

560th Transportation Technical Committee
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
THURSDAY, November 14, 2024 – 10:00 AM
Metro COG Conference Room
AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order and Introductions | |
| 2. Approve the Agenda | Action Item |
| 3. Consider Minutes of the October 10, 2024 TTC Meeting | Action Item |
| 4. Public Input Opportunity | Public Input |
| 5. 2024-2027 TIP Amendment 12 | Action Item |
| 6. 2025-2028 TIP Amendment 1 | Action Item |
| 7. 2024 Metro Profile Final Report | Action Item |
| 8. Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (SS4A) Final Report | Action Item |
| 9. EV Readiness Study Final Report | Action Item |
| 10. Fargo Transportation Plan (FTP) | Action Item |
| 11. 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 | |
| 12. Additional Business | Information Item |
| 13. Adjourn | |

REMINDER: The next TTC meeting will be held **Thursday, December 12, 2024** at 10:00 AM.

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**559th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 10:00 AM
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Julie	Bommelman	City of Fargo, MATBUS
James	Dahlman	City of Horace (Alt. for Jace Hellman)
Maegin	Elshaug	City of Fargo Planning (Alt. for Nicole Crutchfield)
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Transportation Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning Director
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Clay	Lexen	City of Moorhead Engineering (Alt. for Jonathan Atkins)
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Kyle	McCamy	City of West Fargo Engineering
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
George	Palo	NDDOT - (Alt. for Wayne Zacher)
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (Alt. for Jason Benson)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Milt	Wilson	MnDOT (Alt. for Mary Safgren)

Members Absent:

Jonathan	Atkins	City of Moorhead Traffic Engineering (Alternate present)
Jason	Benson	Cass County Highway Engineer (Alternate present)
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning (Alternate present)
Jace	Hellman	City of Horace – Community Development Director (Alternate present)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight Representative - TrueNorth Compliance Service
Sarah	Orr	Concordia College
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – District 4 (Alternate present)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Lori	Van Beek	City of Moorhead, MATBUS
Wayne	Zacher	NDDOT – Local Government Division (Alternate present)

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavsek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Chelsea	Levorsen	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Mackenzie	Mueller	Metro COG
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA - ND
Kyle	Wieler	Civil Science
Dena	Ryan	FHWA - MN
Erika	Shepard	MNDOT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. Approve the 559 TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the October 10, 2024, TTC Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the October 10, 2024, TTC Meeting Agenda.

Mr. McCamy moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman.

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVE September 12, 2024 and September 26, 2024 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the September 12, 2024 TTC Meeting Minutes and the September 26, 2024 Special TTC Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approve the September 12, 2024 Minutes and the September 26, 2024 Special TTC Minutes.

Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman.

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were provided or received.

5. Review DRAFT 2025-2026 UPWP

Mr. Griffith reported every MPO is required to complete a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) at least every other year. With NDDOT going to a one-year Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) contract and the addition of a fourth MPO, there are no new projects proposed for 2025. There is currently only one new project proposed for 2026. Metro COG staff will conduct an in-house Safe Routes to School Plan update for West Fargo School District, which will be a two-year undertaking, as well as an update to the Dilworth Comprehensive Plan.

Metro COG is currently working with Moorhead Public Schools on a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plan, and it should be wrapping up by the end of the year. West Fargo Public Schools has requested a SRTS be done in 2025-2026. Fargo Public Schools has expressed an interest in updating their SRTS Plan in 2027.

NDDOT is in the process of developing a re-obligation process for any unused CPG funds, but it probably will not be complete before the end of the year. The process is shaping up for NDDOT to evaluate any unused 2024 CPG funds at the beginning of 2025 and have them available to the MPOs in 2026.

Ms. Huston brought up the roundabout studies for 46th and 50th Avenues off Hwy 75 South. Mr. Griffith responded that they would be added. Mr. Griffith added that Ms. Bombleman had provided some minor corrections to Appendix H regarding MATBUS via e-mail and that they too would be included.

Ms. Sperry asked if Metro COG is planning on the Policy Board approving the plan next week as Federal Highway Administration typically sees it ten days prior. Mr. Griffith stated there is a 30-day timeframe with the idea there is still time for comments from NDDOT and Federal Highway Administration. He added that a Word version of the plan had been submitted to NDDOT with the understanding it would be forwarded to Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Palo asked if there are changes that need to be made after the review, would it go back to the Policy Board? Mr. Griffith stated it would depend on the level of the changes requested and if it would need to go through the process again and that he would ensure the Policy Board's motion of approval would allow the inclusion of comments from state and federal partners.

