

**131<sup>st</sup> Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting**  
**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 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  
Jeremy Gorden, Fargo Engineering  
Maegin Elshaug, Fargo Planning  
Forrest Steinhoff, Moorhead Planning  
Terry Steen, Citizen Representative  
Jason Pike, Citizen Representative  
Cole Hansen, Cass County Planning  
Tom Trowbridge, Moorhead Engineering  
Matt Jacobson, Clay County Planning  
Paul Bervik, West Fargo Engineering  
Steve Iverson, West Fargo Planning  
Derek Boman, Moorhead Parks  
Nathaniel Mchaffie, City of Horace  
Rosemary Bruce-White, MnDOT District 4  
Patrick Hollister, PartnerSHIP 4 Health

**Others Present:**

Ben Griffith, Metro COG  
Aiden Jung, Metro COG  
Hunni Bragonier, Bolton & Menk  
Jack Butler, West Central Initiative

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 3:00 pm. Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Minutes from September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting**

A motion to approve the September 24<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by C. Hansen and seconded by F. Steinhoff. P. Hollister abstained from voting since he wasn't present at the September meeting. The minutes passed unanimously with no edits.

**3. Follow-up from December email voting item**

D. Farnsworth followed up with the Committee regarding an email vote that was held in December seeking Committee approval of Jason Pike as the new Committee citizen

representative. The email vote passed unanimously. Therefore, Jason Pike will be the new citizen representative with a term beginning Jan 1, 2026 and ending Dec 31, 2027.

#### **4. Public input opportunity**

A public input opportunity was given to any members of the public wishing to make comments. No public provided comments during the public input opportunity.

#### **5. Review & scoring of TA applications**

An overview of the three submitted TA (Transportation Alternatives) grant applications was given prior to reviewing the scoring of the applications. The preliminary scoring, which Metro COG completed prior to the meeting, was then reviewed by the Committee. After reviewing the scoring for the applications, the Committee concurred with the scoring as presented. The scoring for the three projects was approved as the following:

- City of Fargo – 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Shared Use Path from 34<sup>th</sup> St to 38<sup>th</sup> St – 35 pts
- City of Fargo – Low Level Drain 53 Crossing – 25 pts
- City of West Fargo – 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave RRFB and Pedestrian Refuge Island – 37.5 pts

A motion to approve the scoring of the projects as presented was made by J. Gorden and seconded by P. Bervik. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **6. Past plans – implementation tracking**

D. Farnsworth presented the updated table showing the status of bike/ped project recommendations from past planning studies. Metro COG has been working on this table since March 2025 when the Bike/Ped Committee suggested such an effort.

Updates to the table since the last meeting included: Modifying the color scheme from red through green to purple through green (as requested by the Committee); and updating the status of recommendations from the Moorhead SRTS Plan, the Fargo SRTS Plan, and the FM Diversion Greenway Plan.

Metro COG will continue to keep this table up to date as additional projects are implemented. As suggested by P. Bervik, Metro COG will plan to present this table to the Bike/Ped Committee annually around October. This would be good timing for jurisdictions as they prepare for the next TA grant solicitations.

#### **7. Fargo-Moorhead Online Bike Map update**

Metro COG presented the new online bike map to the Committee. This map replaces the previous Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map App which has been discontinued due to failures by the app developer.

The new online bike map has been developed in-house by Metro COG and is compatible for both smartphones and computers.

The online map shows the same information as the old app, which includes shared use paths, on-street bikeways, mountain bike trailheads, bike repair stations, and more. The map also shows a user's location if desired.

Metro COG is currently doing a soft launch of this map with plans for a larger main launch in the spring of 2026. Metro COG hopes to have paper bike maps printed for the public in time for the main launch.

J. Pike, a member of FM Trailbuilders, suggested the map include the Horn Park mountain bike trailhead. D. Farnsworth noted that FM Trailbuilders requested that this not be shown on the maps several years ago (perhaps because it was not ready for the public at the time or because it was too technical for the general public). J. Pike will follow up with members of FM Trailbuilders to see if they would like to now show the Horn Park mountain bike trailhead on the map.

J. Pike also asked if it might be possible to show the mountain bike trail alignments on the map. A. Jung said it might be possible to show the alignments if the right file format is available for the alignments.

## **8. Agency updates**

D. Farnsworth asked if there are any bicycle/pedestrian-related updates from jurisdictions in the meeting. The updates were the following:

- City of Fargo – Fargo continues to add bike/ped infrastructure in south Fargo as the city grows in that area.
- City of Moorhead – Moorhead is working with the City of Fargo on the Bluestem pedestrian bridge with is planned for construction in 2027. Moorhead is also making bicycle/pedestrian connections in the downtown area as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> St underpass project.
- City of West Fargo – West Fargo will be installing shared use paths along 9<sup>th</sup> St NE and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NE as part of reconstruction projects along those corridors.
- FM Trailbuilders – J. Pike informed the Committee that FM Trailbuilders is working with West Fargo Parks to implement a mountain bike trail in Armour Park in West Fargo. This would be the first mountain bike trail in West Fargo.

## **9. Other business**

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