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# 570<sup>th</sup> Transportation Technical Committee Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments THURSDAY, September 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM Metro COG Conference Room AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Approve the Agenda Action Item 3. Approve Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2025 Action Item 4. Public Input Opportunity Public Input 5. Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP Adoption **Action Item** 6. Final Draft 2026-2027 UPWP Adoption **Action Item** 7. Minnesota Federal Functional Classification 2025 **Action Item** 8. Moorhead I-94 & 20th St Interchange Study **Action Item Action Item** 9. TTC Bylaw Amendment

10. Agency Updates

a. City of Fargo
b. City of Moorhead
c. City of West Fargo
d. City of Dilworth
e. City of Horace

f. Cass County
g. Clay County
h. MATBUS
i. Others

11. Additional Business

Information Item

Discussion Item

12. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next TTC meeting will be held **Thursday**, **October 9**, **2025** at 10:00 AM.

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**Bolded** Action Items require roll call votes.

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## 569<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee Thursday, August 14, 2025 – 10:00 AM Metro COG Conference Room

#### **Members Present:**

Julie	Bommelman	MATBUS

Maegin Elshaug City of Fargo Planning (Alt. for N. Crutchfield)

Steinhoff Forrest Moorhead Planning (Alt. for R. Huston)

Jeremy Gorden City of Fargo Transportation Eng. (Left at 10:20 am)

Ben Griffith Metro COG Luke Grittner MATBUS

Cole Hansen Cass County Planning Director (arrived at 11 a.m.)

Jace Hellman City of Horace – Comm. Dev Director
Will Hutchings NDDOT – Local Government Division

Matthew Jacobson Clay County Planning
Kyle Litchy Cass County Highway

Don Lorsung City of Dilworth Community Development Oliver Nieman West Fargo Engineering (Alt. for McCamy)

Mary Safgren MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director Brit Stevens NDSU – Transportation Manager

Tom Trowbridge Moorhead Engineering

#### Members Absent:

Nicole Crutchfield City of Fargo Planning (Alternate present)
Robin Huston City of Moorhead Planning (Alt. present)

Kelly Krapu Freight

Kyle McCamy West Fargo Engineering (Alternate present)

Aaron Nelson West Fargo City Planning

Joe Raso GFMEDC

Justin Sorum Clay County Engineering

#### Others Present:

Adam Altenburg Metro COG Karissa Beierle Pavek Metro COG Paul Bervik Metro COG Angela Brumbaugh Metro COG Dan Farnsworth Metro COG Aiden Juna Metro COG Metro COG Michael Maddox

Tabatha Arnaud City of Kindred Auditor Angie Bolstad Stantec Engineering

Cody Christianson Bolton & Menk Engineering

JamesDahlmanInterstate EngineeringDylanDunnMoore EngineeringJohnForemanUlteig EngineeringWadeFrankStantec Engineering

Jason Gottfried MnDOT – MPO Coordinator

JeffLansinkHouston EngineeringEthanLehmannCass County PlanningBrentMuschaApex Engineering

Adam Spelhaug City of Kindred Commissioner

Kristin Sperry FHWA-ND

Sarah Swedburg Bolton & Menk Engineering

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on August 14, 2025 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

#### 2. Approve the 569th TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the August 14, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the August 14, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Hellman MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. Approve July 10, 2025 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the July 10, 2025 TTC Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approve the July 10, 2025 TTC Minutes.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

#### 5. 2025-2028 TIP Amendment 8

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 8 regarding the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, and comments would be accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 21, 2025. At the time of the meeting, no comments had been received.

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

- 1. **Modification of Project 9240053:** NDDOT removing negative left turn offsets at various locations (2025). Updating the total project cost and cost breakdown. Moving project year from 2026 to 2025.
- Modification of Project 4253046: Fargo removing negative left turn offsets at intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and University Drive (2025). Moving project year from 2026 to 2025.
- 3. **New Project 9258062:** NDDOT professional engineering for the reconstruction of 10<sup>th</sup> Street North from NP Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North (2025).

Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 8 of the Metro COG 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board

Ms. Bommelman moved, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Draft 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement (TIP) Development

Mr. Bervik presented the draft 2026-2029 TIP document. He stated there will be a legal notice published in the August 13<sup>th</sup> edition of The Forum. There will be a public input meeting at the Hjemkomst Center on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. TTC members were asked to go over the projects to be sure everything is accurate and respond if they have any comments or questions.

#### Information only

#### 7. Federal Functional Class (Minnesota)

Ms. Beierle Pavek stated Metro COG still has a few comments to address before the Federal Functional Classification is ready to be presented to TTC. The document will be prepared and presented at the September 11, 2025 meeting. Staff clarified with Ms. Safgren to be sure that would still be acceptable.

Because the motion from July was to table it until August, a motion needs to be approved to continue the discussion in September.

Motion: Continue the Federal Functional Classification Update of Minnesota to the September 11, 2025 TTC meeting.

Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge MOTION, PASSED Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. Kindred Comprehensive & Transportation Plan

Mr. Altenburg stated the study was kicked off in August 2024. He introduced Sarah Swedburg with Bolton and Menk Engineering.

Ms. Swedburg summarized the different steps taken to complete this project: Public hearings were held in Jue, feedback was requested from community groups and reviewed the historical trends.

The vision statement is "to have a kind, vibrant, and thriving community that leverages its strong sense of unity and small-town charm while enhancing local amenities, infrastructure, and economic opportunities for all."

Different topics discussed are Economic Development, Land use maps including the flood plain area, planning for incremental growth, transportation, public facilities and infrastructures, community character, housing, natural resources, and parks and recreation.

The Implementation chapter is a tool for the city and council moving forward along with priority and phasing. Council felt it was a good process with a lot of positive feedback. Currently Kindred is a bedroom community for the metro and they would like to look at ways to keep more people in Kindred.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Kindred Comprehensive and Transportation Plan Mr. Hellman moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung MOTION, PASSED Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. Heartland Trail Study in Clay County

Mr. Farnsworth presented the Heartland Trail study, stating Metro COG completed the study with partnerships with Clay County, Dilworth, PartnerSHIP for Health, Glyndon and Moorhead. The first portion of Heartland Trail was constructed in 1976 from Park Rapids to Walker, MN. The state of Minnesota authorized the extension of the trail from Park Rapids to Moorhead in 2006, but no funding was included.

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Public engagements were held along with stakeholder meetings including townships, environmental groups, snowmobile clubs, etc.

The trail was broken into four segments. The public would prefer not to see a trail along highway 10. A tunnel crossing in Glyndon would cost approximately \$2 million.

Discussion was included to have the trail go through Buffalo River State Park but the only agency that can plan a trail in the state parks is DNR.

The phasing plan would be to start from the Moorhead area and go East. Local jurisdictions will need to determine if they would like a state or regional trail. A state trail would be maintained by the state but typically takes longer to complete. Setting up a task force with the help of the Bike Ped committee is the next step.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Heartland Trail Study in Clay County
Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Mr. Hutchings
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Agency Updates

- a. City of Fargo Engineering Construction projects in the final stages
- b. City of Fargo Planning Nothing to report
- c. City of Moorhead Engineering Underpass is still proceeding 1st Avenue N will open after school starts, 34th Street intersection is reopened, working with school district for Safe Routes to School to implement some of the recommendations
- d. City of Moorhead Planning Nothing to report
- e. MATBUS Coming to the end of Transit Development Plan
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering Continuing annual maintenance, 8<sup>th</sup> Street multi-use path nearing completion
- g. City of Dilworth Working on the design process for Community Center and the Comprehensive Plan

