

**Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Hybrid Meeting – Virtual & In-person**  
**In-person: Metro COG Conference Room**  
**Virtual: link provided below**  
**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approve minutes from December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting - **Attachment** Action Item
3. Approve minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting - **Attachment** Action Item
4. Public input opportunity Public Input
5. Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map App update – **Attachment** Discussion Item
6. Bicycle Friendly Community follow-up items Discussion Item
7. Past plans – implementation tracking – **Attachment** Discussion Item
8. TA scoring revisions - **Attachment** Action Item
9. Clay Co. Heartland Trail Task Force composition - **Attachment** Discussion Item
10. Heartland Trail Study in Clay Co. update (*If time permits*) Information Item
11. West Fargo Safe Routes to School Study update (*If time permits*) Information Item
12. Clay County Public Health Update Information Item
13. Agency updates Information Item
14. Other business

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**127<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 3:00pm**  
**Hybrid Meeting – Virtual / In-person (Metro COG Conference Room)**

**Members Present**

Dan Farnsworth, Chair, Metro COG  
Cheryl Stetz, Fargo Cass Public Health  
Forrest Steinhoff, City of Moorhead Planning  
Kyle McCamy, West Fargo Engineering  
Peyton Mastera, City of Dilworth  
Tom Trowbridge, City of Moorhead Engineering  
Eric Hodgson, City of Fargo Engineering  
Maegin Elshaug, City of Fargo Planning  
Tyler Kirchner, Fargo Parks  
Cole Hansen, Cass County Planning  
Rosemary Bruce-White, MnDOT - District 4  
Patrick Hollister, PatnerSHIP 4 Health  
Christine Holland, River Keepers  
Kurt Kopperud, Citizen Representative

**Others Present:**

Ben Griffith, Metro COG  
Paul Bervik, Metro COG  
Aiden Jung, Metro COG  
Terry Steen, Citizen/Flatlands Cycling Club  
Jason Pike, Citizen

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 3:02 pm. Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Approve minutes from September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting**

A motion to approve the September 11<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by E. Hodgson and seconded by K. McCamy. The minutes passed unanimously.

**3. Public input opportunity**

One member of the public was present at the time of the public input opportunity, however there were no public comments made.

**4. Bike/Ped Committee Citizen Representative**

In early September Metro COG solicited for a second citizen representative to serve on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee. Metro COG received a total of nine applications. A selection committee comprised of representation from the jurisdictions of Horace, West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead, and Dilworth was used to review the applications. Due to the competitive nature of the applications, the selection committee narrowed the applications down to the top three with the top three asked to participate in brief in-person interviews.

Upon interviews, Terry Steen, was the top ranked applicant. Pending approval by the Committee, Mr. Steen will serve the two-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026.

A motion to approve Terry Steen as this solicitation's Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee's Citizen Rep was made by P. Mastera and seconded by T. Trowbridge. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **5. Procedure for Bike-Ped Committee Citizen Rep**

D. Farnsworth described the current procedure for the two Bike/Ped Committee citizen representative seats. The current procedure allows for the citizen rep to be offered to serve another two years once their first two-year term is complete. However, Metro COG, in agreement with the citizen rep selection group felt this could be confusing for candidates and doesn't tap into the many quality interested candidates as frequently. Therefore, Metro COG is requesting this option for a two-year extension be excluded.

Another suggestion from Metro COG and the citizen rep selection group was to keep applications on-file for two years. This wouldn't require reapplying candidates to reapply every year. This would also retain interested candidates who may be discouraged from applying due to not being chosen in past years.

It was asked if applicants who've already served can reapply. After discussion, P. Mastera suggested that a person who's already served a term can't reapply immediately, but could reapply one year after their term has expired. For example, if their term expired Dec 31 2026, they could reapply in the September 2027 solicitation for the Jan 1, 2028 – Dec 31, 2029 term. Selection of that individual to serve on the Committee would be at the discretion of the representative selection group.

A motion for this new procedure was made by P. Mastera and seconded by F. Steinhoff. The motion is as follows: Omit offering a second term to citizen representatives immediately after their term, keep applications of applicants on-file for two years, and allow any serving citizen representatives to reapply one year after their term has expired.

## **6. Revised Transportation Alternatives (TA) Scoring**

P. Bervik walked through proposed revisions to the TA as recommended by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee in 2023. Bervik noted that a subcommittee met to revise the TA scoring criteria during the summer/fall of 2024. Bervik presented the proposed changes to the scoring criteria. These included:

- Urban TA Criteria: 5 points for maintenance projects which are not specified in a plan. This applies to the plan/study scoring criteria.
- Rural TA Criteria: 10 points for a project that maintains or rehabilitates an existing facility.
- A change to the environmental justice map. The revised map used the Census tract groups rather than the Census block groups and also broke the income groups into 'Below Median Household Income' and 'Below Environmental Justice Parameters'.

