# RESOLUTION 26-11
## OF THE
## DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

*Approving the Recommended Functional Classification System Changes in the Duluth, Minnesota Urban Area*

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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) have developed guidance for functional classification of roads and streets; and

**WHEREAS**, MnDOT periodically reviews and updates the functional classification system of roads and streets throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, recommended functional classification changes were developed through joint review by MIC, jurisdictional and MnDOT planning staff; and

**WHEREAS**, these changes have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council's Transportation Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended changes are attached; and

**WHEREAS**, after Policy Board approval of the recommended Functional Classification changes, MnDOT will approve the changes and submit them to FHWA for final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved final functional classification map will be made available to the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council after FHWA final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the new functional classifications will supersede the existing functional classifications in the Duluth, Minnesota Urban Area;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council Policy Board hereby approves the recommended functional classification system changes in the Duluth, Minnesota Urban Area, as listed below:

ATTEST:

Wayne Boucher, Minnesota Co-Chair

Nick Baker, Wisconsin Co-Chair

Ron Chicka, MIC Director

September 16, 2026
Date

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## 2026 Duluth Urban Area Functional Classification Changes

### St. Louis County

| Road | From | To | Present | New Functional Classification |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Munger Shaw RD | Morris Thomas Rd | Maple Grove Rd | Minor Collector | Local |
| W. Tischer Rd | Jean Duluth Rd | Rice Lake Rd | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| W. Tischer Rd/N Tischer Rd | Jean Duluth Rd | Strand Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| N. Tischer Rd | Strand Rd | Zimmerman Rd | Local | Minor Collector |
| Strand Rd/CSAH 10 | Tischer Rd/CSAH 10 | Lester River Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| Roberg Rd | N. Tischer Rd | Lester River Rd | Local | Minor Collector |
| Lakewood Rd | MN-61 | Roberg Rd | Local | Minor Collector |
| Lakewood Rd | Lismore Rd | E. Pioneer Rd | Local | Minor Collector |
| Woodland Ave | E. Calvary Rd | Martin Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| Arnold Rd | E. Calvary Rd | Martin Rd | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| Stark Rd | Midway Rd | N. Ugstad Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| 2nd St | N. Broadway Ave | N. 2nd Ave | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| Ryan Rd | CSAH 61/Congdon Blvd | CSAH 11/Lismore Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| 5th St (Proctor) | US-2 | 2nd Ave | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| Munger Shaw Rd | US-2 | Lavaque Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |

### City of Duluth

| Road | From | To | Present | New Functional Classification |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 88th Ave W / Idaho St. | Grand Ave | Grand Ave | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| N 63rd Ave W | Grand Ave | Cody St | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| N 59th Ave W | Highland St | W 8th St | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| N 57th Ave W | Cody St | Grand Ave | Local | Minor Collector |
| S 19th Ave W | Michigan St | W 1st St | Major Collector | Local |
| S 19th Ave W | Michigan St | Lower Michigan St | Major Collector | Removed from Roadway network |
| 4th Ave E | E 4th St | E 7th St | Local | Minor Collector |
| Swan Lake Rd, Basswood Ave, & W Mulberry St | N Arlington Ave | W Arrowhead Rd | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| Maple Grove Rd | Joshua Ave | Swan Lake Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| W Superior St | N 40th Ave W | W Michigan St | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| W Michigan St | N. 46th Ave W. | S. 40th Ave W. | Local | Minor Collector |
| E 1st St | N 21st Ave E. | N. 24th Ave E | Minor Collector | Local |
| 6th Ave E | E 2nd St | E 1st St | N/A | Minor Arterial |
| Chambersburg Ave | CSAH 56/Morris Thomas Rd | Anderson Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| Decker Rd | Piedmont Ave | Mall Dr | Major Collector | Minor Collector |
| 24th Ave W | W Skyline Pkwy | Piedmont Ave | Local | Major Collector |
| Eklund Ave | Swan Lake Rd | Maple Grove Rd | Local | Major Collector |

### City of Hermantown

| Road | From | To | Present | New Functional Classification |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market St | Loberg Ave | Haines Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |
| Loberg Ave | US-53/Miller Trunk Hwy | Maple Grove Rd | Minor Collector | Major Collector |