- h. City of Horace Hired new City Planner as Mr. Hellman will no longer be with the city
- i. Cass County Highway Construction commencing, a lot of projects complete but there are a few remaining, completion of all projects by the end of September, working with DOT for I-29 overpass
- j. Cass County Planning Nothing to report
- k. Clay County Planning Nothing to report
- I. NDSU Nothing to report
- m. MnDOT District 4 West Central Nothing to report
- n. NDDOT Central Office Nothing to report
- o. Federal Highway Nothing to report.
- p. MN DOT Central Office Nothing to report
- q. Metro COG updated on prioritizing of potential planning projects in the UPWP,19 projects total divided into small and large based on complexity, will send out new list to TTC members

#### 11. Additional Business

Chair Griffith stated that due to the success of the Prioritization Committee, it should be formalized going forward, which requires an amendment to the TTC Bylaws. He stated he had drafted a proposed amendment that had been sent to the attorney for review and that he would send formal notice in advance of placing the proposed amendment onto the next agenda, probably on September 2 after Labor Day.

#### 12. Adjourn

The 569<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on August 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM.

Mr. Trowbridge moved to Adjourn; Ms. Bommelman seconded MOTION, PASSED Motion carried unanimously.

## THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh Office Manager



## METROCOG Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments

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To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Paul Bervik and Adam Altenburg

Date: September 5, 2025

Re: Final Draft Metro COG 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP) Adoption

Metro COG staff has developed the Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP document, which lists federally funded transportation projects for the named four federal fiscal-year period. The TIP was developed in coordination with NDDOT, MnDOT, MATBUS, and local jurisdictions. It contains all federally funded, regionally significant, and projects of local significance in the Fargo Moorhead Region.

Metro COG solicited public input throughout the development of the TIP in accordance with Metro COG's Public Participation Plan (PPP) and 23 CFR 450.316, Metro COG held a public open house introducing the elements of the Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP to the public on September 2, 2025. The Final Draft TIP was also made available for review on Metro COG's website: <a href="https://www.fmmetrocog.org/TIP">https://www.fmmetrocog.org/TIP</a>.

Metro COG posted a legal notice in the August 13, 2025 edition of The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead which commenced the official mandatory 30-day TIP comment period as well as the public open house where the Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP would be presented. The public open house was held on September 2, 2025 from 3:30 – 6:30 PM at the Hiemkomst Center in Moorhead, MN.

Throughout this process, Metro COG has been in collaboration with and received various comments/questions from planning partners including NDDOT, MnDOT, City of Fargo, City of Moorhead, City of West Fargo, City of Dilworth, City of Horace, Fargo Transit, Moorhead Transit, Cass County, and Clay County. A summary of comments/questions received, and Metro COG responses can be found in Appendix A of the Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP.

A public input meeting was advertised in the August 13, 2025 edition of the Forum which was held on September 2, 2025 at 4:30 PM at the Hjemkomst Center for final public input. Approval of the Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP will occur on September 25, 2025 at 4:00 pm in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Policy Board meeting. The public comments will be taken until 12:00 PM (noon) on September 15, 2025.

Aside from legal notices published in The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, Metro COG utilized electronic outreach methods to reach the public including press releases and website updates.

Since the initial draft document was released in August, Metro COG updated language throughout the document as well as updating projects through its coordination with state and local governments. These changes were reflected in the Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP that was presented at the Public Open House.

**Requested Action:** Pending public comment through September 15, 2025, recommend approval of the Final Draft Metro COG 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.



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**To:** Transportation Technical Committee

From: Ben Griffith, Executive Director

Date: September 5, 2025

Re: Review Final Draft 2026-2027 UPWP & Budget

Each year, Metro COG prepares a two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget. NDDOT has been working closely with the four MPOs in North Dakota to develop a timeline for this process.

2026 Budget numbers are estimates from both NDDOT and MnDOT and may be subject to change between now and final adoption in September. 2027 budget numbers are based on the 2026 estimates provided by the State DOTs with an increase of 2% as used by the current transportation bill.