## **7. Review & scoring of urban TA applications**

P. Bervik walked through the urban TA applications by briefly describing each project for which an application was submitted. Bervik then went through the scoring with the Committee for each project, pointing out the scoring for which he wanted the Committee's concurrence. None of the scores for the projects needed adjusting, however there were a few comments from Committee members requesting changes/considerations to scoring criteria in the future. Comments/changes/considerations to the scoring criteria were as follows:

- School proximity criteria – T. Trowbridge suggested considering a range of points for various distances.
- Land use criteria – It was suggested that in the future industrial land use should also be included, similar to commercial land use.

As a result of the scoring, the projects were scored as follows:

- City of Fargo – Drain 27/Deer Creek Shared Use Path Phase 1 – 30 pts
- City of Fargo – Drain 27/Deer Creek Shared Use Path Phase 2 – 30 pts
- City of Fargo – Low Level Drain 53 Crossing – 20 pts
- City of Fargo – Drain 53 Shared Use Path (64<sup>th</sup> Ave S to 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave S) – 20 pts
- City of West Fargo – Westside Elementary Area Pedestrian Ramps – 50 pts
- City of West Fargo – 8<sup>th</sup> Street Shared Use Path Reconstruct - 50 pts
- City of West Fargo – Beaton Dr Shared Use Path – 25 pts
- City of Moorhead – Bluestem Bridge Pedestrian Bridge - 35 pts

A motion to approve the scoring of the projects as shown was made by F. Steinhoff and seconded by K. McCamy. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **8. Review & scoring of rural TA applications**

P. Bervik described the one rural TA application – a Cass County application for the reconstruction of a shared use path in Kindred. Bervik then went through the scoring with

the Committee. The Committee concurred with the scoring as presented. The scoring yielded 55 points for the Cass County / Kindred shared use path reconstruction project.

A motion to approve the scoring of the projects as shown was made by M. Elshaug and seconded by C. Stetz. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **9. Project updates**

### **Clay County Heartland Trail Study**

D. Farnsworth provided an update on the Heartland Trail Study in Clay County. Farnsworth noted that the study has narrowed down the alignments to one alignment. Farnsworth described the alignment and noted the opportunities and challenges with the alignment. He pointed out that a public open house will be held on Monday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at the MSUM Science Center for the Buffalo River State Park management plan. Farnsworth encouraged the public and those interested in attending or to participate online. The Heartland Trail Study in Clay County is anticipated to be wrapped up in March of 2025.

### **Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan**

D. Farnsworth provided an update on the Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan. He noted that this plan has been moving quickly, with work kicked off in the beginning of 2024. Metro COG is wrapping up the plan right now with a draft plan anticipated to be released to the public and study review committee by the end of the week.

### **Bike Map App update**

D. Farnsworth updated the Committee on updates & fixes to the Fargo Moorhead Bike Map app. This app, which can be found on Metro COG's website and also downloaded via Apple Store or Google Play, is in the process of being updated. Metro COG strives to update the bikeway network on the app every two years or so. He also pointed out that the app may not be working via Google Play at the time being, but they are working with the app developer to get this resolved.

### **Bicycle Friendly Community Application update**

D. Farnsworth noted that Metro COG submitted an application for Bicycle Friendly Community in June of 2024. This application is for the Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area, which includes Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead, Horace, and Dilworth. Applicants are anticipated to hear from the League of American Bicyclists by the end of the year about any potential awards. Farnsworth pointed out that Metro COG applied and was awarded Bronze designation in 2014 and 2018. The FM Area hopes to be awarded Bronze again, or possibly even Silver.

### **Installation of new bicycle & pedestrian counters**

Bervik provided an update on the installation of new bicycle & pedestrian counters which Metro COG ordered in 2024. Bervik mentioned the Committee's involvement in selecting locations of future counter locations in the past. Metro COG was able to order eight

counters in 2024 which are currently being installed. Of the eight counters ordered, five have been installed thus far. Metro COG plans to install the other counters by the end of 2024. Bervik pointed out that data from the counters can be provided to jurisdictions via the data dashboard. Metro COG plans to provide jurisdictions with this access after all counters are set up.

#### **10. Other business**

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned around 4:45 pm.

**128<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 3:00pm**  
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**Members Present**

Dan Farnsworth, Chair, Metro COG  
Cole Hansen, Cass County Planning  
Jonathan Atkins, City of Moorhead Engineering  
Forrest Steinhoff, City of Moorhead Planning  
Jeremy Gorden, City of Fargo Engineering  
Kurt Kopperud, Citizen Representative  
Peyton Mastera, City of Dilworth  
Christine Holland, Riverkeepers  
Maegin Elshaug, City of Fargo Planning  
Aaron Murra, NDDOT – Fargo District  
Amy Zundel, West Fargo Parks  
Luke Grittner, MATBUS  
Jace Hellman, City of Horace

**Others Present:**

Ben Griffith, Metro COG  
Paul Bervik, Metro COG  
Aiden Jung, Metro COG  
Aiden Bragonier, Bolton & Menk  
Kyle Ten Napel, Houston Engineering  
Jason Pike, (Citizen)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 3:03 pm. Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Minutes from December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting**

A quorum was not present at this meeting. Therefore, the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were not approved. The December 4<sup>th</sup> minutes will be brought forward at the next meeting for approval.

