

**546th Transportation Technical Committee**  
**Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments**  
**THURSDAY, October 12, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Metro COG Conference Room**  
**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approve the Agenda Action Item
3. Consider Minutes of the September 14, 2023 TTC Meeting Action Item
4. Public Input Opportunity Public Input
5. 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #2 Action Item
6. Release of Solicitation for STBG, CRP, and TA Funds Discussion Item
7. Agency Updates Discussion Item
  - 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. Other Member Jurisdictions
8. Additional Business Information Item
9. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next TTC meeting will be held **Thursday, November 9, 2023** at 10:00 a.m.

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**545<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee  
Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
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
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning
Jace	Hellman	City of Horace – Community Development Director
Kelly	Krapu	Freight Representative - TrueNorth Compliance Service
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – District 4
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS (alternate for Lori Van Beek)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Andrew	Wrucke	City of West Fargo Engineering
Wayne	Zacher	NDDOT – Local Government Division

**Members Absent:**

Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Lori	Van Beek	City of Moorhead, MATBUS (alternate present)

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Heather	Betts	Lung.org
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Cody	Christianson	Bolton & Menk
Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Wade	Frank	Stantec
Sharijad	Hasan	NDSU/ATAC/UGPTI
Ben	Herden	Ameresco
Patrick	Hollister	PartnerSHIP 4 Health
Tom	Knakmuhs	City of Fargo Engineering
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Leslie	McGillivray-Rivas	West Fargo Planning
Brent	Muscha	Apex
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA (ND)
Steven	Strack	Houston Engineering
Dan	Triller	SEH
Blue	Weber	Bolton & Menk
Kent	Wolf	Ameresco

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M., on September 14, 2023 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

**2. Approve the 545<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Agenda**

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the 545<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Agenda.

**Motion: Approve the 545<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Agenda.  
Mr. Atkins moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman  
MOTION, PASSED.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. APPROVE August 10, 2023 TTC MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the August 10, 2023 TTC Meeting Minutes.

**Motion: Approve the August 10, 2023 TTC Minutes.  
Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Mr. Hellman  
MOTION, PASSED  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Public Comment Opportunity**

Mr. Raso asked if there were any laws or legislation regarding Autonomous Vehicles. The GFMEDC has had an increase in discussions for ride shares/transportation using Autonomous Vehicles. Mr. Smith said that currently, North Dakota defines a vehicle as needing a steering wheel, making an Autonomous Vehicle ineligible for legal usage in North Dakota. He said that as the Autonomous Vehicle usage grows, he anticipates some need for updated legislation. Mr. Raso thanked Mr. Smith for his response.

**5. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8**

Mr. Bervik presented amendment #8 to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, which advertised the public meeting, providing information on how to make public comment regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice advertised that public comments will be accepted until 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

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

1. **Modification of Project 4210002:** City of Fargo reconstruction of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South. (2024). Rephasing the project and splitting construction costs.
2. **Modification of Project 4240010:** City of Fargo reconstruction of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South. (2026). Rephasing the project and splitting construction costs.

3. **Modification of Project 1240005:** City of Casselton construction of a pedestrian bridge over Swan Creek Diversion along Governors Drive (2024). Updating project phasing and project description.
4. **Modification of Project 4230003:** City of Fargo construction of a pedestrian bridge at 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in the vicinity of Bluestem (2027). Updating project description.
5. **Modification of Project 9240007:** NDDOT fiber network, utilities, camera sites, ESS, and roadside improvements (2024). Change in lead agency. Updating Metro COG ID number.
6. **New Project 9241054:** NDDOT preventative maintenance concrete pavement repair of I-94 from Veterans Boulevard to Red River (2025).
7. **New Project 5241055:** City of Moorhead funding for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street grade separation using STBG funding (2027).
8. **New Project 4241056:** City of Fargo construction of a crushed gravel surface which continues the existing trail system in Orchard Glen Park (2023).
9. **New Project 1241057:** City of Casselton construction of a shared use path along Governors Drive (2024). Splitting off the south shared use path for 1240005 listed above.
10. **New Project 4241058:** City of Fargo removal of negative left turn offsets at various intersections throughout the city (2026).
11. **New Project ILLUSTRATIVE:** City of Moorhead construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Red River at 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue South (2027). Project is currently illustrative.

Mr. Gorden asked if the Fargo Park District could be named as a lead agency. Mr. Zacher said he was not sure that is appropriate.

Chair Griffith opened a public comment opportunity. No comments were received.

**Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 8 of the Metro COG 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.**  
**Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Ms. Crutchfield**  
**MOTION, PASSED**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1**

Mr. Bervik presented amendment #1 to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, which advertised the public meeting, providing information on how to make public comment regarding the proposed amendment. The public

notice advertised that public comments will be accepted until 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

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Chair Griffith opened a public comment opportunity. No comments were received.

**Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 1 of the Metro COG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board, Mr. Atkins moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung**

Ms. Sperry asked about an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP which had not yet been adopted. Mr. Maddox responded that during the “gray” area between the current TIP expiring and the new TIP being adopted, that it had been common practice to prepare amendments to both TIPs to ensure that nothing

was inadvertently left out and more importantly, to keep projects on track and moving forward for potential bid lettings before the end of the calendar year.

**Mr. Atkins amended the motion to include a contingency on the adoption of the 2024-2027 TIP by NDDOT/FHWA, which was seconded by Mr. Lorsung.**

**MOTION, PASSED**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #3**

Mr. Griffith presented Amendment #3 to the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). As the Moorhead I-94/20<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange Study has gotten underway, it has been determined that a traffic analysis is needed to allow detailed review of traffic impacts. This would require a contract amendment (Agenda Item 8 on the TTC agenda) with the consultant (Stantec) and additional budget in the amount of \$19,182.87, which would include a local match by the City of Moorhead in the amount of \$3,836.57. This budget increase would in turn, require a third amendment to the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.

Mr. Zacher asked where the CPG funding for this is coming from, and that it is not a request for an increase in CPG funding. Mr. Griffith said there was an adjustment of funding in the 2023 UPWP and that there would be no request for additional CPG funding.

Ms. Safgren said that even though Moorhead is covering the local match on this amendment, MnDOT should have an updated scope of work in their Joint Powers Agreement with Metro COG for this project.

**Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment #3 to the 2023 UPWP to the Policy Board.**

**Mr. Atkins moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. I-94 & 20<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange Analysis – Contract Amendment #1**

Mr. Farnsworth presented amendment 1 to the I-94 and 20<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange Analysis contract with Stantec.

After all data was requested toward the beginning of this study, it became clear that sufficient travel demand model (TDM) outputs were not available as initially anticipated when the RFP and scope of work were developed. It was Metro COG's understanding that the recently-completed Interstate Operations Analysis had current TDM outputs for all functionally-classified roads that could be directly used for the I-94 & 20<sup>th</sup> St Interchange Analysis. Rather, the Interstate Operations Analysis ran the most current model at the time (2015 - 2045 TDM) and assigned a growth rate to the interstate system and ramps based on 2021 count data.

