

2027-2030 Duluth Area TIP

Final TIP Approval



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Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

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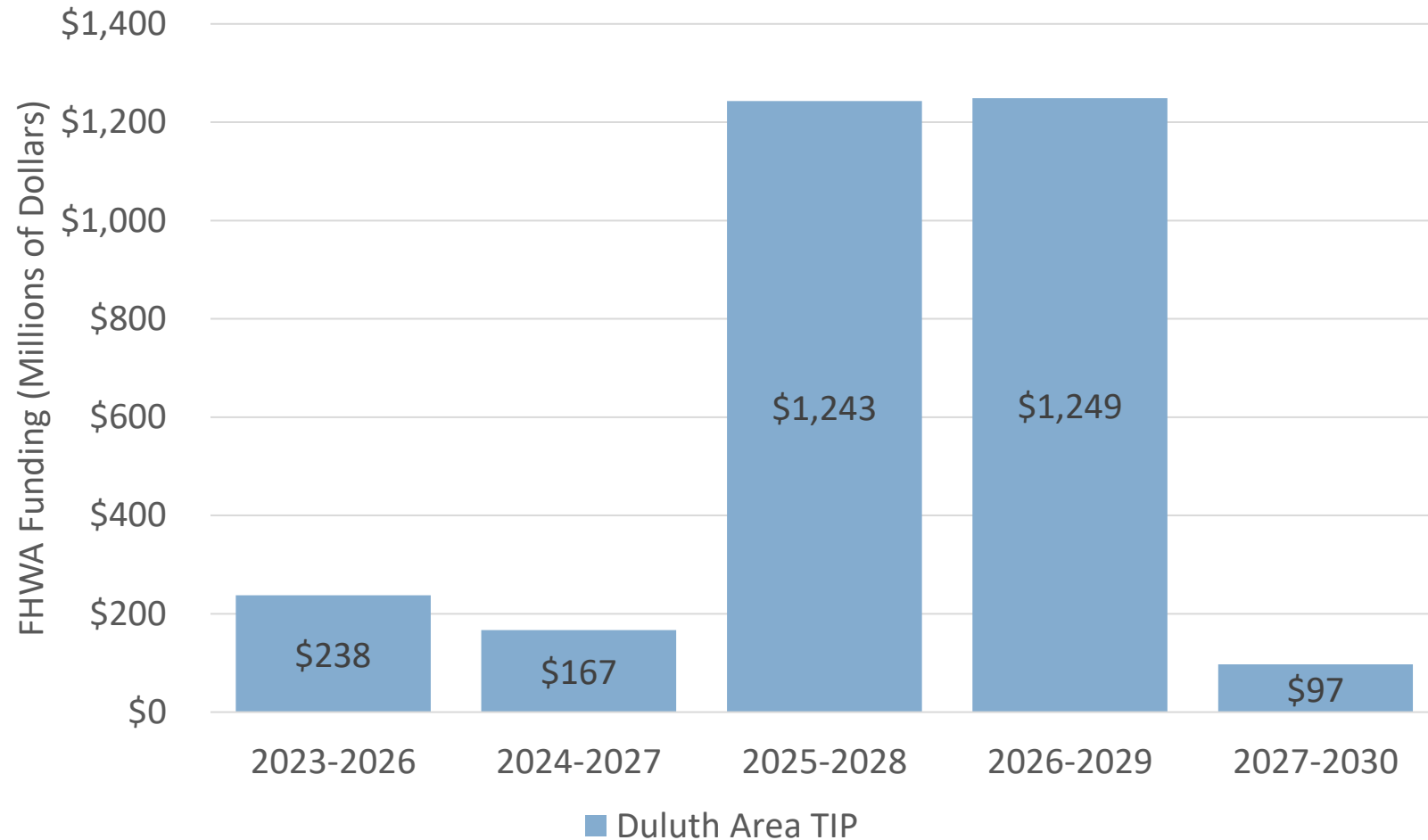
Recap of MIC Public Outreach

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
- Presentation of CRP projects to 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 (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	\$ -
Total	\$41,854,834	\$84,152,020	\$39,477,000	\$95,942,000	\$261,425,854	\$60.8	\$49.8