Mr. Griffith stated Metro COG would be able to flex extra STBG funds from a construction project that came in low and use them to help complete planning projects in the 2025 UPWP. There are \$826,000 contracted projects in 2025 and \$176,492 in 2026.

Motion: Recommend approval of the 2025-2026 UPWP & Budget to the Policy Board, with the changes discussed.

Ms. Huston moved, seconded by Mr. Gordon.

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried, Mr. Palo dissenting.

6. Agency Updates

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – Fall projects are wrapping up early this year
- b. City of Fargo Planning – working on a contract for a consultant to update the Land Development Code following approval of the Growth Plan; the Transportation Plan was scheduled for approval on Monday
- c. MATBUS – five-year Transit Development Plan update underway; new advisory board starting up in November
- d. City of Moorhead Engineering – wrapping up projects; Engineering Department is moving into their new, temporary space.
- e. City of Moorhead Community Development – Community Development department has already moved
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering – LED Street Light conversion underway; RFP for the purchase of electric vehicles needs to be approved
- g. City of West Fargo Planning – preparing a RFP for the 2025 Master Growth Plan Project
- h. City of Dilworth – Studies continue on 8th Avenue Extension Project with open house in November, as well as the study for the 15th Avenue Corridor
- i. City of Horace – Working on the Downtown Core Neighborhood Plan
- j. Cass County – Asphalt paving on 100th Street in Horace is complete with some minor striping on remaining
- k. Clay County – Hoping to wrap up the Land Development Code update in early 2025
- l. NDSU – Nothing new to report
- m. MNDOT – Looking forward to the MPO workshop at the end of the month
- n. MNDOT – District 4 – FHWA is looking over the STIP
- o. NDDOT – a MPO Coordinator was hired and should be starting October 16th. Final comments on the North Dakota Federal Functional Class Update will be coming back to Metro COG soon and it will need to be turned around ASAP.
- p. FHWA - ND – EPA is doing their Sustainable Community meeting in Mandan at the same time as the MPO workshop
- q. FHWA - MN – Reviewing STIP and coordinating with the District 4 office

- r. Metro COG (Dan Farnsworth) – There is a Heartland Trail open house on October 23rd from 6 – 7 PM at the Glyndon Community Center.

7. Additional Business

There was no additional business brought before the Committee.

8. Adjourn

The 559th Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on October 10, 2024 at 10:42 AM.

Mr. Palo moved to Adjourn, Ms. Bommelman Seconded

THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD November 14, 2024, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager

To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Paul Bervik, Assistant Transportation Planner
Date: November 8, 2024
Re: **2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 12**

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public meeting both in person and via Zoom Video Communications on Thursday, November 14, 2024 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, October 30, 2024, which advertised the public meeting, detailed how to request more information, and provided information on how to make public comments regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice advertised that public comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 14, 2024. 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 9220039:** NDDOT installation of high tension cable median guardrail (2026). Moving the project year from 2024 to 2026.
2. **Modification of Project 9210005:** NDDOT installation of high tension cable median guardrail (2026). Moving the project year from 2025 to 2026.
3. **Modification of Project 9231004:** NDDOT revising signals within West Fargo (2025). Updating Project Cost.
4. **Modification of Project 9240052:** NDDOT removing negative left turn offsets at various locations (2025). Updating Project Cost.
5. **New Project 0247073:** Metro COG flexing STBG funding to Metro COG Planning (2025).
6. **New Project 9242074:** NDDOT pavement marking at various locations throughout the Fargo District (2025).

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

Requested Action: Recommend approval of Amendment 12 of the Metro COG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.

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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Amendment 12 - 2024-2027 Metro COG TIP

Existing projects with no change in cost

NDDOT	9210005 22888	2026 2025	I-29	8.1	CR 20	S of Argusville Interchange	High Tension Cable Median Guardrail (HTCMG)	Safety	\$ 2,040,000	HSIP	State	\$1,836,000 \$204,000
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NDDOT	9240052 24051	2025	Various Locations				Remove Negative Left Turn Offsets at various locations. (Veterans Blvd & 36 Ave E, Veterans Blvd & 40th Ave E)	Safety	\$784,042 \$337,000	HEU	Local	\$705,638 \$303,000 \$78,404 \$34,000

Amendment 12 - 2024-2027 Metro COG TIP

New project

Metro COG	0242073	2025					Flex to Metro COG Planning	Planning	\$404,948	STBG	Local	\$323,958.33 \$80,989.67
NDDOT	9242074 24496	2025	Fargo District				Pavement marking at various highways throughout the Fargo District	Safety	\$1,600,000	HES	Local	\$1,440,000 \$160,000

To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Paul Bervik, Assistant Transportation Planner
Date: November 8, 2024
Re: **2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1**

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

Requested Action: Recommend approval of Amendment 1 of the Metro COG 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board contingent upon approval of the 2025-2028 TIP.