**3. Public input opportunity**

While there were non-members (potential public) present at the meeting, no public comments were brought forward during the public comment opportunity.

#### **4. Updated Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee members**

With some new members on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee, D. Farnsworth reviewed the current list of members on the Metropolitan Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee with the Committee. New members since the last meeting include: Amy Zundel (West Fargo Parks) and Terry Steen (Citizen Representative). It was noted that there is currently a vacant seat for West Fargo Planning since Leslie McGillivray-Rivas is no longer with the city of West Fargo.

#### **5. Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card**

D. Farnsworth went through the Bicycle Friendly Community report card which was provided to Metro COG when the Fargo-Moorhead community obtained bronze designation by the League of American Bicyclists in January. Per the report card, the F-M community receiver higher scores in the categories of Engineering and Evaluation/Planning while receiving lower scores in Education, Encouragement, and Equity/Accessibility.

There was discussion about how local bicycle/pedestrian projects can be quantified as a way of tracking progress. It was suggested that Metro COG and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee could possibly develop a method for tracking the implementation of bicycle/pedestrian projects and improvements.

The Committee then reviewed the “Feedback to Improve” which the League of American Bicyclists provided in the report card. One of the feedback items listed was – *Encourage more local businesses, agencies and organizations to promote cycling and seek recognition through Bicycle Friendly Business programs.* D. Farnsworth noted that Metro COG will reach out to businesses and jurisdictions to encourage them to apply for Bicycle Friendly Business.

Another feedback item was – *Expand bicycle wayfinding to more strategic locations around the community.* There was some discussion around this item. Farnsworth noted that he would like to work with jurisdictions about improving bicycle wayfinding in the future.

There was then discussion about the need for more bicycle safety education for both adults and children, followed by discussion about recommendations for more and higher quality bicycle parking (which meets APBP standards).

#### **6. Clay County Heartland Trail Study Update**

D. Farnsworth provided the Committee with an overview of the Heartland Trail Study in Clay County, discussing the alignment, phasing, and next steps. A draft plan is anticipated to be sent to the public within a couple weeks with a final plan and adoption anticipated in May/June.

#### **7. West Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan Update**



A. Jung discussed the recently kicked-off West Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan with the Committee. This plan, which will be developed in-house by Metro COG, will be a two-year process with schools located north of I-94 studied in 2025 and schools south of I-94 in 2026. Since the West Fargo School District includes schools in Harwood and Horace, those schools will be included as well. C. Hansen asked if Cass County could be part of the plan's study review committee since several schools are next to county roadways. Metro COG will forward Cole Hansen the meeting invite, which he can then forward to the proper county staff member.

A. Jung discussed that the plan won't include West Fargo Public Schools located within the city of Fargo, with the exception of Meadowlark Elementary which was constructed after completion of the Fargo Safe Route to School Plan.

It was also suggested that West Fargo Parks be included on the study review committee too. Metro COG will forward A. Zundel the meeting invite.

## **8. Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map App Update**

D. Farnsworth provided a brief overview of the Fargo-Moorhead bike map app and noted the challenges they are having with the app developer. Metro COG provided the app developer with the latest bikeways in August of 2024 and the developer has yet to implement the updates, despite over 20 back-forth emails. D. Farnsworth stated that Metro COG can no longer depend on this app developer and another solution will need to take place.

Farnsworth noted that they have been looking into potential new app developers, but noted the costs of other developers far exceeds the cost allocated for the existing app developer.

J. Atkins suggested Metro COG should consider Field Maps and noted that Moorhead uses that for various purposes and is satisfied with the product. Field Maps is an ESRI tool which Metro COG already has a license to. Atkins suggested getting in touch with Moorhead's GIS lead, Michael. J. Hanks also noted that Horace uses Field Maps. Metro COG will follow-up to learn more about the potential use of this tool to possibly substitute the current version of the Fargo-Moorhead bike map app.

## **9. Agency Updates**

### **Dilworth**

P. Mastera noted that the state is in the design phase of Hwy 10 in Dilworth, which will include improved sidewalk/path along Hwy 10. Mastera also noted the Dilworth is updating their comprehensive plan.

### **Horace**

J. Hellman mentioned that Horace is planning for a continuous shared use path along the west side of Drain 27 from the Fargo city limits to the FM Diversion southern embankment.

### **Fargo**

J. Gorden listed several projects that are being designed or constructed in Fargo. These include:

- A shared use path along the Red River in the vicinity of the VA hospital
- Phase II of a shared use path along the Red River between 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S and 40<sup>th</sup> Ave S in south Fargo
- A crossing of Rose Creek in south Fargo
- A shared use path on the west side of Drain 27 near Deer Creek neighborhood

### **Moorhead**

J. Atkins noted that Moorhead will be reconstructing 34<sup>th</sup> St which will include the reconstruction of the shared use path. While under construction, they plan to have the bicycle/pedestrian detour on a dedicated on-street facility because otherwise the bike/ped detour would be up to two miles.

