

**574th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Paul	Bervik	West Fargo Engineering
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Luke	Griffner	MATBUS
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning Director
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Peyton	Mastera	City of Dilworth (Alternate for D. Lorsung)
Nathaniel	McHaffie	Horace Planning (Alt. for J. Dahlman)
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Joey	Ness	GFMEDC (Alt. for Joe Raso)
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS (Alt. for J. Bommelman)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (Alt. for K. Litchy)
Forrest	Steinhoff	Moorhead Planning (Alt. for R. Huston)
Tom	Trowbridge	Moorhead Engineering

Members Absent:

Julie	Bommelman	MATBUS (Alternate present)
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning
James	Dahlman	City of Horace - Planning/Engineering (Alt. present)
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning (Alt. present)
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning (Signed on for four minutes)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight
Kyle	Litchy	Cass County Highway (Alternate present)
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development (Alt. present)
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC (Alt. present)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Nicole	Lipinoga	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Dan	Bergerson	HDR
Luke	Champa	SRF Engineering

Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Wade	Frank	Stantec Engineering
Jason	Gottfried	MnDOT - MPO Coordinator
Sharijad	Hasan	ATAC
Joel	Quanbeck	KLJ
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA-ND

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2026 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 574th TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the February 12, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda. Chair Griffith requested Items 13-15 be moved ahead of item 5.

Motion: Approve the February 12, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda, moving Items 13-15 before item 5.

Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve January 9, 2026 TTC Meeting Minutes

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the January 9, 2026 TTC Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approve the January 9, 2026 TTC Minutes.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were received or provided.

5. Solicitation of ND & MN STBG Projects Amended (Previously Item #13)

Mr. Altenburg stated the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program is a federal funded program with solicitations occurring annually.

The Prioritization Committee is recommending:

North Dakota STBG FY26

- City of Fargo: Reconstruction of 32nd Avenue from 15th Street to near University Drive S/Red River
 - Funds Requested: \$1,224,124

North Dakota STBG FY27

- City of West Fargo: Construction of shared use path and box culvert extension along Beaton Drive (currently programmed for FY29)
 - Funds Requested: \$1,440,000

North Dakota STBG FY30

- City of West Fargo: Reconstruction of 13th Avenue from Sheyenne Street to 9th Street E, including pedestrian underpass between 3rd and 6th Street E
 - Funds Requested: \$5,773,728
- City of West Fargo: Construction administration for 13th Avenue reconstruction project
 - Funds Requested: \$1,501,300
- City of Fargo: Reconstruction of 17th Avenue from 25th Street to 38th Street S, including reconstructing one sidewalk to a shared use path, two mini roundabouts (32nd and 34th Streets), and one traffic signal (38th Street)
 - Funds Requested: \$3,854,899

Minnesota STBG FY30

- City of Moorhead: Reconstruction of 34th Street from 12th to 24th Avenue S, including reconstruction of existing shared use path.
 - Funds Requested: \$1,171,980

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of projects to be funded by North Dakota Surface Transportation Block Grant (ND STBG) and Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant (MN STBG) funding in FY26, FY27, and FY30.

Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

6. North Dakota CRP Projects Amended (Previous Item #14)

Mr. Altenburg stated the Carbon Reduction Program is a federal initiative established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) providing federal funding over a five-year period to reduce transportation-related emissions.

The Prioritization Committee is recommending:

North Dakota CRP FY26

- City of West Fargo: Construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island on 32nd Avenue W west of 5th Street W
 - Funds Requested: \$184,448
- Cass County: Reconstruction of shared use path along Cass Highway 81/University Drive S between 54th and 88th Avenue S
 - Additional Funds Requested: \$154,604

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of projects to be funded by North Dakota Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding in FY26.

Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Solicitation of ND & MN TA Projects Amended (Previous Item #15)

Mr. Altenburg stated the Transportation Alternatives program provides federal funding dedicated to smaller-scale transportation projects that expand travel options and enhance community livability.

The Prioritization Committee is recommending:

North Dakota TA FY26

- Cass County: Reconstruction of shared use path along CR81/University Drive between 54th and 88th Avenue S
 - Funds Requested: \$119,751

North Dakota TA FY30 – Listed by Priority

- City of West Fargo: Construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island on 32nd Avenue W west of 5th Street W
 - REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION – PROJECT RECOMMEND FOR FY26 CRP FUNDING
- City of Fargo: Construction of shared use path along 13th Avenue between 34th and 38th Street S
 - Funds Requested: \$741,806
- City of Fargo: Construction of low-level crossing over Drain 53 between 27th and 31st Street S
 - Funds Requested: \$937,420

Minnesota TA FY30

- City of Moorhead: Reconstruction of 34th Street from 12th to 24th Avenue S, including reconstruction of existing shared use path.
 - Funds Requested: \$450,000

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of projects to be funded by North Dakota Transportation Alternatives (ND TA) and Minnesota Transportation Alternatives (MN TA) program funding in FY26 and FY30.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #2 amended (Previous Item #5)

Mr. Altenburg presented Amendment 2 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The proposed amendment to the 2026-2029 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 9260064:** NDDOT District-Wide Pavement Markings – Various Highways (2026).
2. **Modification of Project 4240010:** Fargo Reconstruction of 32nd Avenue S (2026). Adding additional redistributed STBG funding.