Since one of the purposes of the I-94 & 20<sup>th</sup> St Interchange Analysis is to look at traffic impacts of a full and half interchange on the nearby functionally-classified roads, and because interchanges should be analyzed in more detail than a metro-wide interstate network, running the most current TDM for the study area will provide the most accurate and acceptable traffic analysis. Also, it is important that this study utilize the most current TDM (2021 - 2050), which was not available during the Interstate Operations Analysis, but is now available for use in this study.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Amendment #1 to I-94 & 20<sup>th</sup> St Interchange Analysis contract with Stantec.**

**Mr. Atkins moved, seconded by Mr. Hellman**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Limited English Proficiency Plan & Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan Update**

Mr. Altenburg presented the Limited English Proficiency Plan and Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan Update. The plans are both required to be updated every three years.

The U.S Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Title VI regulations require that all programs which receive funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and/or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must be compliant with Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The LEP Plan is a separate document that requires a separate action to approve. The document, once approved, will become an appendix to the 2023 Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan.

The Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan has been updated. The item described above, the LEP, will be an appendix to this Plan.

**Motion: Recommend approval of the Limited English Proficiency Plan and Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan to the Policy Board**

**Ms. Bommelman moved, seconded by Ms. Crutchfield**

**MOTION, PASSED Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. Clay County Heartland Trail Routing Analysis Request for Proposals**

Mr. Farnsworth presented the Clay County Heartland Trail Routing Analysis Request for Proposals (RFP).

In 2006 the Minnesota Legislature authorized the extension of the Heartland State Trail from Park Rapids, MN to Moorhead. Metro COG formed the Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force in 2014 to pursue planning efforts of the trail through Clay County.

The purpose of this study is to take initial planning efforts and provide detailed analysis which will evaluate routing options as well as detailed analysis within each alternative. Planning-level cost estimates will be developed for each

routing alternative and a preferred alternative will be recommended. Public and stakeholder engagement will also be an important aspect of this study.

The Clay County Heartland Trail Routing Analysis will be a consultant-led study and is in Metro COG's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to begin in 2024. The budget for this study is \$250,000 with 80% (\$200,000) CPG funds and the 20% local match coming from a combination of Clay County, the cities of Moorhead, Dilworth, Glyndon, and PartnerSHIP 4 Health.

Mr. Atkins asked if there was any State funding that could be applied to this project. Mr. Farnsworth said that there is, but they were applied to the Frazee area, and that there may be additional funding available in the future for the design aspect.

Mr. Zacher asked if Metro COG planned to use any 2024 Complete Streets federal funding. Mr. Griffith said that Metro COG has held off on using that funding, as NDDOT has not yet released complete information on those funds. Mr. Zacher said it would be discussed at the NDDOT MPO directors meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Hollister stated that PartnerSHIP 4 Health's contribution is contingent on MnDOH approval, but does not see any reason for it to not be approved.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Clay County Heartland Trail Routing Analysis RFP**

**Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Ms. Crutchfield**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **11. Regional Housing Needs Analysis and Strategies Report**

Mr. Altenburg presented the Regional Housing Needs Analysis and Strategies Final Report. This study includes an analysis of the region's existing housing supply, current housing production in the area, and market forecasts for near- and long-term housing needs. It is expected that local leaders, planning departments, and community development officials will use this study to assist with decision-making around housing needs and to improve the overall quality of the regional housing market.

The final report was presented to the community via Chamber of Commerce Eggs & Issues, presentations at the jurisdictions, and a planned "brown bag" with the City of Fargo.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Regional Housing Needs Analysis and Strategies Report**

**Ms. Crutchfield moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**12. Agency Updates**

Fargo – 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave construction complete, four projects slated for October/November. Growth Plan public engagement activities. RFP for Land Development Code update.

Moorhead – Downtown construction close to completion. Underpass construction begins Spring 2024.

West Fargo – Downtown Masterplan. Updated fire station. Engineering mostly done with 2023, ramping up for 2024.

Horace – Construction.

Cass County – 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue roundabout and bridge nearing completion. Discussion with WF/Reilie's Acres, Fargo Growth Plan.

MnDOT – Open solicitation for SRTS, TA programs – October

Freight – Truck Driver Appreciation Week

Transit - Working on TMA designation

**13. Additional Business**

No additional business.

**14. Adjourn**

The 545<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on September 14, 2023 at 11:35 A.M.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD October 12, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach  
Executive Assistant

**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Paul Bervik, Assistant Transportation Planner  
**Date:** October 11, 2023  
**Re:** **2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2**

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public meeting both in person and via Zoom Video Communications on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 10:00 am to consider public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the FM Metropolitan Area. The proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP reflects modified federally funded projects within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

A public notice was published in The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, which will advertise the public meeting, detail how to request more information, and provided information on how to make public comment regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice advertised that public comments will be accepted until 8:00 am on Thursday, October 12, 2023. As of the writing of this memo, no written comments have been received.

The proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 8210019:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad (2024). Updating costs.
2. **Modification of Project 5210018:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad (2024). Updating costs and Project Description.
3. **Modification of Project 8230011:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2026). Updating Project Description.
4. **Modification of Project 8241055:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2027). Updating Project Description and state project number.
5. **Modification of Project 8240043:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2024). Updating Project Cost.
6. **Modification of Project 4236033:** City of Fargo replacing lighting heads with LED lighting heads throughout the City of Fargo (2023). Updating Project Cost.
7. **Modification of Project 4230004:** City of Fargo construction of a shared use path south of Harwood Drive Phase 1 (2023). Update Project Cost.
8. **Modification of Project 4237034:** City of Fargo structural rehabilitation of 42<sup>nd</sup> street south and I-94 (2023). Updating Other Revenue Source.
9. **Modification of Project 8240050** MNDOT construction of fiber communications/cameras and dynamic message signs (DMS) (2025). Updating Project Description.
10. **Modification of Project 8230010:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2025). Updating Project Description.
11. **New Project 8242057:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad (2024).

12. **New Project 8242058:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad (2024).
13. **New Project 8242059:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad (2024).
14. **New Project 8242060:** MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at BNSF railroad (2024).
15. **New Project 9242061:** NDDOT pavement marking at various highways throughout the Fargo District (2024).

See **Attachment 1** for more detailed project information.

**Requested Action: Recommend approval of Amendment 2 of the Metro COG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.**

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Amendment 2 - 2024-2027 Metro COG TIP