Atkins also noted that (for the first time) Moorhead is gathering ride quality using the ride quality index (RQI) on the shared use paths in Moorhead. This will help Moorhead determine which paths should be prioritized for replacement.

F. Steinhoff mentioned that Moorhead plans to looking into improved bicycle parking in Moorhead.

### **West Fargo**

A Zundel noted that West Fargo Parks is interested in connecting downtown West Fargo to Armour Park with a bridge across the Sheyenne River. She also noted that they are looking at a potential bicycle safety park at one of the parks in West Fargo. D. Farnsworth expressed excitement for a bicycle safety park noting the ongoing need in the Fargo-Moorhead area for better bicycle safety education.

Zundel also noted improvements to existing paths which would include mill & overlay projects and replacing paths with concrete.

## **10. Other business**

There was no other additional business. The meeting was adjourned around 4:25 pm.

**To:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee  
**From:** Dan Farnsworth  
**Date:** June 13, 2025  
**Re:** **Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map App update**

At the last Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee meeting, Metro COG staff noted that the developer of the current [FM Bike Map App](#) is no longer reliable and may no longer be operational. Therefore, it was suggested that Metro COG look into a GIS-based tool to develop a bike map in-house. After the Committee meeting, Metro COG staff reached out to Moorhead GIS staff to discuss the possibility of Metro COG creating and maintaining a GIS-based online public map using Metro COG's existing GIS (ESRI) software license.

It was determined that ESRI's Experience Builder tool would work well for a future online public map. Developing a map with this tool would allow the map to include the same features as the current bike map app, including a user's GPS location if desired. Using this tool, Metro COG staff would be able to update the map at will so that the bikeways could regularly be updated.

At the June 18<sup>th</sup> Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee meeting, Metro COG staff will show the Committee the draft online map which was developed and demonstrate its capabilities. This map could also be linked to a QR code allowing users to easily access the map without downloading an app.

At the meeting, Metro COG will also show the Committee, and solicit feedback, on logos staff created to be used for a new Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map App.

In addition to the online map, Metro COG is considering developing and printing paper bikeways maps. Since discontinuing the paper maps in 2018, Metro COG has received numerous requests for paper maps over the years. Metro COG feels both paper maps and a digital map would best meet the needs of the area's diverse population.

**To:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee  
**From:** Dan Farnsworth  
**Date:** June 13, 2025  
**Re:** **Past plans - implementation tracking**

At the last Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee meeting, it was suggested that Metro COG look at past bicycle/pedestrian plans to gauge the progress made on the plans' recommendations.

Metro COG referenced recent Metro COG-led plans and developed a table of infrastructure recommendations within each plan. The plans Metro COG referenced are the following:

- Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan (2025)
- DGF Safe Routes to School Plan (2023)
- Red River Greenway Study (2023)
- Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan (2020)
- FM Diversion Greenway Master Plan (2020)
- FM Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (2019)
- FM Bikeways Gap Analysis (2019)

The attached table summarizes infrastructure recommendations from each plan, notes the jurisdiction(s) responsible for implementation, and notes the progress of each recommendation.

The Committee will discuss this potential tracking effort further at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. If the Committee would like to pursue such tracking, Metro COG would ask that each jurisdiction dedicate the necessary time to help Metro COG update the status of each applicable recommendation.

