

**549th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 10:00 am
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Jonathan	Atkins	City of Moorhead Traffic Engineering
Jason	Benson	Cass County Highway Engineering (not voting)
Maegin	Elshaug	City of Fargo Planning (alternate for Nicole Crutchfield)
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Transportation Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning
Jace	Hellman	City of Horace – Community Development Director
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – District 4
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS (alternate for Julie Bommelman)
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (voting for Jason Benson)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
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:

Julie	Bommelman	City of Fargo, MATBUS (alternate present)
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning (alternate present)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight Representative - TrueNorth Compliance Service
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Angela	Bolstad	Stantec
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Luke	Champa	SRF
Cody	Christianson	Bolton & Menk
Jim	Dahlman	City of Horace / Interstate Engineering
Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Tom	Knakmuhs	City of Fargo Engineering
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Chelsea	Levorsen	Metro COG
Clay	Lexen	Moorhead Planning
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Brent	Muscha	Apex Engineering
Ayden	Schaffler	Metro COG
Erika	Shepard	MnDOT
Sam	Trebilcock	Houston Engineering

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, on January 11, 2024 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 549 TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the 549 TTC Meeting Agenda. He moved Agenda Item 9 after Agenda Item 4, to get it done before the long meeting.

Motion: Approve the 549 TTC Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Hellman moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVE December 14, 2023 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the December 14, 2023 TTC Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approve the December 14, 2023 TTC Minutes.

Mr. Soucy moved, seconded by Mr. Hellman

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

5. Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary Approval

Mr. Capps presented Metro COG's final approved Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary (AUZA) in the North Dakota boundary.

6. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 3

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 3 to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published in the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, which advertised the public meeting, detailed how to request more information, and provided information on how to provide public comments regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice advertised that comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

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

1. New Project 5243062: Moorhead Transit engineering services for passenger shelters (2024).

Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 3 of the Metro COG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.

Ms. Van Beek moved, seconded by Mr. Smith

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Technical Evaluation of TA Projects

Mr. Farnsworth presented that a total of nine TA projects within the Fargo-Moorhead urbanized area. On December 13, 2023, the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee reviewed and scored the TA projects. Below are the urban TA projects received, along with the associated scores as determined by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee.

Minnesota Urban TA - Metro COG did not solicit for TA funding in Minnesota this cycle.

North Dakota Urban TA

- 45 pts: Cass County - Reconstruction and updating ADA compliance of S. University Drive Shared Use Path from 54th Ave S to 88th Ave S
- 45 pts: Fargo - Construction of a new shared use path near the Water Reclamation Facility (near 35th Ave N)
- 45 pts: Horace - Construction of a new shared use path along County Road 17 from 76th Ave S to 81st Ave S
- 45 pts: Horace - Construction of a new shared use path along 76th Avenue from County Road 17 to Brink Dr
- 35 pts: Fargo - Construction of a new shared use path along Drain 27 in the Deer Creek area from 52nd Ave S to 59th Ave S (Phase 1)
- 35 pts: West Fargo - Construction of a new path and pedestrian crossing at the Sheyenne River in the River's Bend area (near 23rd Ave E)
- 30 pts: Fargo - Construction of a new shared use path in the Deer Creek area from Drain 27 to 63rd St S (Phase 2)
- 25 pts: Fargo - Construction of a low-level pedestrian crossing at Drain 53 (near 58th Ave S)
- 25 pts: Fargo - Construction of a new shared use path along Drain 53 from 64th Ave S to 73rd Ave S

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the TA project scoring as determined by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee.

Mr. Hellman moved, seconded by Mr. Atkins

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Technical Evaluation of CRP Projects

Mr. Bervik presented the project applications received for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). The Transportation Technical Committee evaluated the projects during the meeting.

Minnesota CRP

- Reconstruction of Shared Use Path along 34th Street North (4th Avenue S – 3rd Avenue N) Moorhead, MN and Dilworth, MN
- LED Lighting on 1st Avenue North (Red River – 8th Street N) Moorhead, MN

North Dakota CRP

- Construction of a new shared use path along Governor's Drive (8th Street S – 37th Street SE) Casselton, ND
- Reconstruction and updating ADA compliance of University Drive Shared Use Path from (54th Avenue - 88th Avenue) Fargo, ND
- Construction of a new shared use path along Drain 27 in the Deer Creek area Phase 1 from (52nd Avenue - 64th Avenue) Fargo, ND
- Construction of a new shared use path from along Drain 53 (64th Avenue - 73rd Avenue) Fargo, ND
- Construction of a new shared use path along County Road 17 (76th Avenue - 81st Avenue) Horace, ND
- Construction of a new shared use path along 76th Avenue from (County Road 17 - Brink Drive) Horace, ND
- Construction of a new pedestrian crossing at the Sheyenne River in the River's Bend area (near 23rd Avenue E) West Fargo, ND
- 45th Street Adaptive Traffic Signal Corridor (9th Avenue S - 44th Avenue S) Fargo, ND

Motion: Forward the Technical Score as compiled by Metro COG staff to the Policy Board

Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Atkins

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Technical Evaluation of STBG Projects

Mr. Bervik presented the project applications received for the Surface Transportation Block Grant. The Transportation Technical Committee evaluated the projects during the meeting.

Minnesota STBG

- Reconstruction of 34th Street North (28th Avenue S – 3rd Avenue N) Moorhead, MN and Dilworth, MN

North Dakota STBG

- Reconstruction of 1st Avenue North from (10th Street - Roberts Street) Fargo, ND
- Reconstruction of 1st Avenue North from (Roberts Street - 3rd Street) Fargo, ND
- Reconstruction of 17th Avenue from (38th Street - 42nd Street) Fargo, ND
- Reconstruction of 13th Avenue from (Sheyenne Street - 9th Street) West Fargo, ND
- Reconstruction of the Broadway Bridge (Crossing the Red River) Fargo, ND and Moorhead, MN

Mr. Gorden stated that while the Reconstruction of the Broadway Bridge is in the current STIP, the Fargo City Commission would like to move this project further out, potentially to 2028. Mr. Bervik responded that it was noted, and ultimately will be the decision of the Policy Board.

Ms. Van Beek asked if non-subjective questions could be included in future scoring activities. Mr. Bervik noted this suggestion.

Motion: Forward the Technical Score as compiled by Metro COG staff to the Policy Board

Ms. Van Beek moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agency Updates

Chair Griffith let the committee know that Metro COG is currently not under contract with the NDDOT for 2024. All projects are currently on hold until the contract can be finalized.

11. Additional Business

No additional business.

12. Adjourn

The 549 Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on January 11, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD February 8, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach
Executive Assistant