561st Meeting of the

**Agenda Item 3 Attachment 1**

FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee

Thursday, December 12, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Metro COG Conference Room



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# 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2024 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

# Approve the 561st TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith stated Item #12, “Additions of Transit Appendix to 2050 MTP” needs to be removed from the agenda at this time. Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or other changes to the TTC Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the December 12, 2024 TTC Meeting Agenda striking #12 Additions of Transit Appendix to 2050 MTP.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman.

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

# APPROVE November 14, 2024 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the November 14, 2024 TTC Meeting Minutes. Andrew Wrucke is absent and should be removed from the membership listing since he is no longer with the City of West Fargo. Julie Bommelman and Kyle McCamy should be listed as present.

Motion: Approve the November 14, 2024 TTC Minutes with changes as recommended for Members present/absent.

Mr. McCamy moved, seconded by Mr. Mastera.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

# Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

# Minnesota EV Infrastructure Needs Assessment (MnEVINA)

Mr. Altenburg opened the discussion with introducing Beth Kallestad, Principal Sustainability Planner from MnDOT. Ms. Kallestad presented information regarding EV Readiness. The State of MN expects to invest approximately $68 million from Federal programs in the next 5 years.

*Information Only – no action requested*

# 2025-28 TIP Amendment 2

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 2 regarding the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, and comments accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 12, 2024. As of the date of the memo, no comments were received.

The proposed amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 5250035:** Moorhead MATBUS purchase of one (1) class 400 bus and related equipment (2025). Update funding source.
2. **New Project 8251043:** MnDOT districtwide guard rail installation. (2025)
3. **New Project 8251044:** MnDOT installation of a NEVI charging station along I-94. (2025)

Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 2 of the Metro COG 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mastera.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

# Moorhead Functional Classification

Ms. Beierle Pavek presented information on the Moorhead Functional Classification. Upon review, it was determined there was justification for the upgrades.

South Moorhead has had growth in population and significant housing development. The recommended changes are as follows:

1. 40th Ave S – From 16th St S to 28th S – Major Collector
2. 40th Ave S – From 28th St S to 40th St S – Major Collector
3. 40th St S – From 40th Ave S to 34th St S – Major Collector
4. 34th Ave S – From 40th St S to Hwy 52 – Major Collector

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2024 MnDOT Federal Functional Classification update.

Mr. Atkins moved, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

# ND Rural Transportation Alternatives (TA) Applications

# Mr. Bervik explained the process for TA Applications stating the applying jurisdiction is required to submit their application to Metro COG. Metro COG reviews and submits the applications to the respective Department of Transportation.

# The only application received was Cass County for County Road 15 shared use path. Cass is seeking funding to reconstruct a shared use path along the east side of County Road 15 from Kindred Elementary School to ND Hwy 46. The path was constructed in 1998 and an overlay done in 2006. Cost of the construction is $1,056,162 and $844,929.60 requested from Transportation Alternatives.

Motion: Recommend approval of the attached Transportation Alternatives (TA) application and associated scoring to Policy Board prior to submittal to NDDOT.

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Mastera.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

# Approval of Proposed Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Projects

Mr. Bervik explained NDDOT solicited applications for annual Highway Safey Improvement Program projects. Three applications were submitted:

1. Cass County – Proposed roundabout and intersection improvements to County Road 20 and 45th Street North
2. Fargo – Auxiliary Lane on southbound 45th Street at 1-94 interchange.
3. Fargo – Study to analyze the 22 top urban crash intersections within the City of Fargo as well as 28 other high crash intersections to come up with an infrastructure plan to improve these locations in the future.

Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota HSIP applications as provided in the attachments to the Policy Board.

Mr. McCamy moved, seconded by Ms. Elshaug.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

# ND Urban Grants Program (UGP) Applications

# Mr. Bervik explained NDDOT solicited applications for the annual Urban Grant Program. This program provides cities an opportunity to make transportation infrastructure improvements within core business districts. The only application received is currently programmed in the TIP:

# Fargo – Reconstruction of 1st Avene N from 3rd Street to 10th Street. The city is requesting UPG funding to supplement the design along the corridor of the furnishing zone.

Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota UGP application as provided in the attachment to the Policy Board.

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously

# ND Urban Regional Highway System (RHS) Applications

# Mr. Bervik explained NDDOT solicited applications for the annual Urban Regional Highway System Grant. NDDOT works with Local Public Agencies to program improvements based on available funding. Six applications were submitted:

1. Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive South from 13th Avenue S to 18th Avenue S
2. Fargo – Reconstruction of 10th Street North from NP Avenue N to 4th Avenue N
3. Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive North from 12th Avenue N to 19th Avenue N
4. Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive North from 1st Avenue N to 12th Avenue N
5. Fargo – Concrete Pavement Repair on 52nd Avenue South from Timber Parkway to University Drive S
6. Fargo – Reconstruction of 19th Avenue North from 18th Street N to Dakota Drive

Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota RHS application as provided in the attachments to the Policy Board.

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. McCamy.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously

# Additions of Transit Appendix to 2050 MTP

# This item was removed from the agenda.

# Agency Updates

# City of Fargo Engineering – Public meeting for 32nd Ave. That street will be closed this summer. Working on new projects.

# City of Fargo Planning – Rewriting land development ordinance is in the process. It will take approximately 1½ years to complete.

# MATBUS – Nothing new to report.

# City of Moorhead Engineering – Work continues on the Library Center. Awarded SMART grant towards Traffic Operations Center.

# City of Moorhead Planning – Passenger Rail Study.

# City of Moorhead Transit – Lori is retiring and her last day is December 16th

# City of West Fargo – Getting bids on electric vehicles and working on 9th Street Overpass.

# City of Dilworth – Wrapping up the 8th Avenue and 15th Avenue corridor studies, starting Comp Plan update soon.

# City of Horace – Starting workshops with leadership.

# Cass County Engineering – Working on projects for next year.

# Clay County Planning - Wrapping up Land Development Update in early 2025.

# NDSU – Nothing new to report.

# Concordia College – Nothing new to report.

# MNDOT Central Office – Nothing new to report.

# MNDOT - District 4 – Nothing new to report.

# NDDOT – Nothing new to report.

# FHWA – ND – Would like an update on the MTP and local jurisdiction approval. Mr. Maddox stated the final document is on the Metro COG website. Metro COG is going through another approval process. Next public meeting is January 9th 4:00-7:00 PM at the Library. Ms. Sperry stated it would be good to recirculate to State and Federal entities again if there are a lot of changes.

# Additional Business

No additional business was brought forward.

# Adjourn

The 561st Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on December 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

# THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh

Office Manager