Study	Project	Description	Jurisdiction 1	Jurisdiction 2	Status
Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan (2025)	Ellen Hopkins Elementary School		MPS	City of Mrhd	0 of 6 projects
	Probstfield Elementary School		MPS	City of Mrhd	0 of 11 projects
	S. G. Reinertsen Elementary School		MPS	City of Mrhd	0 of 15 projects
	Robert Asp Elementary School		MPS	City of Mrhd	0 of 6 projects
	Dorothy Dodds Elementary School		MPS	City of Mrhd	0 of 7 projects
	Horizon Middle School		MPS	City of Mrhd	0 of 15 projects
DGF Safe Routes to School Plan (2023)	Dilworth Elementary School (Responsibility: City)		City of Dilwrth		XX of 6 projects
	Dilworth Elementary School (Responsibility: Schools)		DGF		XX of 2 projects
	Dilworth Elementary School (Responsibility: Joint)		City of Dilwrth	DGF/Co./State	XX of 4 projects
	Glyndon Middle/High School (Responsibility: City)		City of Glyndon		XX of 4 projects
	Glyndon Middle/High School (Responsibility: Schools)		DGF		XX of 5 projects
	Glyndon Middle/High School (Responsibility: Joint)		City of Glyndon	DGF/Co./State	XX of 3 projects
Red River Greenway Study (2023)	Trail Segment 1 - Broadway to Edgewood Golf Course		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 2 - Edgewood Golf Course to 32nd Ave N		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 3 - 32nd Ave N to Woodcrest Dr.		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 4 - Woodcrest Dr to ~16th Ave N		Fargo	Fargo Parks	Programmed
	Access Point A - 10th St N to river corridor (3800 block 10th St)		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Access Point B - 29th Ave N/Lilac Ln to river corridor		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Access Point C - Elm St to river corridor (VA Park)		Fargo	Fargo Parks	Programmed
	Bridge 1 - Woodcrest Dr to MB Johnson Park		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 5 - Mickelson Park to Oak Grove Park		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Access Point D - Mickelson Park dry side to wet side of dike		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Access Point E - Downtown to river corridor via 2nd Ave N/civic plaza		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Access Point F - 8th Ave S to river corridor		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Bridge 2 - Downtown Fargo & Moorhead via 2nd Ave N corridor		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 6 - Riverside Cemetery to Fargo Country Club		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 7 - Fargo Country Club to 30th Ave S		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 8 - 30th Ave S to Lemke Park		Fargo	Fargo Parks	In discussion
	Trail Segment 9 - Lemke Park to 40th Ave S		Fargo	Fargo Parks	Under construction
	Bridge 3 - Lemke Park (32nd Ave S) to River Oaks Park (40th Ave S)		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Bridge 4 - 40th Ave S to Bluestem		Fargo	Fargo Parks	Programmed
	Trail Segment 10 - 40th Ave S to 64th Ave S		Fargo	Fargo Parks	In discussion
	Trail Segment 11 - 64th Ave S to 76th Ave S		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 12 - 76th Ave S to 88th Ave S		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Access Point G - University Dr/70th Ave S to river corridor		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Access Point H - Neighborhood to river corridor (vicinity 73rd Ave S)		Fargo	Fargo Parks	Partially complete
	Trail Segment 13 - Trail along drain 27 (40th Ave S to 42nd St)		Fargo	Fargo Parks	No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 14 - Trail connections over Rose Creek		Fargo	Fargo Parks	Programmed
	Trail Segment 15 - Trail along drain 53 (64th Ave S to 73rd Ave S)		Fargo	Fargo Parks	In discussion
	Trail Segment 16a - Trail along drain 27 (52nd Ave S to 88th Ave S)		Fargo	Horace	Partially complete
	Trail Segment 16a - Trail along 88th Ave from drain 27 to CR 17		Horace		No immediate plans
	Trail Segment 17 - Trail on old rail alignment (CR 17 to 46th St SE)		Horace	Cass Co	No immediate plans
	Agassiz School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 6 projects
	Bennett Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 12 projects
	Centennial Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 9 projects
	Clara Barton Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 5 projects
	Eagles Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 13 projects
	Ed Clapp Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 6 projects
	Hawthorne Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 9 projects
	Horace Mann Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 9 projects
	Jefferson Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 11 projects
	Kennedy Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 12 projects
	Lewis & Clark Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 12 projects
	Lincoln Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 13 projects

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Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan (2020)	Longfellow Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 12 projects
	Madison Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 8 projects
	McKinley Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 6 projects
	Roosevelt Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 11 projects
	Washington Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 9 projects
	Ben Franklin Middle School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 11 projects
	Carl Ben Eielson Middle School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 10 projects
	Discovery Middle School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 13 projects
	Deer Creek Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 6 projects
	Independence Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 10 projects
	Osgood Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 10 projects
	Willow Park Elementary		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 8 projects
	Liberty Middle School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 11 projects
	Grace Lutheran School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 7 projects
	Holy Spirit School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 4 projects
	Nativity School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 9 projects
	Sullivan School		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 9 projects
	Oak Grove South		School District	City of Fargo	XX of 5 projects
FM Diversion Greenway Master Plan (2020)	Segments 1 - 3		TBD		No immediate plans
	Nodes 1 - 3		TBD		No immediate plans
	Segments 4 - 6		TBD		No immediate plans
	Nodes 4 - 6		TBD		No immediate plans
	Segments 7 - 11		TBD		No immediate plans
	Nodes 7 - 11		TBD		No immediate plans
FM Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (2019)	Bike #22	7th Ave NE from Center St to 45th St	West Fargo	Fargo	No immediate plans
	Bike #28	1st St from 7th Ave E to Main Ave	West Fargo		No immediate plans
	Bike #50	Main St from Park Dr to Wall Ave	Horace		No immediate plans
	Bike #71	New segment from intersection of 63 St and 81st Ave due west	Horace	Fargo	Partially complete
	Bike #198	New segment from 40th Ave S along river to 32nd Ave S	Moorhead		No immediate plans
	Bike #440	32nd St from 17th Ave S to Fiechtner Dr	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Bike #450	Main Ave from 45th St to 18th St	Fargo		Partially Programmed
	Bike #480	Broadway from 8th Ave N to 35th Ave N	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Bike #521	7th Ave N from 38th St to Elm St	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Bike #733	21st St from Center Ave to 2nd Ave N	Moorhead		No immediate plans
	Bike #950	Heartland Trail	Clay Co	Others	In discussion
	Bike #500	9th Ave S from 36th St to 38th St	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Ped 1	3rd St & 19th Ave N	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Ped 2	29th St 12th Ave N	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Ped 3	Roberts St & 1st Ave N	Fargo		Programmed
	Ped 4	3rd St N & 4th St N	Moorhead		
	Ped 5	US Hwy 10 & Main St	Dilworth		In discussion
	Ped 6	3rd St, 4th St, 3rd Ave S	Moorhead		No immediate plans
	Ped 7	34th St & Ridgewood Blvd	Moorhead		No immediate plans
	Ped 8	45th St & 23rd Ave S	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Ped 9	University Dr & 27th Ave S	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Ped 10	Veterans Blvd & 40th Ave S	West Fargo		No immediate plans
	Ped 11	10th St & 1st Ave N	Fargo		No immediate plans
	Ped 12	University Dr & 25th Ave S/24th Ave S	Fargo		In discussion
	Ped 13	9th St W & 32nd Ave W	West Fargo		No immediate plans
	Gap 1	Path connecting N. Elmwood Park to Scheels Soccer Complex	West Fargo	-	In discussion
	Gap 2	Path from Brooks Harbor neighborhood to Lights on Sheyenne	West Fargo	-	Complete
	Gap 3	Path connecting Sheyenne St to Osgood to 52nd Ave E	West Fargo	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 4	Path along Dakota Dr / CR 81 from 12th Ave to CR 22	Fargo	Cass Co	No immediate plans
	Gap 5	Path along Red River from 15th Ave N to 32nd Ave N	Fargo	-	Programmed