The Draft UPWP which was approved in July was forwarded to oversight agencies for feedback and review. Those comments have been addressed and incorporated into the Final Draft of the UPWP for adoption. Most projects stayed the same or were only slightly modified. Dollar amounts were relatively unchanged, the exception being for staff time allocated to the main programming tasks.

Potential planning projects on page 45 were divided into two groups, large and small, based on their perceived complexity, and were roughly prioritized for reference if funding should become available in the future.

The next step in the UPWP process would be for TTC to recommend adoption of the 2026-2027 UPWP & Budget to the Policy Board. Upon Policy Board's adoption, the UPWP will be forwarded to NDDOT for final review and approval by oversight agencies.

The Final Draft of 2026-2027 UPWP may be found on the Metro COG website at the following location:

https://fmmetrocog.org/application/files/1617/5712/5664/Metro\_COG\_FINAL\_D RAFT\_2026-2027\_UPWP.pdf

**Requested Action:** Recommend adoption of the 2026-2027 UPWP & Budget to the Policy Board



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**To:** Transportation Technical Committee

From: Karissa Beierle Pavek

Date: September 11, 2025

Re: Minnesota Federal Functional Classification Update

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) staff have recently completed a draft of the Minnesota Federal Functional Classification network within the recently updated Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary (AUZA). The AUZA was adapted as the area's urbanized area in December 2023. Following the adoption, new roadways were included in the Metro COG's Federal Functional Classification System. Thus, necessitating an update of the FFC System in the AUZA. In 2024, the North Dakota Federal Functional Classification System was updated and adopted in December 2024. Minnesota Federal Functional Classification has been reviewed this year beginning in February 2025.

Staff worked with local jurisdictions to review and create a comprehensive list of changes to the Federal Functional Classification Network. This update reflects changes that address new roadway developments, the expanded Urbanized Area Boundary, and the recently released Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Guidance. All proposed changes were made in accordance with the Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures (2023) and based on comments received from local jurisdictions.

Metro COG is required to consider the proportion of federal functional classification utilized within the region. Below in Table 1 are the details of the current, proposed, and FHWA guidelines for each of the roadway classifications. Centerline-miles were used to calculate the percentage of each functional classification. The percentages fall within the FHWA guideline for each Federal Functional Classification.

Also included is a list of the urban network changes detailing the existing and proposed federal functional classification of roadways within the Urbanized Area. This includes a description of the segment of roadway, mileage affected, and justification for the change. For further references please see the Federal Functional Classification Change Log that is attached below.



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Table 1

List of Federal Functional Classification System Current and Proposed Changes									
FM Urbanized Area 2025	Current	Current %	Proposed	Proposed %	FHWA Guideline				
Interstate	6.46	2.15%	6.46	1.89%	1-3%				
Principal Arterial	10.59	3.53%	10.77	3.14%	4-9%				
Minor Arterial	25.41	8.47%	40.76	11.89%	7-14%				
Major Collector	29.79	9.93%	43.72	12.75%	3-16%				
Minor Collector	16.47	5.49%	19.10	5.57%	3-16%				
Local	211.26	70.42%	224.64	65.53%	62-74%				
Removed			-2.65	-0.77%					
Total	299.98	100.00%	342.81	100.00%	100.00%				

Comments from all jurisdictions have been carefully analyzed based on FHWA guidance and MnDOT direction to address the Federal Functional Classification System holistically for the updated AUZA.

