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