DULUTH-SUPERIOR Metropolitan Interstate Council

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

November 5, 2026 Meeting

Meeting Summary

Note Taker(s)	Name, Title/Affiliation Eli Norlander Transportation Planner/MIC	
Members Present		
Chair	Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist
Vice Chair	Judy Gibbs	Citizen representative
	James Gittemeier	City of Duluth Sr Transportation Planner
	Andie Heil	ISD709 Duluth Public Schools
	Jeremy Kroke	Duluth Transit Authority
	Tanja Mattonen	St. Louis County
	Denis Sauve	Twin Ports Cyclery
Non-voting	Ansel Schimpff	Cyclists of Gitchee Gumee Shores
	Maren Webb	MnDOT District 1 Sr Transportation Planner
Members Absent		
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior Public Works
	George Harnish	Citizen representative
	Mae Sommerfeld	WisDOT
	Mimi Stender	Duluth Age Friendly
Others Present		
	David Bolgren	Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails
	Erika Shepard	MnDOT District 1
	Elliana Lattu	MIC Intern
	Eli Norlander	MIC Planner, BPAC coordinator
	Ricky Sarran	MIC Senior GIS Specialist

a. Introductions / Agenda Review

Andrea welcomed everyone to the meeting and went around the room having attendees introduce themselves

b. Committee Business

a. Approval of meeting notes from 5/7/2026 regular meeting

Motion to approve meeting summary from 11/5/2026	**Maren Webb/Jeremy Kroke move to approve meeting summary** Discussion: None **Voice vote passed unanimously**

b. MIC Updates

Eli gave an update on recent MIC updates including: Dick Haney's recent passing, retiring of the MIC Admin Assistant, the Safety Action Plan, and recent MIC Policy Board resolutions.

c. Subcommittee updates

Judy provided a brief summary of the recent work and discussions for the bike & ped. subcommittees. The bike & pedestrian subcommittees have not been meeting while the Active Transportation scoping group has met over the last three months.

On November 4th, the MIC hosted an e-bike workshop with law enforcement, BPAC members, and other stakeholders. BikeMN provided a presentation on legislation, safety, etiquette, and peer community initiatives. There was an engaging conversation during the presentation and time for small group discussion at the end.

Confirmation of future meeting dates

i. February 4, 2:00-4:30 at ARDC
ii. May 6, 2:00-4:30 at Superior Public Library

c. Topics for Discussion

a. AT Plan: Scoping, timeline, responsibilities, groups to engage Active Transportation Plan

Andrea summarized the work done by an AT Plan scoping group, which resulted in the two documents, draft outline and update tasks. The BPAC was generally supportive of the draft outline for the AT Plan which will be developed over the next ~1-2 years. These two documents will be sent to the TAC & MIC Policy Board for feedback which the BPAC and working group will take into consideration when developing the final plan outline and scope for the update.

b. Follow-up on bike plan map admin mods & amendments

Eli walked through the three larger revisions to the bike plan web map and provided an opportunity to consider and discuss the changes. When the process for bike map revisions was initially discussed at the beginning of the year, it was determined that minor revisions would be completed by staff, but major revisions needed to be discussed and approved by the BPAC. Following discussion, it was determined that these three changes should wait and be brought back in February when the annual revisions are presented from 2026.

Updates

a. Miller Hill Mall Area Study

Erika gave an update on the Miller Hill Mall Area study. This is a priority area in the MIC's pedestrian plan. MnDOT has been meeting with stakeholders including DTA, Essentia, and the owners of the mall. The BPAC could be engaged further as one stakeholder group, possibly in a focus group setting. There is an open house on 11/10 to collect public feedback.

b. Upcoming Grants

The applications for Transportation Alternatives and MIC area STBG funds are coming at the end of November. At this time, there are no Carbon Reduction Program funds remaining. MnDOT Active Transportation planning assistance, infrastructure grants, and Safe Routes to School infrastructure grants are open for applications.

c. Jurisdiction round robin

Jurisdiction representatives provided updates from their bike/ped projects and studies.

St. Louis County

- The Midway Rd Corridor Study in Pike Lake is complete. The County/State will be working on finding funding/budgeting for the project(s).
- The Midway Rd Railroad Crossing Elimination Study is getting kicked off next week.
- Rice Lake Rd and 40th Ave W are the county's big upcoming/active implementation projects

MnDOT

- The ped. bridge over I-35 has reopened
- The permanent counter on the Lakewalk is being replaced
- The 40th Ave W bridge and Central Entrance are upcoming in

City of Duluth

- The Campus Connector trail from CSS to the Lakewalk will be completed in upcoming years with the College St/St. Marie portion in Summer 2027 and Lakewalk to St. Marie in 2028
- The City is planning to submit a TA application for 2nd St to provide a shared-use path from 6th Ave W to 4th Ave W.

DTA

- The RFP for the BRT study is almost finished, planning to send it out by the end of the year
- New bus shelters as part of the project in Superior have all been installed, potential for more in near future

d. ISD709 Safe Routes to School & MnDOT School Zone Research Study

The Duluth Safe Routes to School plan continues to progress toward completion, Andie coordinator has begun working to establish an implementation committee for when the plan is finished.

e. Superior Safe Routes to School plan

The Superior Safe Routes to School plan has continued to progress. The kick-off steering committee meeting with school principals, key district staff, and City of Superior Staff was held in late September. Throughout October, staff completed the drop off & pickup observations.

f. Final BPAC Project Review Process document

The BPAC Project Review Process document is now final and included on the meeting page for this BPAC meeting. The project presentation summary document for each project review is important as a record and public-facing summary of the discussion, questions, answers, and BPAC consensus during the review.

g. **Roundtable/Upcoming Events**
h. **Adjourn**