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

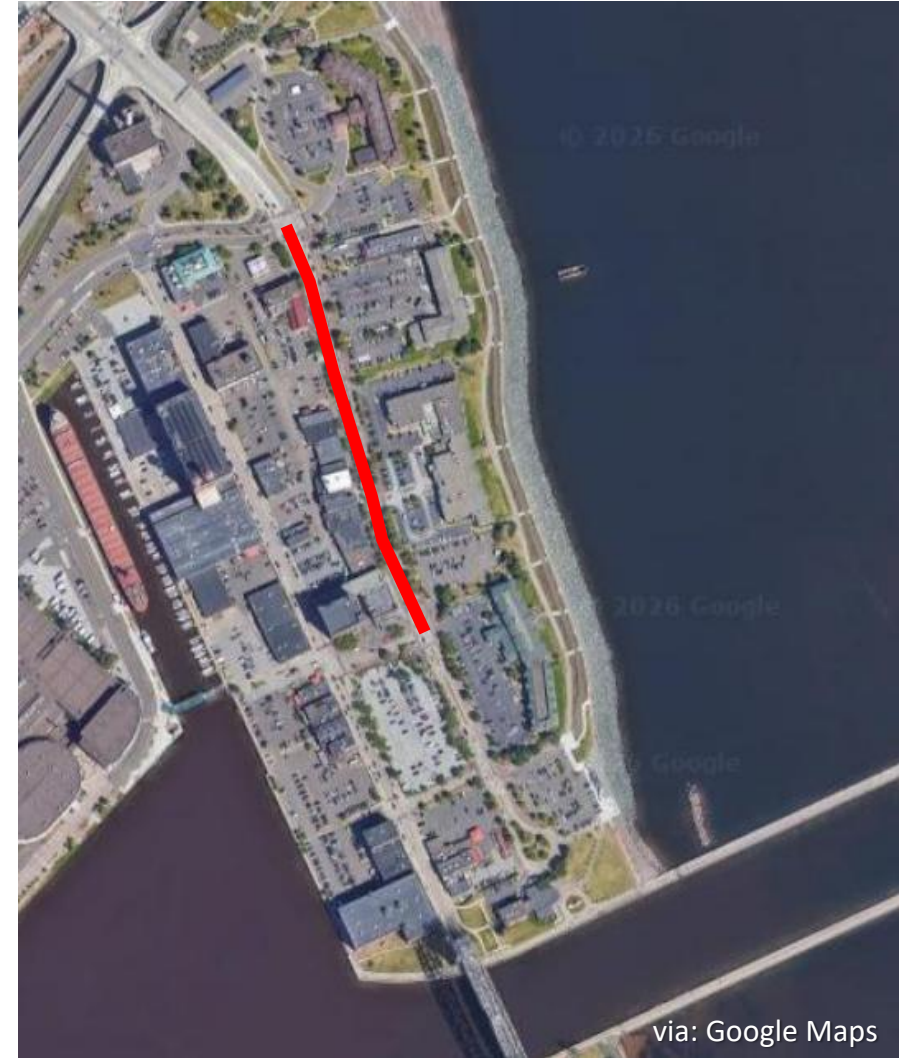
Canal Park Dr Reconditioning (2027)

Railroad St Buchanan St

\$971,750 STBG

Street lighting

Concrete repairs



Upcoming Projects: TA

Campus Connector Trail (2027)

Segment 6

\$586,028 TA

Connect to existing Lakewalk &
Congdon Park Dr trail



Upcoming Projects: 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

Rice Lake Road Corridor Project (2027-2028)

