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RESOLUTION 26-12

OF THE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

Resolution and Self-Certification

Approving the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program
for the Duluth, Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Area
and Certifying That the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Is Being
Conducted in Conformance With All Applicable Requirements of 23 CFR § 450.336(a)

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 cooperatively carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Duluth, MN–Superior, WI Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, ARDC and NWRPC through a formal 1976 Agreement, jointly created the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Committee, later renamed the Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC); and

WHEREAS, ARDC, NWRPC, and the MIC cooperatively provide coordinated transportation planning for the bi-state Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Planning Area in compliance with all applicable 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 MIC has established a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive process to annually develop and approve a Duluth-Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that provides for consideration of all modes of transportation and affords all interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed TIP, in accordance with the MIC's current Public Involvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the MIC has developed a 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP in cooperation with representatives from state and local jurisdictions and transit operators and in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit (FTA) Administration; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2027-2030 Duluth -Area TIP was made available online for comment for a period of 30-days, and during that time three public meetings were held, and comments received are recorded and addressed in the final TIP document; and

WHEREAS, the 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP includes all projects utilizing funding under 23 USC and 49 USC Chapter 53, as well as regionally significant projects proposed to be funded with federal funds, other than those administered by the FHWA or the FTA, and/or regionally significant projects to be funded with non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, all projects included in the 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP are consistent with the MIC's current long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), reflect the investment priorities of the current MTP, and once implemented, will make progress toward achieving the performance measure targets established in the current MTP; and

WHEREAS, the 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates the consistency between reasonably available and projected sources of federal, state, and local revenues and the costs of implementing proposed transportation system improvements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the self-certification provision in 23 CFR § 450.336(a), the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby certifies that its metropolitan transportation planning process is being conducted in conformance with all applicable requirements of:

(1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
(2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
(4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in employment or business opportunity;
(5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
(6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
(7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
(8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
(9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
(10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby approves the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Duluth, Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Area and certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of 23 CFR § 450.336(a).

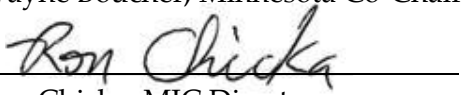
ATTEST:



Wayne Boucher, Minnesota Co-Chair



Nick Baker, Wisconsin Co-Chair



Ron Chicka, MIC Director

September 16, 2026
Date

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RESOLUTION 26-13

OF THE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

Resolution and Self-Certification

Approving the 2027 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program
for the Duluth, Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Area
and
Certifying that the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Planning Area is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of 23 CFR § 450.336(a).

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to develop, adopt, and approve a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for their metropolitan planning areas, reflecting the investment priorities established in the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and covering a period of no less than four years; and

WHEREAS, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) Policy Board serves as the MPO for the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the MIC has developed the 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP in cooperation with local jurisdictions, the Duluth Transit Authority, State Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit (FTA) Administration; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP was released for a 30-day public comment period, published on the MIC's website for public review and included at least one public meeting in accordance with the MIC's Public Involvement Plan, and all comments received were documented and addressed in the final TIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP includes all projects proposed for funding under 23 USC and 49 USC, as well as regionally significant projects funded with other federal funds and/or non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, all projects included in the 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP are consistent with the MIC's current long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and once implemented will make progress toward achieving the performance targets established under § 450.306(d); and

WHEREAS, the 2027-2030 Duluth-Area TIP includes a fiscally constrained financial plan demonstrating alignment between the revenues that are reasonably expected to be made available and the costs of programmed improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 CFR § 450.336(a), the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby certifies that its metropolitan transportation planning process complies with all applicable federal requirements, including:

(1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;

(2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;

(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;

(4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in employment or business opportunity;

(5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;

(6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;

(7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;

(8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and

(10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council hereby adopts and approves the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Duluth, Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Area and certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Planning Area is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of 23 CFR § 450.336(a).

ATTEST:

Wayne Boucher, Minnesota Co-Chair	Nick Baker, Wisconsin Co-Chair
Ron Chicka, MIC Director	Date

TIP DOCUMENT CHANGE WITH RESOLUTION REVISIONS

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Decisions about transportation investments require collaboration and cooperation between different levels of government and neighboring jurisdictions. The Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) conducts a planning process that is continuing, cooperative, comprehensive, performance-based, and multimodal for the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Planning Area. The MIC works to address the major transportation challenges of the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Planning Area by planning for safe, efficient, and reliable transportation systems that reflect community needs and long-term vision.

The geographical boundary of the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Planning Area can be viewed on Map 1 on the following page.

The MIC is required to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – a list of upcoming federally-funded transportation projects and regionally significant projects to be funded with non-federal funds programmed within the Duluth and Superior areas for the next four years.

The TIP process serves to implement priority projects identified in the MIC's long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Duluth area TIP lists all projects programmed for the Minnesota side of the bi-state metropolitan area. Projects planned for the Wisconsin side are programmed in a separate Superior area TIP.

About the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

The MIC was created in 1975 to coordinate transportation planning for the Duluth, Minnesota-Superior, Wisconsin metropolitan area. It was formed via an agreement between the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC), ~~the designated metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), to coordinate transportation planning for the Duluth, Minnesota-Superior, Wisconsin metropolitan planning area. ARDC and NWPRC are~~ which are multi-county planning and development organizations for NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin, respectively.

As the Duluth-Superior area's federal and state designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the MIC provides a 3C (continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive) planning process for all modes of transportation throughout the Duluth-Superior region. Its Policy Board consists of eighteen representatives from throughout the MPO area including local and elected officials,