Study	Project	Description	Jurisdiction 1	Jurisdiction 2	Status
FM Bikeways Gap Analysis (2019)	Gap 6	Bike lanes on 7th Ave N from Univ. Dr to Oak Grove Park	Fargo	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 7	Bike lanes on 13th Ave S from 21st St to Lindenwood Park	Fargo	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 8	Path/bike lanes on 24th Ave/25th Ave S from 5th St to 18th St	Fargo	-	In discussion
	Gap 9	Pedestrian bridge over Red River - 40th Ave S / Bluestem	Fargo	Moorhead	Programmed
	Gap 10	Path/bike lanes on Broadway from 9th Ave N to 35th Ave N	Fargo	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 11	Pedestrian bridge over I-29 - vicinity 28th Ave S	Fargo	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 12	Path/bike lanes thru Concordia or 5th St/4th St	Moorhead	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 13	Path/bike lanes connecting 20th St to 28th Ave	Moorhead	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 14	Path connecting SE Main Ave to 26th St via 24th or 27th Ave S	Moorhead	-	No immediate plans
	Gap 15	Path along SE Main Ave/Hwy 52 from I-94 to 40th Ave S	Moorhead	Clay Co	No immediate plans
	Gap 16	Path along 11th St/CR 3 & Path along Wall St Ave/CR 22	Moorhead	Clay Co	No immediate plans



**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
**From:** Paul Bervik, Assistant Transportation Planner  
**Date:** June 13, 2025  
**Re:** **TA Scoring Revisions**

After the last round of TA solicitations, Metro COG staff reviewed the TA scoring criteria for conformance with the newly adopted 2050 MTP. Attached are the recommended updates to the scoring as well as the current TA scoring criteria for comparison.

See **Attachment 1** for updated TA Scoring. Updates are shown highlighted or in red text. Current TA Scoring included for comparison.

See **Attachment 2** for the Active Trip Potential map used in updated Urban TA scoring.

**Requested Action:** Recommend Policy Board approval of the updated TA scoring for use in future TA application vetting.