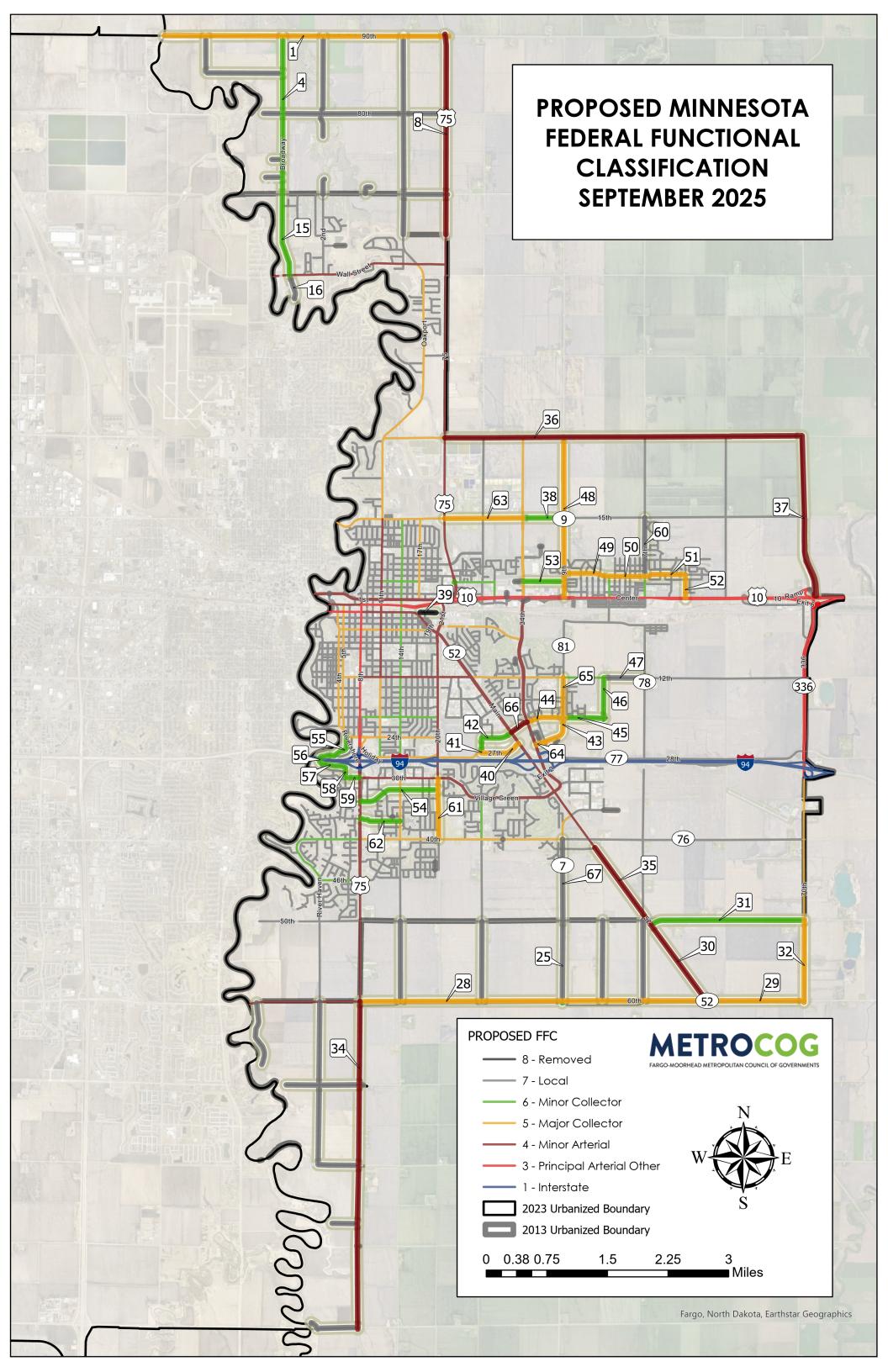
City of Moorhead staff have indicated that they would like to discuss an additional change. This segment is 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N from 11<sup>th</sup> St N to Hwy 75 N. This portion of the roadway is currently a **Major Collector** while City of Moorhead staff have requested it be upgraded to a **Minor Arterial**. Please see the traffic count map below for more information on the area in question. City of Moorhead Staff have provided comments that have been incorporated into the proposed map and change log. Other comments included a disagreement about the classification updated of the roadway segment mentioned above. Comments included citing the consistent increase in Average Daily Traffic (AADT) over the last decade as well as connectivity of the arterial system from 11<sup>th</sup> St N to Hwy 75 N.