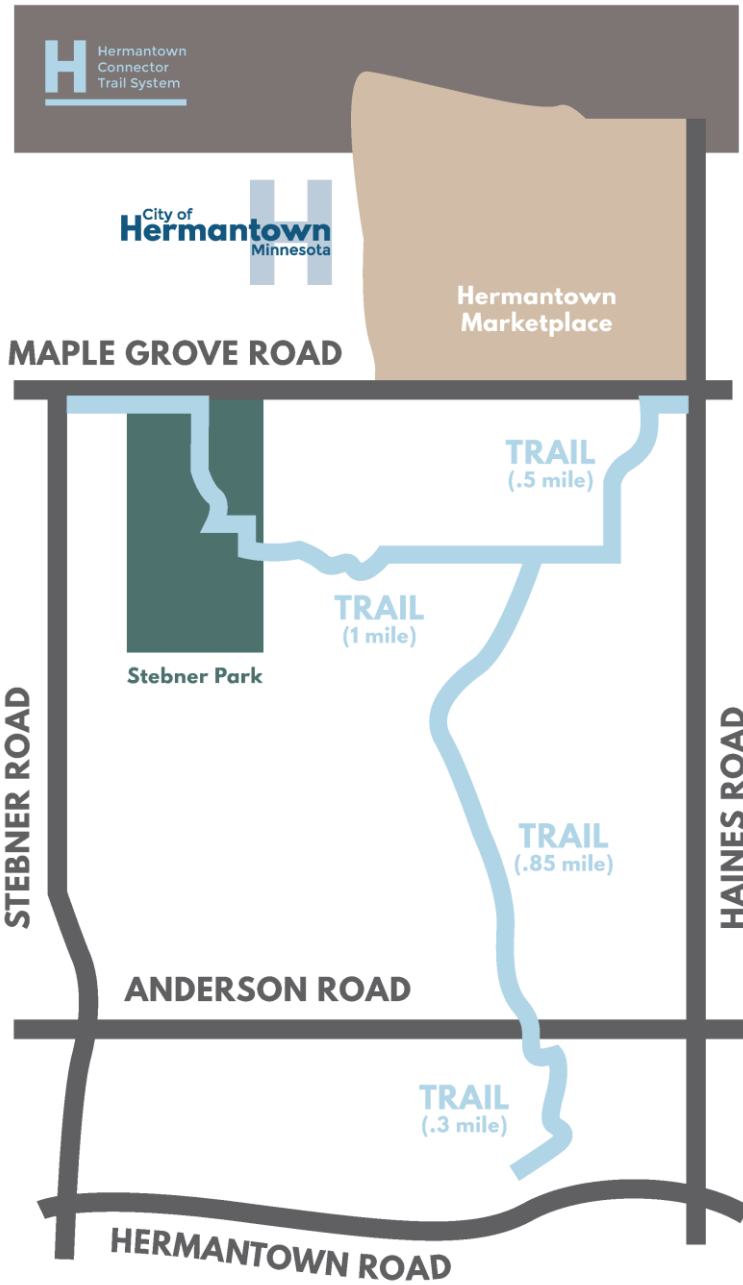
\$25 million BUILD

\$600,000 TA

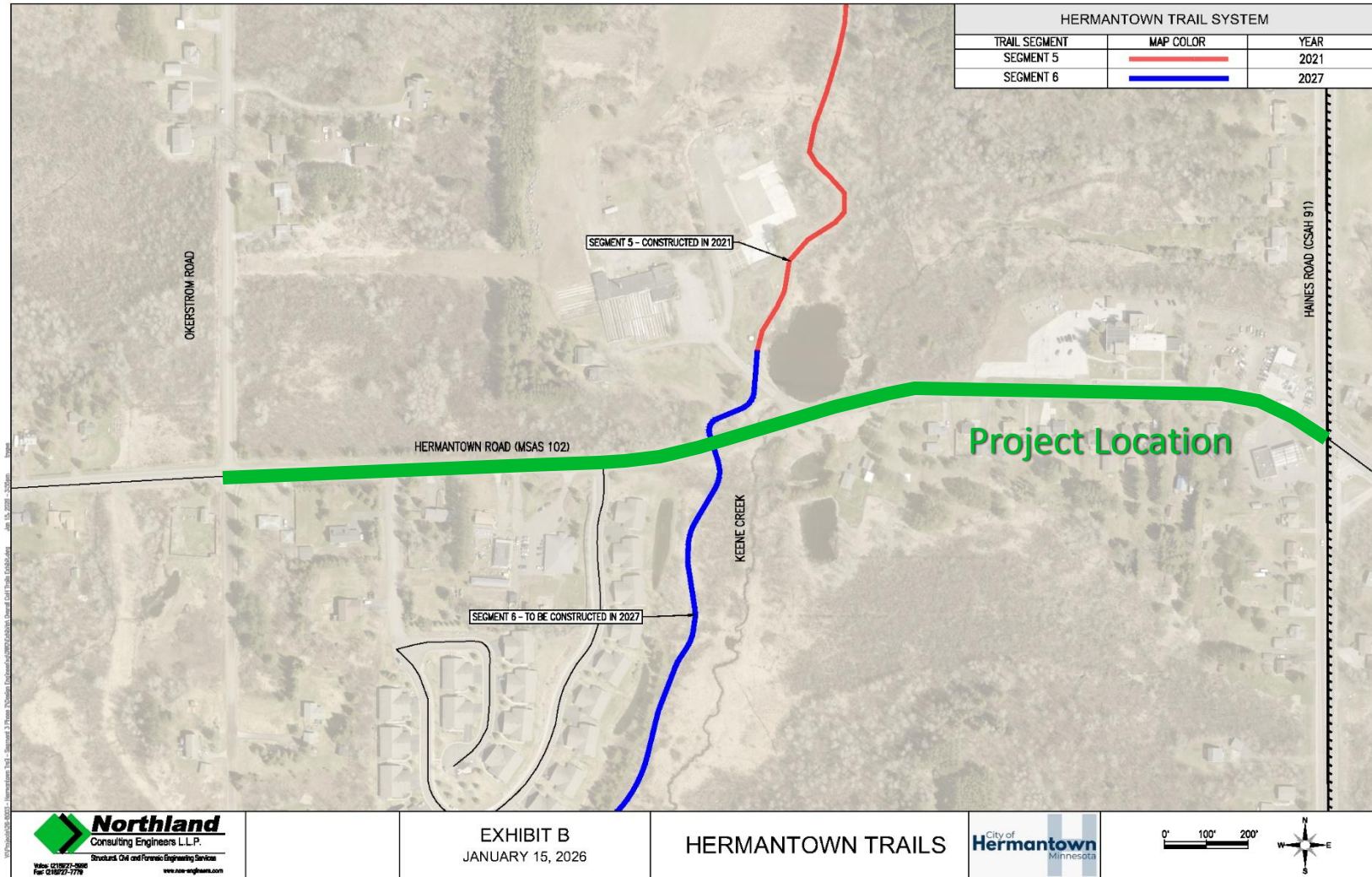
\$40.9 million total cost

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





Hermantown Road Reconstruction



4th Street Reconstruction



Arrowhead Rd Sidewalk Addition



BEGIN PROPOSED SIDEWALK (WEST END)



END PROPOSED SIDEWALK (EAST END)

EXISTING SIDEWALK

Morris Thomas Rd Addition

CSAH 56 (Morris Thomas Rd)
Looking west from CSAH 91 (Haines Rd)



Construct sidewalk on the
north side of CSAH 56.

CSAH 56 (Morris Thomas Rd)
Looking west at Okerstrom Rd



Construct sidewalk on the
north side of CSAH 56.

Responses to Comments

Detailed responses provided with help from jurisdiction staff for questions related to:

- Project development
- Project design choices
- Roadway landscaping

Changes incorporated to project maps

- Corrections and description clarity
- Future consideration for map improvements