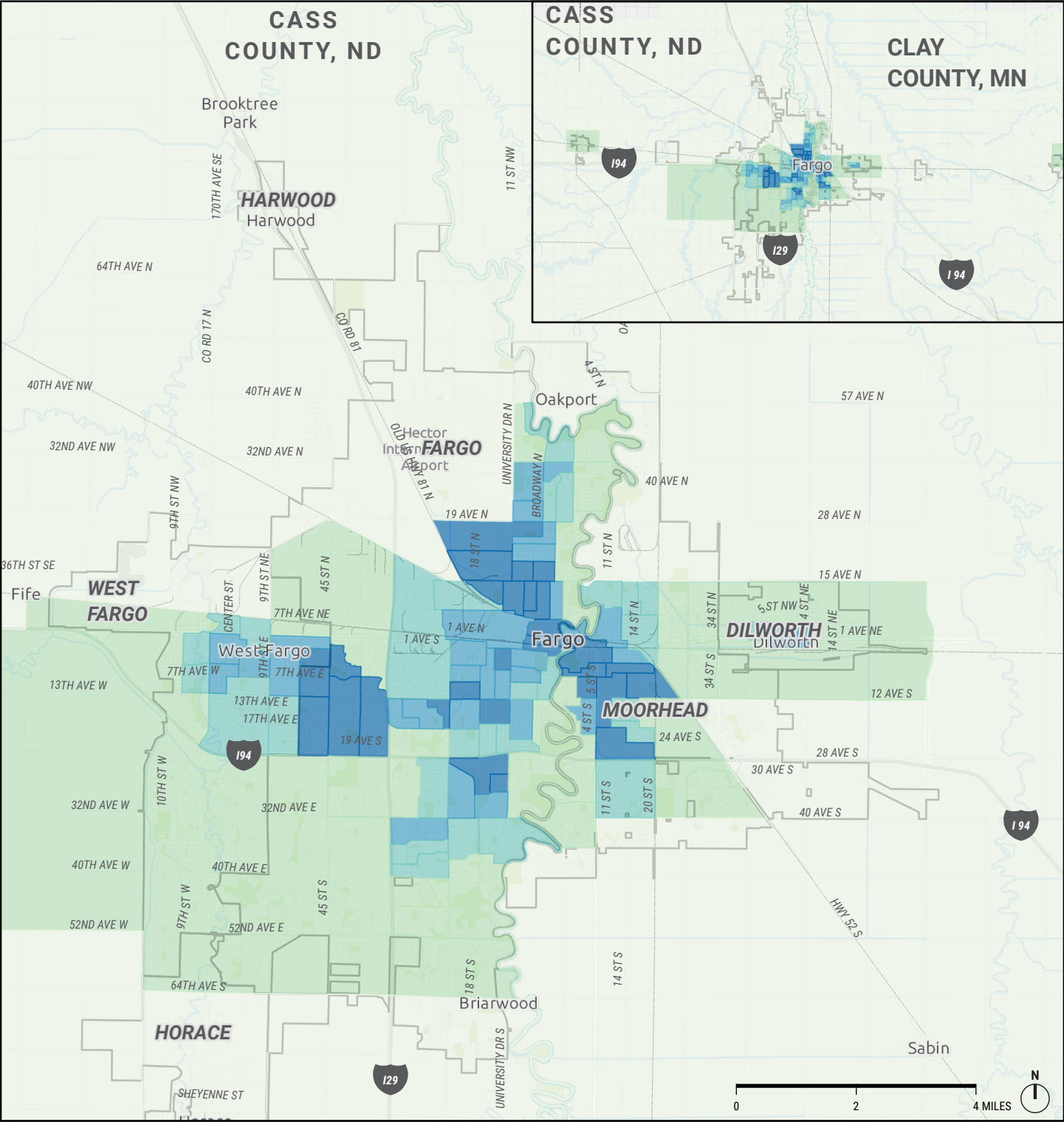


# Revised TA Project Evaluation - Urban

2050 <del>2045</del> MTP Goal	TA Evaluation Criteria			
	Question	Evaluation instructions	Source of criteria	Points
System Safety	Is the project located where a crash involving a motor vehicle and a bicyclist or pedestrian have occurred within the past 5 years?	<i>Refer to most recent bicycle/pedestrian crash maps. Saved in TA folder.</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	10
	Is the project located within 1/2 mile radius of a K-8 public school?	<i>Measure from outermost perimeter of school building.</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	10
Connecting People and Places	Is the project within a 1/4 mile of existing commercial <del>or industrial</del> AND multi-dwelling residential (3-plexes or greater) land uses?	<i>Per jurisdiction's zoning maps</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	10
Transportation Decisions	Is the project part of a multi-jurisdictional planning effort/initiative?	<i>This criteria is designed to be a project partnership between two separate jurisdictions such as City of Fargo and City of Moorhead. This criteria is not intended to be for partnerships between a city or school district, city and park district, or any agency sponsoring another agency.</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	5
	Is the project consistent with recommendations of a completed corridor, comprehensive, or other planning study?	<i>These would be studies or plans that would be approved by a governing body, and would ideally have obtained public input as part of the study or plan.</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	In 2050 MTP: 15 points  In a Plan: 10 points  Maintenance Project NOT in a Plan: 5 points  New Project NOT in a Plan: 0 points
Walking and Bicycling	Is the project located in a zone which currently has low or moderate levels of walkability on the Active Trip Potential map <del>2045-MTP's walkability index?</del>	<i>Refer to Map 8 in Appendix D of the 2022 Bike Ped Plan <del>Figure 4.24 in the 2045-MTP Plan</del>. Low and moderate shown as three (3) colors closer to the bottom trip conversion <del>in blue and yellow</del>. If project is in two zones, chose the zone in which the majority of the project is located.</i>	2022 Bike Ped Plan <del>2045-MTP</del>	10
Travel Efficiency and Reliability	Is the project located in an area with high or medium levels of vehicle trip density?	<i>High trip density = 50+ trips/acre Medium trip density 25 to 50 trips/acre Refer to maps developed for F-M area. Saved in TA folder. If project is in two zones, choose the zone in which the majority of the project is located.</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	High trip density: 10 points Med trip density: 5 points
Community Context and Impact Reduction	Does the project make a systematic effort to conserve natural resources	<i>Per FHWA TA eligibility, this criteria would include: vegetation management, environmental mitigation related to stormwater, and habitat connectivity. Any of these items would need to be identified in the application/letter of intent in order to receive points.</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	3
Transit Access and Reliability	Is the project within 1/4 mile of a MATBUS route corridor?	<i>This is measured from any portion of the project.</i>	2050 MTP <del>2045-MTP</del>	5
	<del>Is the project located within one of Metro COG's environmental justice (EJ) areas?</del>	<del>Use latest Metro COG environmental justice map. Project is within or directly adjacent to EJ area</del>	<del>2045-MTP</del>	<del>5</del>