Existing projects with a change in cost

MNDOT	8210019 1401-177	2024	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	<p><b>**AC**B2020**INNO**</b>: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020) (RR BONDS) (AC PAYBACK TO MNDOT FROM LOCALS 2025, 2026, 2027)</p> <p><del><b>**B2020**INNO**</b>: On US 10, From 8th Street to 14th Street, Construct New Underpass Under BNSF RR in Moorhead (Associated to 144-010-020)</del></p>	Reconstruction	\$69,068,280 <del>\$102,936,600</del>	STBGP	State  Local	\$2,559,973 \$65,192,827 <del>\$67,783,400</del>  <del>\$26,809,600</del>
City of Moorhead	5210018 144-010-020	2024	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	<p><b>**AC**INNO**LONSYs**</b>: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020)</p> <p><del><b>**AC**</b>: Moorhead Underpass: On US 10, From 8th Street to 14th Street, Construct New Underpass Under BNSF RR in Moorhead (AC Payback in 2025, 2026)</del></p>	Reconstruction	\$2,571,950 <del>\$7,634,091</del>	STBG	State Local	\$2,057,560 <del>\$6,107,273</del> \$514,390 <del>\$1,526,818</del>
MNDOT City of Moorhead	8230011 <del>5230011</del> 1401-177AC2 <del>144-010-020AC2</del>	2026	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	<p><b>**AC**INNO**LONSYs**</b>: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020) (AC PAYBACK TO MNDOT FROM LOCALS IN 2025, 2026, AND 2027) PAYBACK 2 OF 3</p> <p><del><b>**AC**INNO**LONSYs**</b>: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020 PAYBACK 2 OF 2)</del></p>	Reconstruction	\$1,902,000 <del>\$1,102,000</del>	STBG		\$1,902,000 <del>\$1,102,000</del>
MNDOT City of Moorhead	8241055 <del>5241055</del> 1401-177AC3 <del>1401-177</del>	2027	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	<p><b>**AC**INNO**LONSYs**</b>: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020) (AC PAYBACK TO MNDOT FROM LOCALS IN 2025, 2026, AND 2027) PAYBACK 3 OF 3</p> <p><del><b>**B2020**</b>: On US 10, From 8th Street to 14th Street, Preliminary Engineering New Underpass Under BNSF RR in Moorhead (Associated to 144-010-020)</del></p>	Reconstruction	\$200,000 <del>\$1,071,608</del>	STBG		\$200,000 <del>\$1,071,608</del>

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Amendment 2 - 2024-2027 Metro COG TIP

Existing projects with a change in cost

MNDOT	8240043 1401-177PRO	2024	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	<b>**PROTECT**INNO**</b> : On US 10, From 8th Street to 14th Street, Construct New Underpass Under BNSF RR in Moorhead (Associated to 144-010-020)	Reconstruction	\$3,360,000	PROTECT	State 2025 AC	\$1,236,144 <del>\$1,236,144</del> \$672,000 <del>\$456,288</del> \$1,451,856
City of Fargo	4236033 24017	2023	City of Fargo			Replacing lighting heads with LED lighting heads throughout the City of Fargo.	Rehabilitation	\$1,344,283 <del>\$1,018,750</del>	CRP	Local	\$937,883 <del>\$815,000</del> \$406,400 <del>\$203,750</del>
City of Fargo	4230004 23778	2023	Along the Red River		Harwood Dr	Red River Shared Use Path south of Harwood Dr - Phase 1	Bike/Ped	\$411,679 <del>\$200,000</del>	TA	Local	\$278,813 <del>\$162,000</del> \$132,866 <del>\$38,000</del>

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Amendment 2 - 2024-2027 Metro COG TIP

Existing projects with a non-cost change

City of Fargo	4237034 23933	2023	42nd St S & I-94 Grade Separation			Structure Rehabilitation Connected to 4210004.	Rehabilitation	\$288,229	BRU	State <del>Local</del>	\$230,583 \$57,646
MNDOT	8240050 1480-190	2025				**ITS**: ON I94, IN MOORHEAD, FIBER COMMUNICATIONS/CAMERAS, DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS (DMS) <del>**ITS**: ON I94, IN MOORHEAD, FIBER- COMMUNICATIONS/CAMERAS</del>	Safety	\$1,055,556.0	NHPP	Local	\$950,000 \$105,556
MNDOT <del>City of Moorhead</del>	8230010 <del>5230010</del> 1401-177AC1 <del>144-010-020AC1</del>	2025	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	**AC**INNO**LONYS**: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020) (AC PAYBACK TO MNDOT FROM LOCALS IN 2025, 2026, AND 2027) PAYBACK 1 OF 3 <del>**AC**INNO**LONYS**: ON US 10, FROM 8TH- STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW- UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD- (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020) (AC PAYBACK IN 2025- AND 2026) PAYBACK 1 OF 2</del>	Reconstruction	\$830,000	STBG		\$830,000

Lead Agency	Metro COG ID State Number	Project Year	Project Location	Length	Project Limits From To	Project Description	Improvement Type	Total Project Cost	Federal Revenue Source	Other Revenue Source	Revenue
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The following are new projects

MNDOT	8242057 014-603-014	2024	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	**INNO**: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 1401-177, 144-010-020 AND 144-010-019)	Reconstruction	\$1,500,000		Local	\$1,500,000
MNDOT	8242058 1401-177RAISE	2024	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	**RAISE**INNO**: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020)(RR BONDS)	Reconstruction	\$32,887,000	FFM	State	\$26,309,600 \$6,577,400
MNDOT	8242059 1401-177RR	2024	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	**INNO**: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS BNSF RR AGREEMENT IN MOORHEAD (RR BONDS)	Reconstruction	\$9,390,000		State	\$9,390,000
MNDOT	8242060 1401-177DEMO	2024	US 10 & 11th St		8th St 14th St	**INNO**MN276**: ON US 10, FROM 8TH STREET TO 14TH STREET, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERPASS UNDER BNSF RR IN MOORHEAD (ASSOCIATED TO 144-010-020) (AC PAYBACK IN 2025 AND 2026)	Reconstruction	\$625,000	DEMO	Local	\$500,000 \$125,000
NDDOT	9242061 24180	2024	Fargo Districtwide			Pavement marking at various highways throughout the Fargo District	Safety	\$1,600,000	HES	State	\$1,440,000 \$160,000



**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Paul Bervik  
**Date:** October 6, 2023  
**Re:** TMA Project Solicitations

As a result of Metro COG's transition to a Transportation Management Area (TMA), it receives a direct suballocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Transportation Alternatives (TA) program funding. Metro COG is opening a solicitation for projects for these funding sources. The agency is asking local jurisdictions to confirm that projects currently listed in the TIP for 2025-2027 are moving forward and are still a priority for funding.

Metro COG is soliciting STBG funding for project in federal fiscal year 2028. However, pursuant to the solicitation decisions held early this year for the 2024-2027 TIP, there may be some movement of projects. Depending upon how projects move around, there may be additional STBG funding that becomes available in earlier fiscal years (2026 & 2027). Metro COG staff will notify its local jurisdictions if that is the case. The tables below list the estimated funding available in each fiscal year.

NDDOT is also requesting to solicit HSIP through Metro COG's solicitation process. STBG, CRP, TA, and HSIP projects must be submitted to Metro COG by 12:00 noon on Friday, November 17, 2023. Metro COG staff will then evaluate each project and bring them forward to TTC and Policy Board for selection at their January meetings.

**Table 1:** North Dakota Estimated Funding Amounts Available by Year Included in the Solicitation

Funding Source	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
STBG		See STBG instructions document for more information on this year	\$10,693,894
CRP	\$1,160,000	\$1,180,000	Not soliciting
TA	\$850,000	\$860,000	Not soliciting

**Table 2:** Minnesota Estimated Funding Amounts Available by Year Included in the Solicitation

Funding Source	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
STBG				\$1,093,040
CRP	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	Not soliciting
TA			\$140,000	Not soliciting

**TMA Status**

As of October 1, 2023, Metro COG's urbanized area was designated a Transportation Management Area (TMA). Per 23 CFR 450.332(c), in areas designated as TMAs, the MPO shall select all 23 U.S.C. and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 funded projects in consultation with

the State and public transportation operator(s). In order for funds to be obligated to a project, the project must be included in the approved TIP and in accordance with the priorities in the approved TIP. The State shall select projects on the NHS in cooperation with the MPO, from the approved TIP. TMAs are considered designated recipients of some forms of federal funds, which include STBG, CRP, and TA funds. NDDOT is also soliciting for HSIP funds as a part of this solicitation. Please see the attached applications and their instructions documents for more information on each funding source. More information can also be found <https://www.fmmetrocog.org/solicitation>

**Recommended Action: None.**

## 2026 and 2027 Transportation Alternatives Application

### Step 1: Project Information

**Project Summary:**

Name of Project:	
Project Location:	
Lead Jurisdiction:	Local Match Provided by:
Post-Construction Owner of the Project:	
Right of Way Provided by:	Maintenance Provided by:
Project Contact:	Contact Phone:
Contact Email Address:	
Anticipated Bid Letting Date:	Anticipated Project Completion Date:
State:	<input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota
Would you like to use these funds for Advanced Construction (AC)?	Yes, this project is requesting to use AC in the year specified below

**Project Summary:**

Fill out the below table with all funding sources and amounts including the TA funding requested with this application.

