

**543rd Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, July 13, 2023 – 10:00 am
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Jonathan	Atkins	City of Moorhead Traffic Engineering
Jason	Benson	Cass County Highway Engineering
Julie	Bommelman	City of Fargo, MATBUS
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Transportation Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Jace	Hellman	City of Horace – Community Development Director
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Kelly	Krapu	Freight Representative - TrueNorth Compliance Service
Peyton	Mastera	Dilworth City Administration (alternate for Don Lorsung)
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – District 4
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (alternate for county planning)
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA ND (ex-officio)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Lori	Van Beek	City of Moorhead, MATBUS
Andrew	Wrucke	City of West Fargo Engineering
Wayne	Zacher	NDDOT – Local Government Division

Members Absent:

Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development (alternate present)
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Angela	Bolstad	Stantec
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Cody	Christianson	Bolton & Menk
James	Dahlman	Interstate Engineering/City of Horace
Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Sharijad	Hasan	ATAC/UGPTI
Gretchen	Hjelmstad	Valley News Live
Matthew	Huettl	HDR
Brian	King	HDR
Tom	Knakmuhs	City of Fargo Engineering
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG

Brian	Ray	HDR
Ayden	Schaffler	Metro COG
Erika	Shepard	MnDOT – MPO Coordinator
Steven	Strack	Houston Engineering
Kalvin	Strecker	Houston Engineering
Blue	Weber	Bolton & Menk
Kent	Wolf	Ameresco

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, on June 13, 2023 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 543 TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the 543 TTC Meeting Agenda.

***Motion: Approve the 543 TTC Meeting Agenda.
Ms. Van Beek moved, seconded by Mr. Mastera
MOTION, PASSED.
Motion carried unanimously.***

3. APPROVE June 8, 2023 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the June 8, 2023 TTC Meeting Minutes.

***Motion: Approve the June 8, 2023 TTC Minutes.
Ms. Van Beek moved, seconded by Mr. Atkins
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

5. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment #7 to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. A public notice will be published in The Forum on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, which will advertise the public meeting, detail how to request additional information, and provide information on how to provide public comments regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice will state that public comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, July 27, 2023.

The proposed amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP are as follows:

1. Modification of Project 4230010: Fargo Transit purchase of miscellaneous support equipment (2023). The total project cost is increasing from \$100,000 to \$472,125 (372% increase). This project adds an additional \$297,000 in FTA 5339 funding to an existing project.

2. Modification of Project 4210004: Structural rehabilitation of the 42nd Street South at I-94 bridge (2023) by the City of Fargo. The total project cost is increasing from \$275,680 to \$375,000 (36% increase). This project is connected to Project 4237034.
3. Modification of Project 9231005: NDDOT reconstruction of the Lynchburg interchange 3 miles west of ND18 (2023). The total project cost is increasing from \$5,200,000 to \$7,475,750 (43.8% increase).
4. Modification of Project 9233029: Rehabilitating the bridge decks with an overlay and spall repair on the Swan Creek and I-94 bridges (2026) by NDDOT. Project year shifting to 2026 from 2027.
5. New Project 4237034: Structural rehabilitation of the 42nd Street South at I-94 bridge (2023) by the City of Fargo. This adds an additional \$230,583 in BRU funding to an existing project. This project is connected to Project 4210004.

Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 7 of the Metro COG 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.

Mr. Soucy moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

6. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

Mr. Bervik thanked the jurisdictions for their input for the development of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A legal notice was published in the June 14, 2023 edition of The Forum to begin the official TIP comment period.

In addition to the public comment period announcement, Metro COG will announce further public input opportunities including a public input meeting on July 25, 2023. Alternative participation options in which the public can review and comment on the document will be provided upon request.

Metro COG will continue to collaborate with the jurisdictions as we update the 2024-2027 TIP Project List and begin updating the TIP Document.

Mr. Capps presented a brief demonstration of the TIP Dashboard available on fmmetrocog.org.

7. Interstate Operations Analysis & Plan for Future Improvements

Mr. Farnsworth presented Mr. Ray and Mr. Weiss from HDR Engineering who presented the final report and executive summary of the Interstate Operations Analysis & Plan for Future Improvements.

This plan identifies prioritized improvements to improve safety, traffic operations, and mobility for the Interstate system within the Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area.

This plan was developed in close coordination with both NDDOT and MnDOT and was guided by a study review committee comprised of representation from the cities of West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead, Cass and Clay Counties, ATAC, NDDOT, MnDOT, and Metro COG. Upon completion of the draft plan, presentations were made to management of both NDDOT and MnDOT.

Ms. Shepard said the current document does not reflect the comments that MnDOT requested for inclusion. Mr. Farnsworth said that the changes were included, and an older draft may have been mistakenly shared with the committee. Mr. Ray confirmed the changes were included. An updated final draft will be sent to the committee before going before the Policy Board for approval.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Interstate Operations Analysis & Plan for Future Improvements.

Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Ms. Safgren

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Metro 2050 (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) Update

Mr. Champa gave an update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (now branded the Metro 2050). Mr. Champa asked the committee if they were comfortable to act as the Study Review Committee for this study. He also let the committee know that SRF and Metro COG will be at the Fargo Downtown Street Fair Friday and Saturday to kick-off public input for the project.

9. Agency Updates

City of Fargo – Tom Knakmuhs is the new city engineer, as Brenda Derrig is now the assistant city administrator. Construction updates.

City of Moorhead – construction updates, LinkFM running for Downtown Street Fair and Bluestem for Trollwood

City of West Fargo – construction updates

City of Horace – construction updates, entitlement applications

Cass County – construction updates – 64th Ave roundabout completed soon

Clay County – construction updates, wholesale update overhaul

MnDOT – new principal planner and bike/ped planner for District 4

Metro COG – Ari Del Rosario left agency, Transit Routing RFP posted on website, reminded committee that they can add items to the agenda

NDDOT – Bi-state agreement with MnDOT updates due to TMA

10. Additional Business

No additional business

11. Adjourn

The 543 Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on July 13, 2023 at 11:11 a.m.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL
BE HELD August 10, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach
Executive Assistant