558th Special Meeting of the

**Agenda Item 3 Attachment 1**

FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee

Thursday, September 26, 2024 – 1:00 PM

Metro COG Conference Room

Members Present:

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| Julie | Bommelman | City of Fargo, MATBUS |
| Maegin | Elshaug | City of Fargo Planning (alternate for Nicole Crutchfield) |
| Jeremy | Gorden | City of Fargo Transportation Engineering |
| Ben | Griffith | Metro COG |
| Cole | Hansen | Cass County Planning Director |
| Robin | Huston | City of Moorhead Planning |
| Matthew | Jacobson | Clay County Planning |
| Don | Lorsung | City of Dilworth Community Development |
| Kyle | McCamy | West Fargo Engineering |
| Aaron | Nelson | West Fargo City Planning |
| Joe | Raso | GFMEDC |
| Mary | Safgren | MnDOT – District 4 |
| Justin | Sorum | Clay County Engineering |
| Tom | Soucy | Cass County Highway (Alternate for Jason Benson) |
| Brit | Stevens | NDSU – Transportation Manager |
| Tom | Trowbridge | City of Moorhead Engineering |
| Lori | Van Beek | City of Moorhead, MATBUS |
| Wayne | Zacher | NDDOT – Local Government Division |

Members Absent:

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| Nicole | Crutchfield | City of Fargo Planning (Alternate present) |
| Kelly | Krapu | Freight Representative – True North Compliance Service |
| Jason | Benson | Cass County Highway (Alternate present) |
| Jace | Hellman | City of Horace Planning |

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 |
| Chelsea | Levorsen | Metro COG |
| Stephanie  | Falkers | SRF Consulting Group |
| Jonathan | Atkins | City of Moorhead Traffic Engineering |
| Jordan | Smith | MATBUS |
| Forrest | Steinhoff | Moorhead Planning |
| Bryan | McCoy | MnDOT |
| Dan | Bergerson | HDR |
| Erika  | Shepard | MnDOT |
| Luke | Champa | SRF Consulting Group |

# CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The special call meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, on September 26,2024 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

# Approve the 558th TTC Special Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the 558th TTC Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the 558th TTC Special Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson.

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

# Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

# Metro 2050 MTP – Transportation Moving Ahead

Mr. Griffith welcomed everyone to the special meeting and provided a brief explanation of the process before them. He stated the MTP is federally required to be adopted before September 30th. Metro COG’s Public Participation Plan requires a 30-day public comment period, which was published in the Forum newspaper, ending on October 9th. The TTC was being asked to review the draft document and provide a recommendation to the Policy Board, which was scheduled to meet the same afternoon at 4:00 PM. The Policy Board would be asked to approve the draft document with the inclusion of any public comments received during the 30-day public comment period. He then introduced the consultants, Ms. Falkers and Mr. Champa, to the attendees.

Stephanie Falkers with SRF Consulting Group presented information regarding the 2050 MTP. Phase One was understanding current experiences, goals, and objectives. Phase Two was performance base planning and programming along with understanding the projects, goals, and objectives. Phase 3 and 4 was project and plan preparation. Open houses and attendance at pop up events. All comments received will be included in the appendix. The addition of 14th Street overpass project in Dilworth has been added to the MTP.

The intention is to continue to build and respond to comments/questions. The next step is to refine context considerations and solidify programmed projects. The comment period goes until October 9th. Any comments received will be included in the appendix. Metro COG’s Congestion Management Process, which is required for Transportation Management Areas, would be referenced in the MTP document and would also be produced as a separate document before the end of the year.

Mr. Zacher asked what was being approved and how the comments would be incorporated into the document. Mr. Trowbridge felt the projects were all listed, but the dollar amounts could use some adjusting. Mr. Gorden agreed with Mr. Trowbridge and stated his desire for flexibility when prioritizing projects. Ms. Shepard stated MNDOT comments will be coming before the end of the period.

Ms. Falkers stated the contract with SRF Consulting goes until the end of December 2024, and they would continue to be available for any questions or comments.

Motion: Recommendation of approval of the draft Metro 2050 MTP – Transportation Moving Ahead, including amendments and acceptance of comments until October 9th, to the Policy Board.

Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Ms. Van Beek.

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

# Adjourn

The 558th Special Call Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on September 26th, 2024, at 2:21 PM.

# THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD OOCTOBER 10, 2024, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh

Office Manager