

## RESOLUTION 07-03

### DULUTH-SUPERIOR METROPOLITAN INTERSTATE COUNCIL

#### Supporting Feasibility Study of Passenger Rail Service between the Twin Cities and the Twin Ports

**WHEREAS**, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) was created by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) and recognized by the Governors of Wisconsin and Minnesota as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Duluth-Superior urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) is the body responsible for making transportation policy decisions and for directing the transportation planning and development function within the Duluth-Superior urbanized area; and

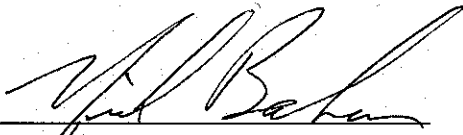
**WHEREAS**, The Tinklenberg Group together with the Duluth Depot, St. Louis County and other entities are coordinating a planning initiative that will determine project feasibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the MIC's Long Range Transportation Plan discusses the positive merits of passenger rail service linking the Twin Cities with the Twin Ports; and

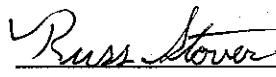
**WHEREAS**, MIC Board members or staff would offer service to the project steering committee in an advisory role.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council supports the Twin Cities to Twin Ports Passenger Rail Study Initiative to be conducted by The Tinklenberg Group.

**ATTEST:**



Nick Baker, Wisconsin Co-Chair



Russ Stover, Minnesota Co-Chair



Ron Chicka, MIC Director

February 21, 2007

Date