**Requested Action:** Metro COG requests a favorable recommendation to the Policy Board for approval of the Minnesota Federal Functional Classification 2025 Proposed Map, as proposed and presented by staff.



#### MINNESOTA FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGE LOG

Change Number	Jurisdiction	Roadway	From	То	NHS	Current FFC	Rural / Urban	2025 Proposed FFC	Rural / Urban	Mileage	Width Feet	Surface	Justification	AADT
1	Clay County	90th Ave NW	Red River	East UZA	No	Major Collector	Rural	Major Collector	Urban	3.519	40'	Paved	J UZA expansion	2476
4	Clay County	Broadway St NW	90th Ave NW	Old UZA	Yes	Minor Arterial	Rural	Minor Collector	Urban	1.965	32'	Paved	Bridge Closure and UZA expansion	740
8	MnDOT	Hwy 75	North UZA	Old UZA	Yes	Minor Arterial	Rural	Minor Arterial	Urban	2.853	30'	Paved		3500
15	Clay County	Broadway St NW	Old UZA	CSAH 22		Minor Arterial	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	1.013	30'	Paved		1100
16	Clay County	Broadway St NW	CSAH 22	Red River	No	Minor Arterial	Urban	Local	Urban	0.302	30'	Paved	-	2250
25	Clay County	40th St S	Old UZA	South UZA	No	Minor Collector	Rural	Local	Urban	1.020	30'	Paved		300
28	Clay County	60th Ave S	Hwy 75	Hwy 52	No	Major Collector	Rural	Major Collector	Urban	4.199	38'	Paved		2500
29	Clay County	60th Ave S	Hwy 52	East UZA	No	Minor Collector	Rural	Major Collector	Urban	1.221	38'	Paved		900
30	Clay County	Hwy 52	Old UZA	South UZA	Yes	Major Collector	Rural	Minor Arterial	Urban	1.235	40'	Paved		3000
31	Clay County	50th Ave S	Hwy 52	East UZA	No	Local	Rural	Minor Collector	Urban	1.919	34'		UZA expansion	200
32	Clay County	70th St S	50th Ave S	South UZA	No	Major Collector	Rural	Major Collector	Urban	1.018	24'	Paved		1081
34	MnDOT	Hwy 75	Old UZA	South UZA	Yes	Minor Arterial	Rural	Minor Arterial	Urban	3.995	38'	Paved		1500
35	Clay County	Hwy 52	41st Ave S	50th Ave S	Yes	Major Collector	Urban	Minor Arterial	Urban	1.114	40'	Paved		3000
36	Clay County	28th Ave N	Hwy 75	East UZA	No	Major Collector	Urban	Minor Arterial	Urban	4.410	38'	Paved		2500
37	Clay County	70th St N / CSAH 11	North UZA	Hwy 10	No	Major Collector	Urban	Minor Arterial	Urban	2.000	44'	Paved	-	1700
38	Moorhead	15th Ave N	34th St N	40th St N	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.506	26'	Paved		1100
39	Moorhead	1st Ave S			No	Local	Urban	Removed	Urban	0.194	50'	Paved		N/A
40	Moorhead	27th Ave S	24th Ave S	Main Ave SE	No	Local	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.516	42'	Paved		3500
41	Moorhead	26th St S	24th Ave S	27th Ave S	No	Major Collector	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.188	40'	Paved		2000
42	Moorhead	24th Ave S	26th St S	Main Ave SE	No	Major Collector	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.391	44'	Paved		1500
43	Moorhead	40th St S	36th St S	24th Ave S	No	Local	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.334	30'	Paved		1500