Motion: Pending public comments, recommend Policy Board approval of Amendment 2 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

9. 2026 UPWP Amendment 1 (Previous Item #6)

Mr. Griffith presented information stating that with the slight changes in projects and the additional 2025 MnFTA funding allocation complete, there needed to be a slight adjustment in staff hours. There was also some additional text added to the Casselton ND Hwy 18 Corridor Study.

**Motion: Recommend approval of Metro COG's 2026 Unified Planning Work Program & Budget Amendment 1 to the Policy Board.
Mr. Mastera moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

10. ATAC-Regional ITS Architecture Update Addendum (Previous Item #7)

Mr. Griffith stated the Regional ITS Architecture was last updated in 2022. It is typically updated every 4-5 years. It has been budgeted for \$36,000 in 2026, utilizing the 2025 MnFTA funds.

**Motion: Recommend approval of the Regional ITS Architecture Update Contract Addendum to the ATAC-Metro COG Master Agreement to the Policy Board.
Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

11. MN Safety Performance Measure (PM1) (Previous Item #8)

Ms. Pavcek presented information on Minnesota Performance Measures stating they are assessed annually using a five-year average. The percentage of population is used for the common denominator.

Metro COG is required to agree to program projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area to support the performance targets established by MnDOT.

Five (5) safety performance measures Metro COG must look at are:

1. Number of Fatalities - 4
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 0.78
3. Number of Serious Injuries - 7
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 1

5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries – 3.264

Motion: Recommend approval of MnDOT's Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2026 to the Policy Board.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

12. ND Safety Performance Measure (PM1) (Previous Item #9)

Miss Pavek presented information on North Dakota Performance Measures stating the common denominator used was percentage of population. The North Dakota MPA was calculated at 23.7% of the statewide population. The North Dakota Target was met based on Metro COG's analysis:

1. Number of Fatalities - 6
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 0.78
3. Number of Serious Injuries - 74
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 14
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries – 3.264

Discussed if there are any consequences if the targets are not met. As Metro COG supports the targets, the Federal Government will talk to the State.

Motion: Recommend approval of NDDOT's Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2026 to the Policy Board.

Mr. Mastera moved, seconded by Mr. McHaffie

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Traffic Count Consultant Selection (Previous Item #10)

Mr. Farnsworth presented information on the consultant selection for the 2026 FM Metro Area-Wide Traffic Counts. Gewalt Hamilton Associates Only one proposal was received as the other firms stated the distance to Fargo-Moorhead was too far for them to travel.

GHA was interviewed by the consultant selection panel. With the budgeted amount of \$150,000, their proposal of \$141,500 is \$8,500 below. Metro COG will work with GHA to include approximately 25 more counts in the project, keeping within the budgeted amount.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of GHA to complete the 2026 FM Metro Area-Wide Traffic Counts and to authorize Metro COG to enter into a contract after successful contract negotiations. Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

14. Socioeconomic Forecast Consultant Selection (Previous Item #11)

Mr. Altenburg presented information regarding the Socioeconomic Forecast Consultant Selection. Two proposals were received for the maintenance and updating of the regional travel demand model. The last time it was updated was in 2022.

Proposals were received from KLJ and SRF. The selection committee is recommending KLJ. The budgeted amount is \$120,000 and KLJ's bid is \$119,927.37.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the selection of KLJ to complete the 2055 Socioeconomic and Demographic Forecasts pending contract negotiations to finalize the scope and fee. Mr. Mastera moved, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

15. Regional Freight Plan Consultant Selection Amended (Previous Item #12)

Mr. Altenburg presented information regarding the Regional Freight Plan Consultant Selection. Five proposals were received: Cambridge, Systematics, CPCS, HDR, SRF, and Transpo Group.

The budgeted amount is \$175,000. The selection committee recommended HDR after evaluating their technical qualifications, proposed deliverables, and relevant project experience. HDR bid proposal is \$174,959.61.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the selection of HDR to complete the Metro COG Regional Freight Plan, pending contract negotiations to finalize the scope and fee.
Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McHaffie
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

16. Agency Updates

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – 32nd South from Southgate to Red River bid opening, Main Avenue bids were high and won't be started this year
- b. City of Fargo Planning – Nothing to report
- c. City of Moorhead Engineering – Nothing to report
- d. City of Moorhead Planning – Nothing to report
- e. MATBUS – Nothing to report
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering – Accepted bids for 9th Street, waiting to hear on grant for overpass project
- g. City of West Fargo Planning – Nothing to report
- h. City of Dilworth – Nothing to report
- i. City of Horace – Nothing to report
- j. Cass County Highway – Nothing to report
- k. Cass County Planning – Nothing to report
- l. Clay County Engineering - Nothing to report

- m. Clay County Planning – Nothing to report
- n. GFMEDC – Nothing to report
- o. NDSU – Nothing to report
- p. MnDOT Central Office – Nothing to report
- q. NDDOT Central Office – The 2026-29 TIP has been approved
- r. Federal Highway – SS4A Implementation grants would be on a sliding scale, reduce the part for planning from 40% to 30%, there will probably be more funds available for construction, less for planning
- s. MnDOT Central Office – Nothing to report

17. Additional Business

There was no additional business brought forward.

18. Adjourn

The 574th Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on February 12, 2026 at 11:09 AM.

**Mr. Bervik moved to Adjourn; Mr. Smith seconded
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 12, 2026 AT 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager