

MATBUS Transit Authority Study - Preproposal Meeting  
October 25, 2018 – 2:30pm – Metro COG Conference Room

SRC in attendance:

Michael Maddox, Metro COG  
Matthew Peterson, City of Fargo Transit  
Julie Bommelman, City of Fargo Transit  
Lori Van Beek, City of Moorhead Transit  
Jordan Smith, MATBUS Fleet Transit Manager

Consultants in attendance:

Jamie Wark, SRF Consulting  
Bill Troe, SRF Consulting  
Tom Cruikshank, WSB & Associates

Mr. Maddox asked the transit representatives what they were specifically in the proposals.

Julie Bommelman: Fargo is looking for funding mechanisms, what will change, how it will change, how state dollars will play into the funding, how the structure and options will look like, and legislatively (ND meets once every two years) can this be brought forward in 2019, and fleet sharing.

Lori Van Beek: similar to Fargo, state-funding changes, MN may have to make new policies in regards to the authority in greater MN, moving structures and honoring tenured employees, staffing levels and comparisons

Michael Maddox: Transit Authority is only one direction, and that there could be other options to explore. Need to evaluate ND century code, and MN statutes to adhere, need a high level of bi-city/state coordination for this study, robust SRCs with local officials is necessary, how change could potentially change each government. Take into account the current Transit Authority study and the potential for expansion.

Matthew Peterson: Another option to explore is what happens if no changes are made, what happens with funding and necessary funding and staffing levels with will inevitably rise.

Jordan Smith: The option of one fleet vs shared fleet and cost sharing.

Consultant Questions

Q: Is there a benefit to look at routes/operations might/could change relative to a different organizational structure?

A: It is not necessary for this study, as the TDP will be restudied in 2022

Michael Maddox: Suggested proposing an implementation process, as this type of project has never been done in this area before, as well as Organization of documentation, or direction of work for documents and legal processes.