44	Moorhead	24th Ave S	34th St S	40th St S	No	Local	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.424	42'	Paved		2000
45	Moorhead	24th Ave S	40th St S	45th St S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.393	42'	Paved		2000
46	Moorhead	45th St S	12th Ave S	24th Ave S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.463	42'	Paved	•	1400
47	Clay County	12th Ave S	45th St S	50th St S	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Local	Urban	0.504	34'	Paved	Doesn't support connectivity	25
48	Clay County	40th St N	15th Ave N	Hwy 10	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	2.003	40'	Paved		1307
49	Dilworth	4th Ave NW	40th St N	Main St N	No	Local	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.562	45'	Paved		200
50	Dilworth	4th Ave NW	Main St N	7th St NE	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.442	45'	Paved		1500
51	Dilworth	4th Ave NW	7th St NE	14th St NE	No	Local	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.508	45'	Paved		1200
52	Dilworth	14th St NE	4th Ave NW	Hwy 10	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.302	44'	Paved		1900
53	Dilworth	3rd Ave NW	34th St N	40th St N	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.509	35'	Paved		1400
54	Moorhead	Belsly Blvd	8th St S	20th St S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	1.016	42'	Paved	-	2000
55	Moorhead	S Rivershore Dr	24th Ave S	3rd St S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.320	25'	Paved		1300
56	Moorhead	3rd St S	S Rivershore Dr	Dale Ave	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.273	35'	Paved		1000
57	Moorhead	Dale Ave	3rd St S	5th St S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.303	36'	Paved		1300
58	Moorhead	5th St S	Dale Ave	30th Ave S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.122	42'	Paved		1200
59	Moorhead	30th Ave S	5th St S	8th St S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.181	42'	Paved		2000
60	Dilworth	7th St NE	15th Ave N	6th Ave NE	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Local	Urban	0.728	42'	Paved		300
61	Moorhead	20th St S	30th Ave S	40th Ave S	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.643	50'	Paved		up to 4500
62	Moorhead	37th Ave S	8th St S	14th St S	No	Local	Urban	Minor Collector	Urban	0.499	34'	Paved		1600
63	Moorhead	15th Ave N	Hwy 75 N	34th St N	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.965	36'	Paved		4000
64	Moorhead	28th Ave S	34th St S	36th St S	No	Local	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.108	55'	Paved		4800
65	Moorhead	40th St S	12th Ave S	24th Ave S	No	Local	Urban	Major Collector	Urban	0.467	40'	Paved		1600
66	Moorhead	24th Ave S	Main Ave SE	34th St S	Yes	Minor Collector	Urban	Minor Arterial	Urban	0.232	75'	Paved		2000
67	Clay County	40th St S	40th Ave S	50th Ave S	No	Minor Collector	Urban	Local	Urban	1.009	35'	Grave	Gravel roadway cannot be functionally classified	N/A