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	Is the project located within 1/2 mile radius of a K-8 public school?	Measure from outermost perimeter of school building.	2045 MTP	10
Travel Efficiency and Reliability	Is the project within a 1/4 mile of existing commercial AND multi-dwelling residential (3-plexes or greater) land uses?	Per jurisdiction's zoning maps	(2045 MTP)	10
	Is the project part of a multi-jurisdictional planning effort/initiative?	This criteria is designed to be a project partnership between two separate jurisdictions such as City of Fargo and City of Moorhead. This criteria is not intended to be for partnerships between a city or school district, city and park district, or any agency sponsoring another agency.	-	5
Walking and Bicycling	Is the project located in a zone which currently has low or moderate levels of walkability on the 2045 MTP's walkability index?	Refer to Figure 4.24 in the 2045 MTP Plan. Low and moderate shown in blue and yellow. If project is in two zones, chose the zone in which the majority of the project is located.	2045 MTP	10
	Is the project consistent with recommendations of a completed corridor, comprehensive, or other planning study?	These would be studies or plans that would be approved by a governing body, and would ideally have obtained public input as part of the study or plan.	2045 MTP	In a Plan: 10 points Maintenance Project NOT in a Plan: 5 points New Project NOT in a Plan: 0 points
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	Does the project make a systematic effort to conserve natural resources	Per FHWA TA eligibility, this criteria would include: vegetation management, environmental mitigation related to stormwater, and habitat connectivity. Any of these items would need to be identified in the application/letter of intent in order to receive points.	(2045 MTP)	3
Economic Development and Transportation Decisions	Is the project within 1/4 mile of a MATBUS route corridor?	This is measured from any portion of the project.	(2045 MTP)	5
	Is the project located within one of Metro COG's environmental justice (EJ) areas?	Use latest Metro COG environmental justice map. Project is within or directly adjacent to EJ area	2045 MTP	5



ACTIVE TRIP POTENTIAL

FARGO-MOORHEAD  
METROPOLITAN BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN



BASEMAP

- Railroad
- River
- Park
- Cities
- Counties
- Fargo-Moorhead COG

POTENTIAL FOR ACTIVE TRIP CONVERSION (UNDER 1 MILE)

- Bottom 20%
- Top 20%

**To:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee  
**From:** Dan Farnsworth  
**Date:** June 13, 2025  
**Re:** **Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force composition**

As the Heartland Trail Study in Clay County wraps up, a committee or task force should be established to guide and ensure ongoing progress of Heartland Trail planning efforts.

The Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force was formed in 2014 and met regularly in the following years. However, meetings became less frequent over the years with the last meeting occurring in early 2020. Also, the Task Force was rather large with 26 member seats and three advisory member seats when the last meeting occurred.

It was suggested that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee revisit the composition of the Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force to update current members assigned to the Task Force and to ensure the appropriate stakeholders and agencies are represented.

The Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force (as of 2020) is shown on the following page. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee will discuss the future composition of the Task Force at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee meeting.

When discussing, considerations could include:

- Should the Task Force be comprised of technical staff, elected officials, or a combination thereof?
- How large should the Task Force be? How large is too large?
- What roles should the Task Force include? – Planning? Guidance? Lobbying? Advocacy?
- How many representatives should represent each jurisdiction? Should some jurisdictions have several representatives?

## Clay Co Heartland Trail Task Force – 2020

Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force	
Member	Representing
Dan Farnsworth (Chair)	Metro COG
Grant Weyland	Clay County
Frank Gross	Clay County
Dave Overbo Proxy: Erik Hove	Clay County
Sara Watson Curry	City of Moorhead
Tom Trowbridge	City of Moorhead
Jim Aasness	City of Dilworth
Cheryl Stetz	City of Dilworth / DGF Schools
Cecil Johnson	City of Glyndon
Ben Gunkelman	City of Hawley
Lisa Jetvig	City of Hawley
<b>Seeking member</b>	Oakport Township
<b>Seeking member</b>	Moorhead Township
<b>Seeking member</b>	Moland Township
<b>Seeking member</b>	Glyndon Township
Lee Alm	Riverton Township
Dennis Olsen	Hawley Township
<b>Seeking member</b>	Highland Grove Township
<b>Seeking member</b>	Eglon Township
Cleone Stewart/Jon Smith/Guy Fischer	Becker County / Detroit Lakes
Brian Nelson	Buffalo River State Park
Brian Winter	Nature Conservancy
Tony Bormann	MSUM Science Center
Jane Butzer Proxy: Mary Safgren	MnDOT
Patrick Hollister	PartnerSHIP 4 Health
Mike Hulett	Citizen Advocate
Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force Advisory Members	
Kent Skaar	DNR
Shawn Donais	DNR
Tim Williamson	DNR
Dion Turgeon	DNR
Bruce Albright	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District