress made toward meeting these goals over time

WHEREAS, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. § 134, the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin designated the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC), respectively, as the joint Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to carry out continuing, comprehensive, cooperative urban transportation planning for the Duluth, MN–Superior, WI Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, ARDC and NWRPC through formal agreement, jointly created the Metropolitan Interstate Committee (MIC), later renamed the Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC); and

WHEREAS, the MIC is responsible for complying with all appropriate federal MPO requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 135, 23 U.S.C. § 150, 42 U.S.C. § 7410, 49 U.S.C. § 5303 and 5304, 23 CFR § 450, and 49 CFR § 1.85 and 1.90; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established a new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with $5 billion dollars in appropriated funds over a 5-year period to fund regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the MIC received an SS4A planning grant to complete a comprehensive *Duluth-Superior Area Safety Action Plan* intended to reduce and eventually eliminate fatal and serious crashes for all roadway users, and

WHEREAS, the MIC's *Duluth-Superior Area Safety Action Plan* will meet the requirements of the SS4A discretionary program, which will allow MIC-area jurisdictions to apply for future SS4A implementation and demonstration grants to fund priority projects identified in the Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the MIC's *Duluth-Superior Area Safety Action Plan* requires the governing body to publicly commit to the goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries, either by setting a target date for achieving zero or by establishing interim targets for significant reductions by a specified date; and

WHEREAS, the MIC Planning Area's five-year (2020-2024) average annual fatal crash total (8) and five-year (2020-2024) average annual serious injury crash total (35) will serve as a baseline for the MIC's interim and final goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MIC, by and through its Policy Board, hereby commits to attaining the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries for all modes of travel in the MIC's Planning Area by 2050, with an interim goal of a 50% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2035; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MIC commits to (a) implementing an ongoing monitoring process for measuring and reporting progress made toward meeting these goals over time, using outcome-based data and proposed performance metrics in accordance with the final adopted Safety Action Plan, (b) establishing a working group charged with ongoing oversight of the implementation and monitoring of the Duluth-Superior Safety Action Plan, comprised of various members of the Safety Action Plan Advisory Committee and others as identified in the final adopted Safety Action Plan, and (c) maintaining transparency and accountability in advancing its safety objectives by publicly posting all such progress reports online.

ATTEST:

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Nick Baker, Policy Board Co-Chair (WI)

Ron Chicka, MIC Director

January 21, 2026
Date