Funding Source	Funding Amount
2026 TA Funds	
2026 Local Matching Funds	
2026 Local Non-Matching Funds	
2026 Subtotal:	
2027 TA Funds	
2027 Local Matching Funds	
2027 Local Non-Matching Funds	
2027 Subtotal:	
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	

**Other Grants and Federal Funds:**

Are there any other federal funds or grants currently being used by this project or grants being pursued by this project? If yes, please explain below:

**Project Scope:**

Describe below the work being funded. Please go into detail about each element of the project including: proposed cross section, pavement type, lighting, traffic control, bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure, utility work, etc. Please try to include all relevant information. Please indicate which elements of this project [are Federally Eligible](#) and which elements are non-eligible?

**Timeliness for the Project**

Describe below why this project is requesting funds now?

**Need for the Project**

What are the key factors that make this project important to fund?

**System Benefit of the Project**

How will this project benefit the transportation system?

**Identification of Potential Challenges:**

Please indicate below any foreseeable environmental, design, and/or construction challenge that may pose a risk to the completion of the project:

**Other Grants and Federal Funds:**

Are there any other federal funds or grants currently being used by this project or grants being pursued by this project?                      Yes                      No

**Project Scope:**

Describe below the work being funded. Please go into detail about each element of the project including: proposed cross section, pavement type, lighting, traffic control, bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure, utility work, etc. Please try to include all relevant information.

**Timeliness and Need for the Project**

Describe below why this project is requesting funds now?  
What are the key factors that make this project important to fund?

**System Benefit of the Project**

Please explain how this project will benefit the transportation system?

**Identification of Potential Challenges:**

Please indicate below any foreseeable environmental, design, and/or construction challenge that may pose a risk to the completion of the project:

## Step 2: Planning Conformance

### Relationship to Regional Priorities:

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan – [MetroGrow 2045](#) – includes the following goals:

FM Metro COG MTP 2045 Metro Grow Planning Goals	If applicable, describe how this project contributes to each Planning Goal listed below
 Safety System and Security	
 Travel Efficiency and Reliability	
 Walking and Biking	
 Transit Access	
 Maintain Transportation Infrastructure	
 Environmental Sustainability	
 Economic Development and Transportation Decisions	
 Emerging Transportation Trends	

### Demonstrated in Planning Studies:

Please provide other materials that document the need for the proposed project in local or regional plans or studies.

- Additional materials are attached that document the need for the proposed project
- This project in the 2045 MTP.           What is the MTP Project ID number:
- This project will comply with all necessary Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requirements, your local ADA Transition Plan, and the requirements of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines of 2011 (PROWAG).

### Project Map and Documentation:

Please provide a map detailing the limits of the project on aerial imagery. Include all details on the map that are relevant to the overall project.

- A project map has been included as an attachment to the application

### **Step 3: TA Specific Questions**

#### **What TA category best fits your project:**

Identify the category and type of project you believe best fits your project (check all that apply). To be eligible for Transportation Alternatives funding, your project must fit into one of these categories and must relate to surface transportation.

- Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- Construction of infrastructure related projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school.
- Construction of infrastructure related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Community improvement activities, including:
  - historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities that are continuing to, or upon rehabilitation, function for their intended transportation purpose.
  - vegetation management practices in transportation rights of way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control;
  - archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project; and
- Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to:
  - address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff, including activities described in 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(11), 328(a), and 329; or
  - reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.



### **Step 5: Safety Analysis and Title VI & Environmental Justice Conformance**

This section will assess the impacts of the proposed project on Title VI and EJ communities in conformance with (list federal code as well as executive orders). It also documents safety concerns that may exist within the limit of the project and details how the design of the project will take that into consideration. (Metro COG staff can assist the applicant in filling out this section.)

#### **Crash Identification:**

Between the years 2018 and 2022, have there been any serious injuries or fatalities at or near the proposed project location? If yes, how many and what were any contributing circumstances?

Number of Auto Fatalities	Number of Auto Serious Injuries	Number of Bike/Ped Fatalities	Number of Bike/Ped Serious Injuries

What is the Critical Crash Rate for the proposed project locations and/or any nearby major streets?

#### **Bridge and Pavement Condition**

If there are any bridges along the project corridor, please list their location, sufficiency rating, and any work that will be done as part of the project to them.

#### **Impact to Disadvantaged Communities:**

- Using the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening tool](#), this project interacts with census tracts identified as disadvantaged.

Describe below impacts this project could have to disadvantaged communities (both positive and negative impacts).

## 2026 and 2027 Transportation Alternatives (TA) program Instructions Document

### Instructions

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Government (Metro COG) is soliciting projects for use of its direct suballocation of Transportation Alternatives (TA) program funds for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2026 and 2027.

**Table 1:** Estimated Funding Amounts Available by Year Included in the Solicitation

State	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027
North Dakota	\$850,000	\$860,000
Minnesota		\$140,000

If an application exceeds \$500,000 in requested TA funds, applicants are encouraged to phase their project whenever possible. This would allow more flexibility in allocating funds and alleviate the burden of local matching funds should multiple high-cost projects be selected.

Applications must be received by Metro COG by **12:00 noon on November 17, 2023**. To apply for funding, please submit a project application to Paul Bervik at Metro COG at [bervik@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:bervik@fmmetrocog.org).