Information provided for AC vs Construction work in project list

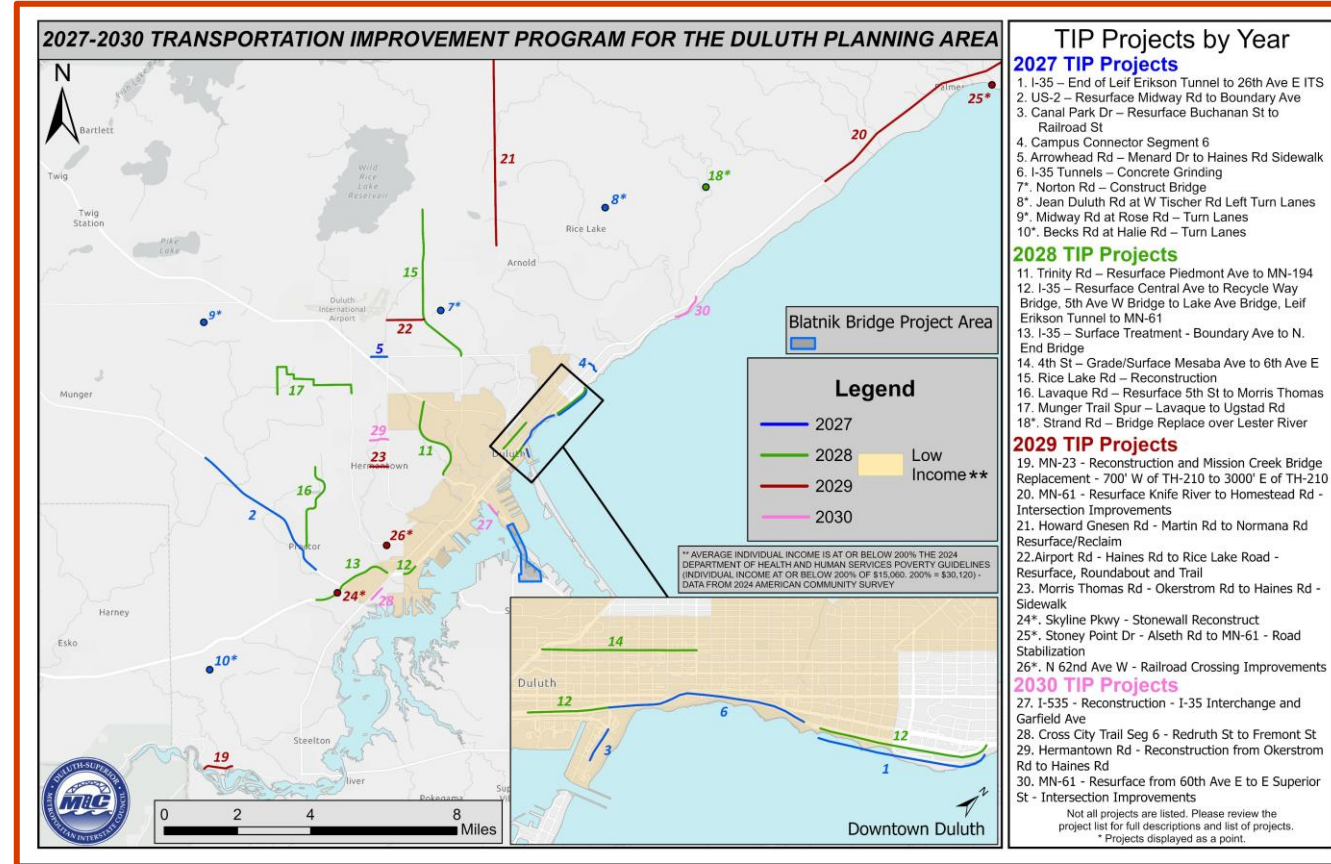
In the table below, comments submitted via email or received during the virtual and in-person TIP input sessions. Those that pertain to a specific TIP project are noted in the second column and some comments are separated into pieces mentioning specific projects.

Commenter	Projects mentioned	Comment	MIC Response
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?	Left-turn lane 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 lanes 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 St. Louis County's Public Works projects website , the Tischer Rd project is anticipated for completion in August 2026. The Strand Rd bridge project is not programmed for construction until 2028

Community Impact Assessment

FHWA Communication for Community Impact Assessments

- Executive Orders & updates to the implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Community impact must consider all population cohorts
- These changes were made after the prior methodology was presented. Changes now reflect recent EOs



Assessment now considers
only low-income

What is next, if approved?

Federal & State approval process

- Resolution & final document to MnDOT
 - Request review & approval
- Submission to FHWA/FTA
 - Final review & approval
- Incorporated into STIP
 - Next TIP cycle begins

Thank You!

Questions?



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Staff recommends approval and requests a motion:

***Recommend approval of the 2027-2030 Duluth Area
TIP to the MIC Board***