

130th Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting
September 24th, 2025 – 3:00pm
Hybrid Meeting – Virtual / In-person (Metro COG Conference Room)

Members Present

Dan Farnsworth, Chair, Metro COG
Peyton Mastera, City of Dilworth
Robert Gunderson, Fargo Park District
Forrest Steinhoff, Moorhead Planning
Terry Steen, Citizen Representative
Cole Hansen, Cass County Planning
Tom Trowbridge, Moorhead Engineering
Matt Jacobson, Clay County Planning
Cheryl Stetz, Cass County Public Health
Josh Mathern, West Fargo Parks
Steve Iverson, West Fargo Planning
Derek Boman, Moorhead Parks
Nathaniel Mchaffie, City of Horace
Christine Holland, River Keepers
Luke Grittner, MATBUS

Others Present:

Ben Griffith, Metro COG
Aiden Jung, Metro COG
William Weightman, Citizen

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 3:03 pm. Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves.

2. Minutes from June 18th, 2025 meeting

A motion to approve the June 18th minutes was made by T. Trowbridge and seconded by C. Hansen. The minutes passed unanimously with no edits.

3. Public input opportunity

William Weightman provided the following comments to the committee:

- With some funding from the Budweiser plant in Moorhead being redirected toward health-related initiatives, W. Weightman would like to suggest that some of these funds be directed to businesses in Moorhead to become certified as Bicycle Friendly

Businesses and also be used toward bicycle parking. Weightman was wondering how to submit that suggestion.

- Committee response: F. Steinhoff mentioned that they'll be meeting next week to discuss possible open houses to obtain feedback (for this funding). Steinhoff mentioned that he can distribute information about these upcoming public meetings when he has that information.
- In light of the recent child bicycle fatality near Reinertsen Elementary School, Weightman expressed concerns that Moorhead Public Schools hasn't acted on recommendations from the Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan. He asked how Metro COG is working with the School District and City on following up on these recommendations.
 - Committee response: Metro COG is tracking progress of recommendations from past plans including the recently-approved Moorhead SRTS Plan. Farnsworth noted that the Moorhead SRTS Plan is very new so it is difficult for some projects to be completed immediately due to the logistics of securing funding for projects. The Committee will be discussing this project tracking as part of Agenda Item 6 in the agenda.

T. Trowbridge believes some projects have been completed by Moorhead Schools, however this may not have been communicated to Metro COG yet. Perhaps an improved process for communicating implementation & completion of projects can be in place so Metro COG can better track completed projects. Trowbridge noted that the City of Moorhead is working on a project on 40th Ave S in 2026.

Metro COG will reach out to Moorhead Public Schools and other associated agencies to get an update on projects completed within the Moorhead SRTS Plan.

4. New Bike/Ped Committee citizen member update

D. Farnsworth mentioned that one of the Committee's current citizen representatives' term will expire on December 31st. Therefore, Metro COG solicited for a new citizen rep in early September. Applications for the citizen rep position are being accepted until September 30th. Farnsworth noted that Metro COG has received four applications thus far.

Once the application deadline is passed, Metro COG will coordinate an evaluation committee consisting of a representative from West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead, Dilworth, and Horace to select the citizen rep.

5. Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map App update

D. Farnsworth provided an update on the new online bike map that Metro COG is developing. The new online bike map will replace the current online bike map which is

being discontinued due to ongoing neglect by the hired app developer, [MCB Digital Solutions](#).

While Metro COG was hoping to have the new online bike map complete by this meeting, some tweaks are still being made before finalizing the map. Metro COG plans to have the online map complete by the next meeting and plans to do a publicized release of the map in the spring of 2026 when people are gearing up for spring/summer biking. A soft release might occur this fall/winter when the map is complete.

6. Past plans – implementation tracking

At the March Bike/Ped Committee meeting the Committee asked Metro COG to look at past bicycle/pedestrian plans to gauge the progress made on the plans' recommendations. At the June meeting the Committee asked Metro COG to also break out the projects by recommended project term or priority.

D. Farnsworth went over the various plans that had bike/ped recommendations associated with them. M. Elshaug suggested changing the color scheme in the tracking table since the red color used for non-completed projects could have a negative connotation. Metro COG will make this change.

D. Farnsworth mentioned that now that the Moorhead SRTS Plan has been complete for roughly 8 months, Metro COG will reach out to Moorhead School District and other agencies to obtain the status of the recommendations.

7. Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force composition

D. Farnsworth updated the Committee on the status of the Clay County Heartland Trail Task Force which Metro COG is re-starting (since it got dissolved in 2020). To make sure the Task Force has the correct representation, a small group met in August to determine the composition of members on the Task Force. Since the list of members was developed, Metro COG and Clay County have been reaching out to each member to verify they are able to be on the Task Force. Once all members have been confirmed, the first meeting will be held. Metro COG anticipates this first meeting will be in the November timeframe.

P. Mastera suggested that a representative from Moorhead Public Schools could also be added to the Task Force.

8. West Fargo Safe Routes to School Study update

A. Jung provided the Committee with an update on the West Fargo Safe Routes to School Study that Metro COG is developing in-house. He noted that the study is a two-year study with 2025 being the first year of the process. As of now, Metro COG is mostly wrapped up with the 2025 efforts and the 2026 efforts will begin in March of 2026.

The schools north of I-94 (plus Brooks Harbor Elementary) are being studied in 2025 with all schools south of I-94, including the schools in Horace, being studied in 2026. The final plan will be completed around the end of 2026.

9. Agency updates

Updates were provided by the following agencies:

- West Fargo – J. Mathern mentioned that various West Fargo agencies have been meeting recently to discuss improvements to their shared use path system including ordinances pertaining to e-scooters and e-bikes. They are coordinating with Metro COG's West Fargo Safe Routes to School plan on some of these improvements.
- Fargo – M. Elshaug let the group know that Fargo has regular internal meetings to discuss trail planning within Fargo. These meetings include Fargo Parks and Metro COG as well.
- Moorhead – T. Trowbridge noted that the current construction projects will make bike/ped improvements. These projects include the 34th St project, the 11th St grade separation project, design of the Bluestem pedestrian bridge over the Red River, and possible reconstruction of the 15th Ave / 12th Ave bridge over the Red River.
- Fargo Cass Public Health – C. Stetz mentioned that they've been hearing concerns about e-scooters riding on sidewalks and high speeds and without helmets.

10. Other business

There was no other additional business. The meeting was adjourned around 3:45 pm.