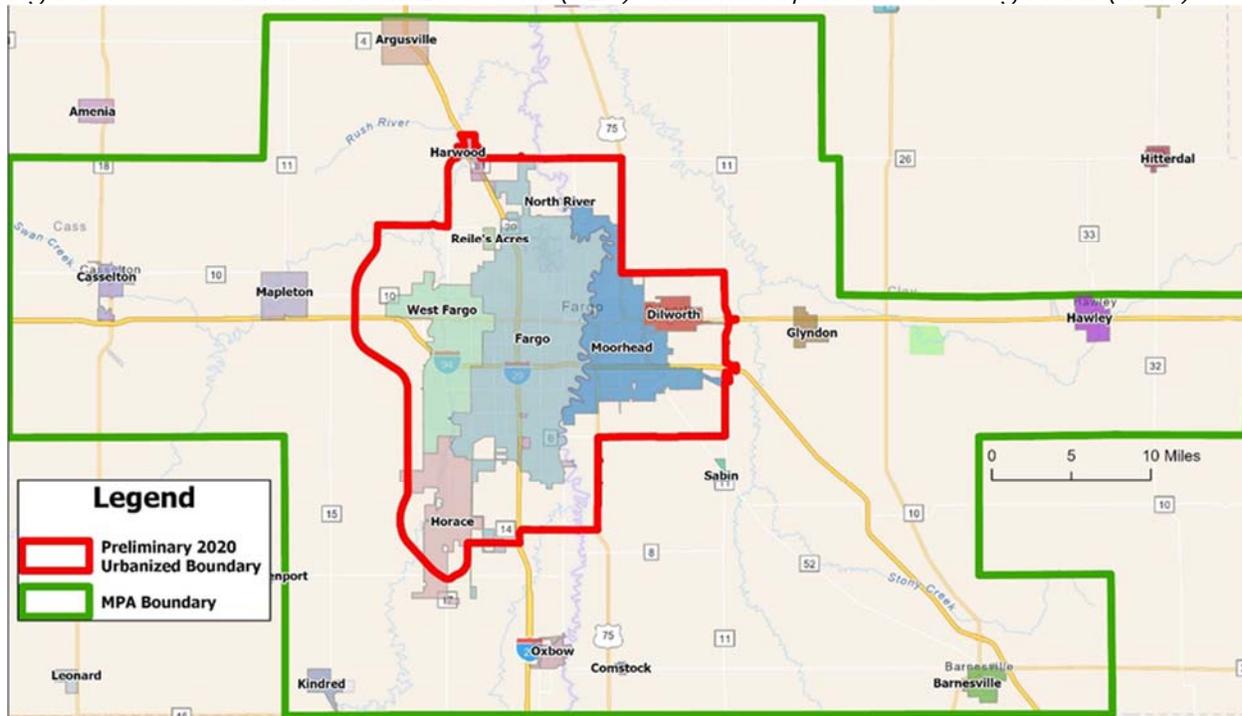
Please complete the following form with all applicable information. Completing all elements of this form thoroughly will help Metro COG staff to review projects and work with the TTC and Policy Board to prioritize projects.

### Process

After project applications are submitted to Metro COG, staff will review each application. This review will take into account eligibility, ability to fund, need, Title VI & EJ impacts, conformance with plans, and priority in the MTP as well as other factors. Staff will complete site visits for all appropriate applications and complete a thorough evaluation of each project. The Metropolitan Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee will then score the received TA projects using the scoring matrix which has been iteratively developed by the Metropolitan Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee. This scoring as well as Metro COG's staff's evaluation will be presented to Metro COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). The TTC will provide a technical evaluation of all of the submitted project for Metro COG's Policy Board. The Policy Board will then determine which projects are funded and how much funding will be allotted to each project in each of the fiscal years during which funding is available.

It is important to note that costs incurred prior to FHWA project approval are not eligible for reimbursement. TA funds eligible for reimbursement include project construction costs only. Ineligible costs include: all planning, public engagement, preliminary engineering, construction engineering, environmental impact mitigation, right of way acquisition, utilities, and those construction items that are not eligible for federal aid.

Figure 1: Metro COG's Urbanized Area (UZA) and Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)



## Eligible Projects

Projects eligible for TA funding must be within the Metro COG Urbanized Area Boundary (UZA), be consistent with Metro Grow: 2045 FM Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and meet general eligibility requirements for use of federal aid dollars under Title 23 of the US Code 133 Transportation Alternatives program. Eligible Transportation Alternatives projects include the following:

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects:
  - Construction of on-street and off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities
  - Construction of Safe Routes to School projects
  - Construction of projects for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities
  - Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation uses
  - Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements
  - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
  - Secure bicycle parking facilities
  - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
  - Turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
- Scenic and Environmental Projects:
  - Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way
  - Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project
  - Streetscape improvements and corridor landscaping
  - Establishing living snow fences
  - Control and removal of outdoor advertising

- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- Historic Projects:
  - Historic preservation and rehabilitation of operating historic transportation facilities

### **Eligible Projects Applicants**

- City and county governments
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource and public land agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- Tribal governments
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for or oversight of transportation or recreational trails

### **Nonprofit Organizations**

A nonprofit organization must partner with an eligible project applicant. The eligible project applicant would submit the application and be responsible for the project if it is awarded funds.

### **Eligible Projects Sponsors**

Applications must be submitted to Metro COG through one of the following entities:

- Cities
- Board of County Commissioners
- Tribal Governments
- Transit Agencies
- Federal and State Agencies

Note: Unlike past TA solicitations, a city under 5,000 no longer is required to partner with their respective Board of County Commissioners.

All other eligible applicants including school districts and park districts need to partner with their respective city or county.

### **Schedule**

- October 6, 2023 Begin project solicitation process
- November 17, 2023 Application due date.  
Metro COG staff begin reviewing projects.
- December 2023 Bike/Ped Committee scores projects
- January 11, 2024 The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) provides a technical analysis of the projects.
- January 18, 2024 Policy Board reviews projects and awards funding.

## Questions

If you have any questions about the TA and/or the solicitation, or specific local questions about prospective projects, please contact Paul Bervik at Metro COG at (701)532-5107 or [bervik@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:bervik@fmmetrocog.org). Metro COG will consult with MnDOT or NDDOT for questions we are unable to answer regarding eligibility. Completed applications can be emailed to Paul Bervik, Metro COG Assistant Transportation Planner, at [bervik@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:bervik@fmmetrocog.org) or mailed to Metro COG (Attention: Paul Bervik) at:

1 - 2nd Street N  
Case Plaza, Suite 232  
Fargo, ND 58102

Metro COG will collaborate with applicants to assist in the documentation of information to ensure that the use of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds meets eligibility requirements. As we move forward with future solicitations, Metro COG will identify any refinements to the contents of project applications.

## Consultation, Cooperation & Coordination

Establishing the definitions of consultation, cooperation, coordination and designated recipient help set the stage for how and why there are various solicitation processes for the CRP funds.

- [Consultation](#) occurs when one or more parties confer with other identified parties in accordance with an established process and, prior to taking action, considers the views of the other parties and periodically informs them about action taken.
- [Cooperation](#) occurs when the parties involved work together to achieve a common goal or objective
- [Coordination](#) occurs when parties involved work together to develop and adjust plans, programs, and schedules to achieve general consistency as appropriate.
- [Designated recipient](#) is an entity selected to receive and allocate an amount of funds that are attributable to urbanized areas of 200,000 or more in population, or a State or regional authority if the authority is responsible under the laws of a State for a capital project and for financing and directly providing public transportation.

## Urbanized areas that are TMAs (>200,000)

As of October 1, 2023, Metro COG's urbanized area was designated a Transportation Management Area (TMA). Per [23 CFR 450.332\(c\)](#), in areas designated as TMAs, the MPO shall select all 23 U.S.C. and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 funded projects in **consultation** with the State and public transportation operator(s). In order for funds to be obligated to a project, the project must be included in the approved TIP and in accordance with the priorities in the approved TIP. The State shall select projects on the NHS in **cooperation** with the MPO, from the approved TIP. TMAs are considered **designated recipients** of some forms of federal funds, which include TA funds.