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**To:** Transportation Technical Committee

**From:** Dan Farnsworth, Metro COG

Date: September 5, 2025

Re: Moorhead I-94 & 20th St Interchange Study

In 2023, Metro COG in partnership with the City of Moorhead, MnDOT, and the consultant team kicked off the Moorhead I-94 & 20<sup>th</sup> St Interchange Study. This study, at the request of the City of Moorhead, analyzes the feasibility of converting the partial interchange (currently ramps only to/from the west) to a full interchange.

This effort looked at existing and future traffic conditions, existing constraints and more, to develop full interchange alternatives at this location. Fifteen various interchange alternatives were initially considered, then narrowed down to five alternatives, and finally narrowed to two alternative interchange designs.

Public and stakeholder involvement was an important component of this study. Two public input opportunities were held during the course of the study along with two stakeholder meetings. Stakeholder meetings included representation from nearby property owners, applicable departments, and nearby institutions.

Metro COG and the consultant team, Stantec, will provide a presentation of this study at the September TTC meeting. The study was recently presented to the Moorhead City Council on August  $25^{th}$ .

To view the study document, please visit: www.fmmetrocog.org/20thInterchange

**Requested Action:** Recommend Policy Board approval of the Moorhead I-94 & 20<sup>th</sup> St Interchange Study.



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**To:** Transportation Technical Committee **From:** Ben Griffith, AICP, Executive Director

Date: September 5, 2025

Re: Proposed Amendment to the Transportation Technical Committee

(TTC) Bylaws Establishing the Prioritization Committee

Metro COG has benefitted greatly from the recommendations of the Prioritization Committee, an informal sub-committee of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) for nearly a year. The Prioritization Committee has provided recommendations on project evaluations as part of Metro COG's annual Project Solicitation Process as well as the prioritization and re-prioritization of projects and funding for Metro COG's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Because of this, it was felt that the Prioritization Committee should be formally established as a sub-committee of the TTC.

Metro COG staff drafted the proposed amendment to the TTC Bylaws to formally establish the Prioritization Committee and sought review by legal counsel. Since this is a new section being added to the TTC Bylaws, there were no strikethroughs or double-underlines in the proposed amendment included with this cover memo.

Per the requirements of Section 9.1 of the TTC Bylaws, written notice was provided to the voting members of the TTC at least 5 calendar days prior to the TTC meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Metro COG staff is seeking a recommendation of approval to the Policy Board for their September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Requested Action:** Recommend approval of the proposed TTC Bylaw amendment formally establishing the Prioritization Committee to the Policy Board

#### TTC Bylaws Amendment Establishing the Prioritization Committee

#### Section 8.A RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE

- **8.A.1** The Prioritization Committee is a subcommittee of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC).
- 8.A.2 The TTC shall consider the recommendations of the Prioritization Committee regarding projects listed in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that should be considered for federal funding within the TIP. This may include project evaluation, scoring, ranking, and/or suggestions on the distribution of funding to selected projects as part of Metro COG's annual Project Solicitation process. The Prioritization Committee shall also provide recommendations to the TTC regarding the prioritization and reprioritization of projects and funding for Metro COG's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other construction-related projects and programs.
- **8.A.3** Composition, general organization and functions of the Prioritization Committee are described in Appendix D.

### Appendix D. Composition, general organization and functions of the Prioritization Committee

**Composition.** The Prioritization Committee (the "Committee") is a subcommittee of Metro COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and made up of nine (9) representatives.

Agencies or entities participating as voting members of the Prioritization Committee shall be as follows:

Category	Organization	Number of Members
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG)	1
	City of Fargo	1
Local Units of	City of Moorhead	1
Government	City of West Fargo	1
Government	City of Dilworth	1
	City of Horace	1

	Cass County, ND		1
	Clay County, MN		1
Transit Agency	MATBUS		1
	Tot	al	9

**General Organization.** It is intended that the Prioritization Committee be comprised of engineers from the local units of government, due to their specialized knowledge of infrastructure construction projects and programs. The voting members of the Committee may be the engineering representative of their respective jurisdiction, currently serving on the TTC, or their appointed designee. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, will be the voting representative of Metro COG. A Metro COG staff member will serve as the Committee chair. Each entity shall have a single vote, regardless of how many from each entity attend the Committee meeting. The Metro COG representative shall be the TTC Chair or his/her appointed designee and will only vote in the event of a tie or to obtain a quorum.

**Functions.** The Committee shall be tasked with reviewing funding applications for construction projects submitted pursuant to Metro COG's Solicitation of Funding process in order to make recommendations to the TTC. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure projects are timely in nature, can be delivered within the designated timeframe, meet regional transportation goals, and are compliant with regional planning studies and adopted plans such as Metro COG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

**Meetings.** The Prioritization Committee will meet on ad hoc basis to balance project funding allocations based upon yearly apportionments and ensure project development is continuing and progressing. Meetings will be noticed and held in accordance with North Dakota's Open Meetings Law.

Recommendations will be made to the TTC that could include project scoring, project impact to system performance, and regional distribution of funding, etc. The Committee will submit its evaluation of projects submitted for federal funding to the TTC, which will be used in the prioritization of TIP projects. Recommendations of the Committee shall be decided upon by a majority vote and reported to the TTC by Metro COG staff during meetings of the TTC.