

Amendment #5 to the 2026-2029 Duluth Area TIP

Presented for Approval March 23, 2026

State Project ID # TRF-9069-26 (2026)

Reduction in total cost and funding for Section 5310 Mobility Management funding due to a separate FTA grant partially covering the costs

MnDOT has requested a change to the total project cost, federal funding amount, and local match for the 2026 Section 5310 ARDC Mobility Management item in the 2026-2029 Duluth area TIP. This change is occurring due to a separate FTA grant partially covering the cost for the project.

Through Section 5310 funding, Mobility Management is facilitated by ARDC through the Arrowhead Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC). The Arrowhead RTCC's mission is to improve access, availability, and options for transportation services in northeastern Minnesota through improved communication, coordination, and collaboration.

This funding supports ARDC Planning Staff through its work to meet the following objectives:

1. Identify unmet personal mobility needs and facilitate the development of services responsive to those needs;
 2. Identify and understand all available transportation options in the region;
 3. Increase coordination between transportation service providers;
 4. Advocate for high quality transportation services which are safe, efficient, effective, reliable, and responsive to consumer needs;
1. Identify, support, and expand best practices for transportation access and equity.

Additional information about this program can be found on the Federal Transit Administration’s [website](#).

2026 funding and cost changes (State Project ID #TRF-9069-26):

- Federal \$ (“Non-AC”): **decreased by \$116,659, (from \$130,610 to \$13,951)**
- “Other” \$ (local funds): **decreased by \$29,165 (from \$32,653, to \$3,488)**
- Project Total \$: **decreased by \$145,824 (from \$163,263 to \$17,439)**

Changes as described are shown below **in red**:

Current Planned Year	State Project ID	Agency	Type of Work	Technical Project Description	Type of Funds	Fed \$ (Non-AC)	Other \$	Project Total \$ (MPO Total)
2026	TRF-9069-26	ARDC	TRANSIT GRANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (NON-VEHICLE)	SECTION 5310:ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MOBILITY MANAGEMENT 7/1/27 - 6/30/2029	FTA	\$130,610	\$32,653	\$163,263
2026	TRF-9069-26	ARDC	TRANSIT GRANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (NON-VEHICLE)	SECTION 5310:ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MOBILITY MANAGEMENT 7/1/27 - 6/30/2029	FTA	\$13,951	\$3,488	\$17,439

With this change, the TIP will remain fiscally constrained within the revenues that can reasonably be expected to be available.

Based on the criteria adopted in the [2021 MIC Public Involvement Plan](#), this project change requires a formal TIP Amendment, including the opportunity for public comment and approval by the MIC Policy Board.

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