## 2025, 2026, and 2027 Carbon Reduction Program Application

### Step 1: Project Information

**Project Summary:**

Project Location:				
Lead Jurisdiction:				
Project Contact:			Contact Phone:	
Contact Email Address:				
Project Limits:	From:		To:	
Project Length:	Construction Year:		AC:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Funding FY:	<input type="checkbox"/> FY2025	<input type="checkbox"/> FY2026	<input type="checkbox"/> FY 2027	
Funding Requested:				
Local Matching				
Local Non-Matching				
Sub Total				
Total				
Proposed Bid Letting Date:				

**Project Engineer's Estimate:**

Please attach a detailed cost estimate for the project. Please indicate the federal funds being requested for each element and the amount of local funds of each element

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**Other Grants and Federal Funds:**

Are there any other federal funds or grants currently being used by this project or grants being pursued by this project?                      Yes                      No

**Project Scope:**

Describe below the work being funded. Please go into detail about each element of the project including: proposed cross section, pavement type, lighting, traffic control, bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure, utility work, etc. Please try to include all relevant information.

**Timeliness and Need for the Project**

Describe below why this project is requesting funds now?  
What are the key factors that make this project important to fund?

**System Benefit of the Project**

Please explain how this project will benefit the transportation system?

**Identification of Potential Challenges:**

Please indicate below any foreseeable environmental, design, and/or construction challenge that may pose a risk to the completion of the project:

## Step 2: Planning Conformance

### Relationship to Regional Priorities:

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan – [MetroGrow 2045](#) – includes the following goals:

FM Metro COG MTP 2045 Metro Grow Planning Goals	If applicable, describe how this project contributes to each Planning Goal listed below
 Safety System and Security	
 Travel Efficiency and Reliability	
 Walking and Biking	
 Transit Access	
 Maintain Transportation Infrastructure	
 Environmental Sustainability	
 Economic Development and Transportation Decisions	
 Emerging Transportation Trends	

### Demonstrated in Planning Studies:

Please provide other materials that document the need for the proposed project in local or regional plans or studies.

- Additional materials are attached that document the need for the proposed project
- This project in the 2045 MTP.           What is the MTP Project ID number:
- This project will comply with all necessary Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requirements, your local ADA Transition Plan, and the requirements of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines of 2011 (PROWAG).

### Project Map and Documentation:

Please provide a map detailing the limits of the project on aerial imagery. Include all details on the map that are relevant to the overall project.

- A project map has been included as an attachment to the application

### **Step 3: CRP Specific Questions**

#### **Estimated Carbon Reduction Resulting from the Project:**

The [CMAQ Emissions Calculator](#) estimates the total carbon reduction of:

#### **Please describe how specifically this project will lead to a reduction in carbon emissions for the transportation system:**

#### **MINNESOTA Specific Relationship to Minnesota State Carbon Reduction Priorities:**

The following section pertains only to the applications requesting Minnesota funding. Check all boxes below of priorities that this project satisfies.

- Provides multimodal and intermodal transportation facilities and services to increase access for all persons and businesses and to ensure economic well-being and quality of life without undue burden placed on any community.
- Provides a reasonable travel time for commuters.
- Promotes accountability through systematic management of system performance and productivity through the utilization of technological advancements.
- Ensures that the planning and implementation of all modes of transportation are consistent with the environmental and energy goals of the state.
- Promotes and increase the use of high-occupancy vehicles and low-emission vehicles.
- Increases use of transit as a percentage of all trips statewide by giving highest priority to the transportation modes with the greatest people-moving capacity and lowest long-term economic and environmental cost.
- Promotes and increase bicycling and walking as a percentage of all trips as energy-efficient, nonpolluting and healthy forms of transportation.
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions from the state's transportation sector.
- Accomplishes these goals with minimal impact on the environment.
- Provides carbon sequestration and storage in forested lands, grasslands or wetlands.

Below are the state carbon reduction plans that were used as source documents for the above list.

[2022 Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan \(SMTP\)](#)  
[Minnesota Climate Action Framework](#)  
[Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation Report](#)

**Step 4: Signature**

To the best of my knowledge, information in this application is true and correct. I understand that determinations made by state and federal partners may limit the amount of federal eligibility. Based upon eligibility determinations or other factors, federal funding levels may change. Your local unit of government may then have to supplement funding for the project by local means. Furthermore, it is understood that the development and delivery of the project must align with the fiscal year in which funds are requested. If, for whatever reason, the project cannot be constructed according to that timeline, Metro COG reserves the right to revoke project funding authorization at which time it will seek to program those funds onto an alternate project.

I due hereby formally submit the aforementioned project to Metro COG for federal funding on this day \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_(month), \_\_\_\_\_(year).

In Witness Thereof:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Responsible Government Official) Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Responsible Government Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City / County / District Engineer) Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of City / County / District Engineer)

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North Dakota		\$1,160,000	\$1,180,000
Minnesota	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000

Metro COG is asking that each jurisdiction to confirm that each project it was awarded in prior years is still moving forward to construction. Applications must be received by Metro COG by **12:00 noon on November 17, 2023**. To apply for funding, please submit a project application to Paul Bervik at Metro COG at [bervik@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:bervik@fmmetrocog.org).

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#### 2025

- 4240008 Fargo Construction of a Shared Use Path by the VA Hospital \$1,086,335
- 3240009 West Fargo purchase of electric vehicles \$53,665

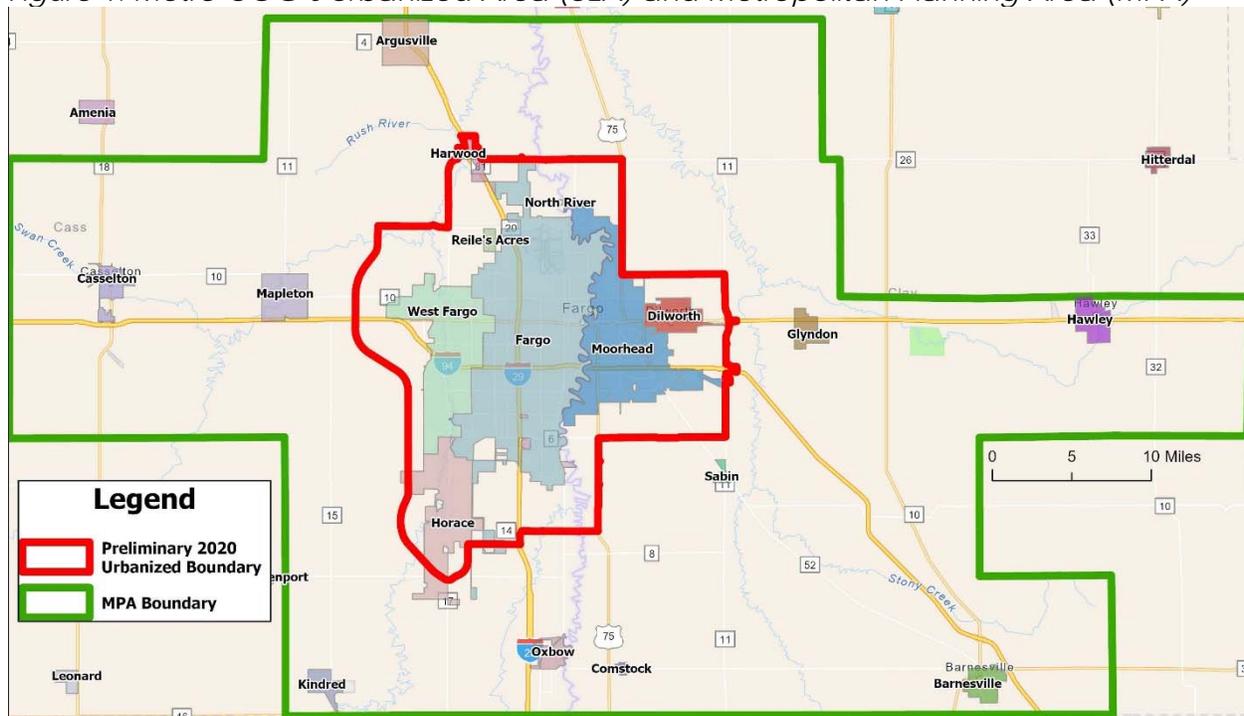
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## Eligible Projects

Projects eligible for CRP funding must be within the Metro COG Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), be consistent with Metro Grow: 2045 FM Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and meet general eligibility requirements for use of federal aid dollars under Title 23 of the US Code 133 Carbon Reduction Program.

