634th Special Policy Board Meeting

Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments

Thursday, September 26, 2024 – 4:00 PM

Metro COG Conference Room

Members Present:

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| Duane | Breitling | Cass County Commission |
| Chuck | Hendrickson | Moorhead City Council |
| Stephanie | Landstrom | Horace City Council |
| Jenny | Mongeau | Clay County Commission |
| Julie | Nash | Dilworth City Council |
| Brad | Olson | West Fargo City Commission |
| Art | Rosenberg | Fargo Planning Commission |
| John | Strand | Fargo City Commission |
| Michelle | Turnberg | Fargo City Commission |
| Deb | White | Moorhead City Council |

Members Absent:

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| Rory | Jorgensen | West Fargo City Commission |
| Denise | Kolpack | Fargo City Commission |
| Ryan | Nelson | Moorhead City Council |
| Dave | Piepkorn | Fargo City Commission |
| Thomas | Schmidt | Fargo Planning Commission |
| Maranda | Tasa | Fargo Planning Commission |

Others Present:

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| Adam | Altenburg | Metro COG |
| Paul | Bervik | Metro COG |
| Karissa | Beierle Pavek | Metro COG |
| Angela  | Brumbaugh | Metro COG |
| Dan | Farnsworth | Metro COG |
| Ben | Grifith | Metro COG |
| Chelsea | Levorsen | Metro COG |
| Stephanie | Falkers | SRF Consulting Group |
| Luke | Champa | SRF Consulting Group |
| Wayne | Zacher | ND DOT |

# 1a. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS, convened

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on September 26, 2024, by Chair Breitling, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

## 2. Approve Order and Contents of Overall Agenda, approved

Chair Breitling asked for approval for the overall agenda.

*MOTION*: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the 634th Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg.

*MOTION,* passed

Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

# 4. Metro 2050 MTP – Transportation Moving Ahead

Mr. Griffith informed everyone that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is one of four federally required documents mandated by transportation legislation for MPOs to adopt before September 30th. He stated the TTC met earlier that afternoon and unanimously recommended the Policy Board approve the draft Metro 2050 MTP, with the inclusion of any public comments received during the 30-day public comment period, ending on October 9th. Mr. Griffith introduced the SRF Consultants working on the project, Stephanie Falkers and Luke Champa.

Ms. Falkers presented the information regarding the Metro 2050 MTP. Phase One was understanding current experiences, goals, and objectives. Phase Two was Performance based Planning and Programming along with understanding the projects, goals, and objectives. Phases 3 and 4 included project and plan preparation. Open houses and attendance at pop up events were heavily utilized. All comments received will be included in the document appendix. The addition of the 14th Street Overpass project in Dilworth has been added to the 2050 MTP project list.

Ms. Falkers stated the goals are safety, travel efficiency, walking and biking, transit access, maintaining transportation infrastructure, community context, freight network, emerging transportation, connecting people and places, and transportation decisions. The top three goals are safety & system security, walking, biking & rolling, and maintaining transportation infrastructure.

Project list refinement has been the focus for the past six months. Engaging with the different jurisdictions, identifying potential projects, and using a weighted score.

The following changes will be made:

* The 14th Street Overpass project (Dilworth) will be added to the Illustrative list.
* Long-term constraint, reserve list, and illustrative figure added to Chapter 5.
* Add the cost estimation spreadsheet and methodology as an appendix.

Ms. White stated she appreciates all the information. She would like to see the text on Micromobility services updated. She also noted that the document discusses “Great Rides” being in operation and it no longer exists.

Mr. Strand asked about Amtrak connections being addressed in the document.

The next step is the Open Comment Period until October 9th. Any comments will be included in the appendix. Ms. Falkers stated the contract with SRF Consulting goes until the end of December 2024, and they will continue to be available for any questions or comments after the comment period date. They will also be developing the new Congestion Management Process which is required for TMAs.

*MOTION*: Approval of draft Metro 2050 MTP – Transportation Moving Ahead, with inclusion of any public comments received during the 30-day public comment period.

Ms. White moved, seconded by Mr. Olson.

*MOTION,* passed

# 5. Adjourn

***MOTION:* Adjourn the 634th Special Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board**

**Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Olson**

***MOTION,* passed.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

The 634th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, September 26, 2024, was adjourned at 4:353 PM.

# THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 17, 2024, 4:00 PM AT THE FM METRO COG CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE NORTH 2ND STREET, CASE PLAZA SUITE 232, FARGO, ND.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh

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