## Schedule

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After funding is awarded, Metro COG will begin working with each local jurisdiction to monitor and track project progress to ensure projects are able to stay on track for the year funded, or to ensure that we know, far enough in advance, about scheduling or cost issues that could affect project programming the timely obligation of federal funds.

## 2027 and 2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant Application

### Step 1: Project Information

#### Project Summary:

Project Location:				
Lead Jurisdiction:				
Project Contact:			Contact Phone:	
Contact Email Address:				
Project Limits:	From:	To:		
Project Length:	Construction Year:	AC:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
Funding FY:	<input type="checkbox"/> FY2027	<input type="checkbox"/> FY2028		
Funding Requested:				
Local Matching				
Local Non-Matching				
Sub Total				
Total				
Proposed Bid Letting Date:				

#### Project Engineer's Estimate:

Please attach a detailed cost estimate for the project. Please indicate the federal funds being requested for each element and the amount of local funds of each element.

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**Other Grants and Federal Funds:**

Are there any other federal funds or grants currently being used by this project or grants being pursued by this project?                      Yes                      No

**Project Scope:**

Describe below the work being funded. Please go into detail about each element of the project including: proposed cross section, pavement type, lighting, traffic control, bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure, utility work, etc. Please try to include all relevant information.

**Timeliness and Need for the Project**

Describe below why this project is requesting funds now?  
What are the key factors that make this project important to fund?

**System Benefit of the Project**

Please explain how this project will benefit the transportation system?

**Identification of Potential Challenges:**

Please indicate below any foreseeable environmental, design, and/or construction challenge that may pose a risk to the completion of the project:

## Step 2: Planning Conformance

### Relationship to Regional Priorities:

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan – [MetroGrow 2045](#) – includes the following goals:

FM Metro COG MTP 2045 Metro Grow Planning Goals	If applicable, describe how this project contributes to each Planning Goal listed below
 Safety System and Security	
 Travel Efficiency and Reliability	
 Walking and Biking	
 Transit Access	
 Maintain Transportation Infrastructure	
 Environmental Sustainability	
 Economic Development and Transportation Decisions	
 Emerging Transportation Trends	

### Demonstrated in Planning Studies:

Please provide other materials that document the need for the proposed project in local or regional plans or studies.

- Additional materials are attached that document the need for the proposed project
- This project in the 2045 MTP.      What is the MTP Project ID number:
- This project will comply with all necessary Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requirements, your local ADA Transition Plan, and the requirements of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines of 2011 (PROWAG).

### Project Map and Documentation:

Please provide a map detailing the limits of the project on aerial imagery. Include all details on the map that are relevant to the overall project.

- A project map has been included as an attachment to the application

### **Step 3: STBG Specific Questions**

#### **Work Activities:**

Please indicate which project phases will be federally funded (check all that apply).

- Planning
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Construction Engineering
- Construction

#### **Project Classification:**

Given the project types below, please characterize the extent of the proposed project.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation (mill & overlay, Concrete Crack Repair, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reconstruction          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Repair   | <input type="checkbox"/> New Roadway             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roadway Capacity Expansion                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle & Pedestrian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Capital Purchase                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Bus Replacement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Improvement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion Management   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intelligent Transportation Systems Deployment               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |

If the project type was "Other", please describe the type of project below:

Please describe how this project is anticipated to impact congestion of the transportation system, if applicable:

Please describe any Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) components of this project, if applicable. (Examples: Dynamic Messaging Signs, Coordinated Signal Control, automated speed enforcement, etc.):

**Step 4: Signature**

To the best of my knowledge, information in this application is true and correct. I understand that determinations made by state and federal partners may limit the amount of federal eligibility. Based upon eligibility determinations or other factors, federal funding levels may change. Your local unit of government may then have to supplement funding for the project by local means. Furthermore, it is understood that the development and delivery of the project must align with the fiscal year in which funds are requested. If, for whatever reason, the project cannot be constructed according to that timeline, Metro COG reserves the right to revoke project funding authorization at which time it will seek to program those funds onto an alternate project.

I due hereby formally submit the aforementioned project to Metro COG for federal funding on this day \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_(month), \_\_\_\_\_(year).

In Witness Thereof:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Responsible Government Official) Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Responsible Government Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City / County / District Engineer) Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of City / County / District Engineer)

### **Step 5: Safety Analysis and Title VI & Environmental Justice**

#### **Conformance**

This section will assess the impacts of the proposed project on Title VI and EJ communities in conformance with (list federal code as well as executive orders). It also documents safety concerns that may exist within the limit of the project and details how the design of the project will take that into consideration. (Metro COG staff can assist the applicant in filling out this section.)

#### **Crash Identification:**

Between the years 2018 and 2022, have there been any serious injuries or fatalities at or near the proposed project location? If yes, how many and what were any contributing circumstances?

Number of Auto Fatalities	Number of Auto Serious Injuries	Number of Bike/Ped Fatalities	Number of Bike/Ped Serious Injuries

What is the Critical Crash Rate for the proposed project locations and/or any nearby major streets?

#### **Bridge and Pavement Condition**

If there are any bridges along the project corridor, please list their location, sufficiency rating, and any work that will be done as part of the project to them.

#### **Impact to Disadvantaged Communities:**

- Using the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening tool](#), this project interacts with census tracts identified as disadvantaged.

Describe below impacts this project could have to disadvantaged communities (both positive and negative impacts).

## 2027 and 2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant Instructions Document

### Instructions

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Government (Metro COG) is soliciting projects for use of its direct suballocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds annual for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2027-2028.

**Table 1:** Estimated Funding Amounts Available by Year Included in the Solicitation

State	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
North Dakota	\$0	\$10,693,894
Minnesota	\$10,484,210	\$1,093,040

Metro COG is asking that each jurisdiction to confirm that each project it was awarded in prior years is still moving forward to construction. Metro COG's Policy Board chose the following projects and subsequently awarded the following federal funding at their February 2023 meeting:

#### 2025

- 3220021 West Fargo Reconstruction of 9<sup>th</sup> St NE \$9,600,000
- 5230010 – Moorhead AC of 11<sup>th</sup> Street Grade Separation \$830,000

#### 2026

- 4230001 Fargo Broadway Bridge - \$5,400,000
- 4240010 Fargo Reconstruction of 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. \$4,878,064
- 5230011 – Moorhead AC of 11<sup>th</sup> Street Grade Separation \$1,102,000

#### 2027

- 4230003 Fargo 40<sup>th</sup> Ave S Ped Bridge - \$4,160,000
- 4240011 Fargo 17<sup>th</sup> Ave S Reconstruction - \$6,324,210
- 5241055 – Moorhead AC of 11<sup>th</sup> Street Grade Separation \$1,071,608

Two projects might need to be reconsidered as part of the TIP. The City of Fargo is awaiting the completion of a feasibility determination on the replacement of the North Broadway Bridge. If this project does not move forward, the Policy Board made a determination during the last solicitation cycle to fund the reconstruction of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The second project is the 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Pedestrian Bridge currently programmed in (fill in year), which is awaiting on Minnesota funding through a congressional earmark.

A portion of 2027 funding may become available depending upon the outcomes of either of these projects.

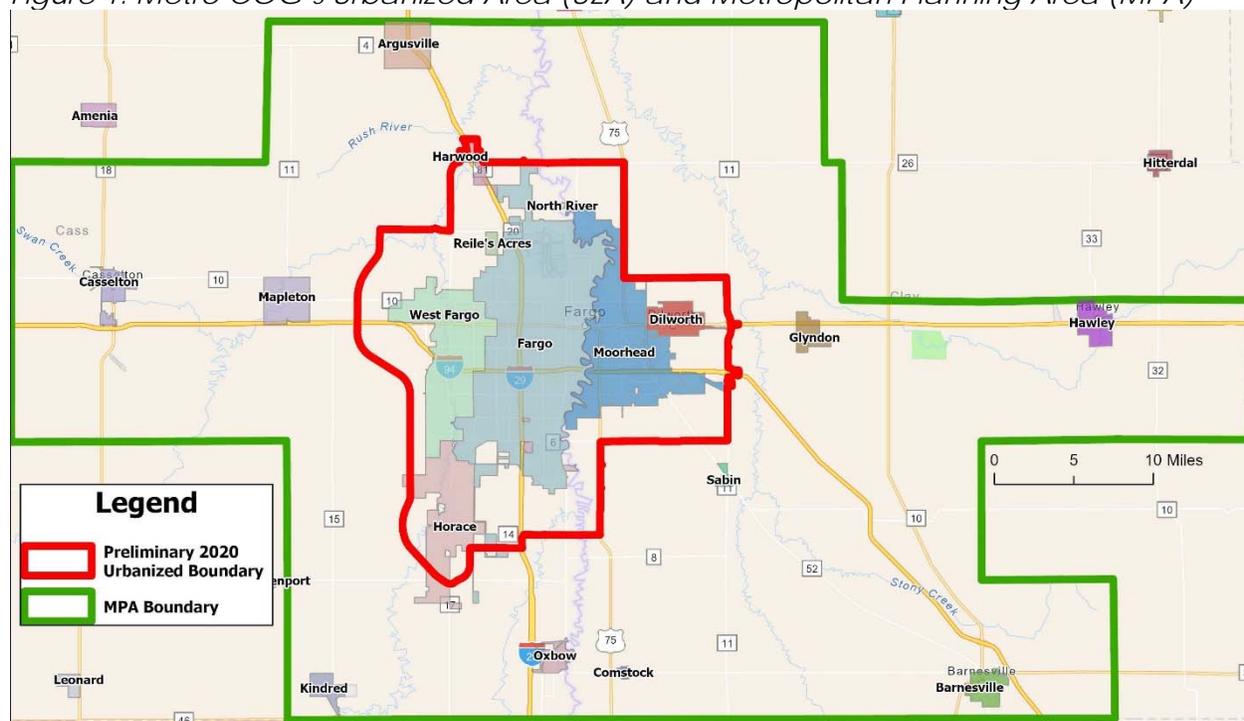
Applications must be received by Metro COG by **12:00 noon on November 17, 2023**. To apply for funding, please submit a project application to Paul Bervik at Metro COG at [bervik@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:bervik@fmmetrocog.org).

Please complete the following form with all applicable information. Completing all elements of this form thoroughly will help Metro COG staff to review projects and work with the TTC and Policy Board to prioritize projects.

## Process

After project applications are submitted to Metro COG, staff will review each application. This review will take into account eligibility, ability to fund, need, Title VI & EJ impacts, conformance with plans, and priority in the MTP as well as other factors. Staff will complete site visits for all appropriate applications and complete a thorough evaluation of each project. This information will be presented to Metro COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). The TTC will provide a technical evaluation of all of the submitted projects for Metro COG's Policy Board. The Policy Board will then determine which projects are funded and how much funding will be allotted to each project in each of the fiscal years during which funding is available.

Figure 1: Metro COG's Urbanized Area (UZA) and Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)



## Project Eligibility

Projects eligible for STBG funding must be within the Metro COG Urbanized Area Boundary (UZA), be consistent with Metro Grow: 2045 FM Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and meet general eligibility requirements for use of federal aid dollars under Title 23 of the US Code 133 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

## Schedule

- October 6, 2023 Begin project solicitation process
- November 17, 2023 Application due date.  
Metro COG staff begin reviewing projects.
- January 11, 2024 The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) provides a technical analysis of the projects.
- January 18, 2024 Policy Board reviews projects and awards funding.

After funding is awarded, Metro COG will begin working with each local jurisdiction to monitor and track project progress to ensure projects are able to stay on track for the year funded, or to ensure that we know, far enough in advance, about scheduling or cost issues that could affect project programming the timely obligation of federal funds.

## Questions

If you have any questions about the STBG and/or the solicitation, or specific local questions about prospective projects, please contact Paul Bervik at Metro COG at (701)532-5107 or [bervik@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:bervik@fmmetrocog.org). Metro COG will consult with MnDOT or NDDOT for questions we are unable to answer regarding eligibility. Completed applications can be emailed to Paul Bervik, Metro COG Assistant Transportation Planner, at [bervik@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:bervik@fmmetrocog.org) or mailed to Metro COG (Attention: Paul Bervik) at:

# HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PROJECT APPLICATION

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Programming  
SFN 59959 (3-2023)

**23 USC § 407 Documents  
NDDOT Reserves All Objections**

Please attach a location map(s). You may use additional sheets to further describe your project.

Agency Name		NDDOT District	
Contact Name		Current Date	
Email Address	Telephone Number	Project Cost Estimate (attach detailed copy)	
Location Description	Roadway Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Tribe	Vision Zero Emphasis Area (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Younger Drivers <input type="checkbox"/> Speeding or Aggressive Drivers <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol-Related <input type="checkbox"/> Unbelted Vehicle Occupants <input type="checkbox"/> Lane Departure <input type="checkbox"/> Intersections	Functional Class <input type="checkbox"/> Local Road or Street <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Collector <input type="checkbox"/> Major Collector <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Arterial <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Arterial

Improvement Category (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Access Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Intersection Geometry	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadway Delineation
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology & ITS	<input type="checkbox"/> Intersection Traffic Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrians & Bicyclists	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadway Signs & Traffic Control
<input type="checkbox"/> Alignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Grade Crossings	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Treatments
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadside	<input type="checkbox"/> Speed Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Interchange Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone

Describe Current Safety Issues

Describe Proposed Safety Improvements

For questions or comments contact:  
Justin Schlosser  
701-328-2673  
jjschlosser@nd.gov

Please email completed form to this address: [hsip@nd.gov](mailto:hsip@nd.gov)