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Amendment 1 - 2025-2028 Metro COG TIP

Existing projects with no change in cost

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To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Chelsea Levorsen, Assistant Transportation Planner
Date: November 14, 2024
Re: **2024 Metro Profile**

The latest Metropolitan Profile is now complete. This annual report is prepared by Metro COG to provide a snapshot of the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area based on data collected from 2023. Like last year, the report is divided into five sections (community profile, roadways, freight, bike & pedestrian, and transit) with metrics to be continually tracked in the future to identify larger trends.

The draft document was sent out to the Transportation Technical Committee members November 4th for review and comments. To view the entire document, please see **Attachment 1**.

The full 2024 Metro Profile can also be reviewed on Metro COG's website at:

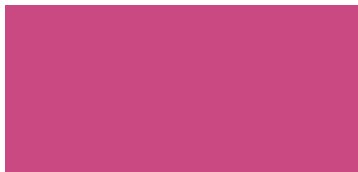
<http://fmmetrocog.org/resources/metro-profile>

Requested Action:
Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2024 Metropolitan Profile

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METRO PROFILE 2024

Annual Report for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area



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Dear Interested Persons, Stakeholders, Jurisdictions, Agencies and Organizations

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is pleased to present the 2024 Metropolitan Profile: Annual Report for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. This document is previously known as the Surveillance and Monitoring Report for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. **The data presented within this Profile pertains to the 2023 calendar year (January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023).**

Metro COG began producing the Metropolitan Transportation Surveillance and Monitoring Report in 1981. Over time, this document has taken various forms in order to ensure compliance and compatibility with relevant surface transportation authorization, such as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Metro Profile has become an essential performance management tracking tool.

The profile is structured to document and monitor the following:

- (a) Changes to the transportation system;
- (b) Demographic and socioeconomic conditions;
- (c) Changes in land use patterns and/or development patterns;
- (d) Accuracy of projections/assumptions made within the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and
- (e) Implementation of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Metro COG Policy Board believes this data to be critical to both accurately represent the state of the transportation network and to maintain and to implement elements of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program, such as the TIP, MTP, and regional Travel Demand Model (TDM).

It is Metro COG's goal to continue to enhance the ease and accuracy of collecting and reporting metropolitan transportation data; as well as improving accessibility to this information for all interested persons and stakeholders.

Any questions or comments on the content of this document should be directed to Metro COG. Supporting plans, studies, and other transportation data for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area is available by contacting Metro COG (701.532.5100), by email at metrokog@fmmetrokog.org, or visiting Metro COG's website at www.fmmetrokog.org.



Duane Breitling
Chair, Metro COG Policy Board

Ben Griffith
Executive Director, Metro COG







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INTRODUCTION

Who is Metro COG?

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is both the designated Council of Governments (COG) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the greater Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. An MPO is a transportation policy-making organization comprised of representatives from local government and transportation authorities. The Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1973 requires the formation of a MPO for any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000. MPOs ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing planning process, known as the “3-C” process.

October of 2023, Metro COG became a designated Transportation Management Area (TMA). A TMA is an urbanized area with a population of greater than 200,000 people that is designated by the US Secretary of Transportation. With the new TMA status, Metro COG will have a stronger role in setting priorities for transportation improvement projects.

What is the Metro Profile?

The Metro Profile is an annual report that provides a snapshot of the Fargo-Moorhead metro area based on data from the previous year. The Metropolitan Profile is separated into five chapters, each of which focus on trends affecting the development patterns and transportation network of the Fargo-Moorhead MPA. Together the chapters provide a comprehensive snapshot of the conditions and trends affecting the metro area based on 2023 data.

The chapters are grouped into two sections:

Community Profile

Transportation

The Transportation section encompasses topics focused on the:

Roadway System

Freight & Interstate Travel

Bicycle & Pedestrian Network

Local & Regional Transit

Within each of these chapters are metrics that Metro COG tracks from year to year. These metrics are used to track progress towards goals set in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The goals in the MTP are developed with Metro COG’s vision, mission, and core functions in mind.



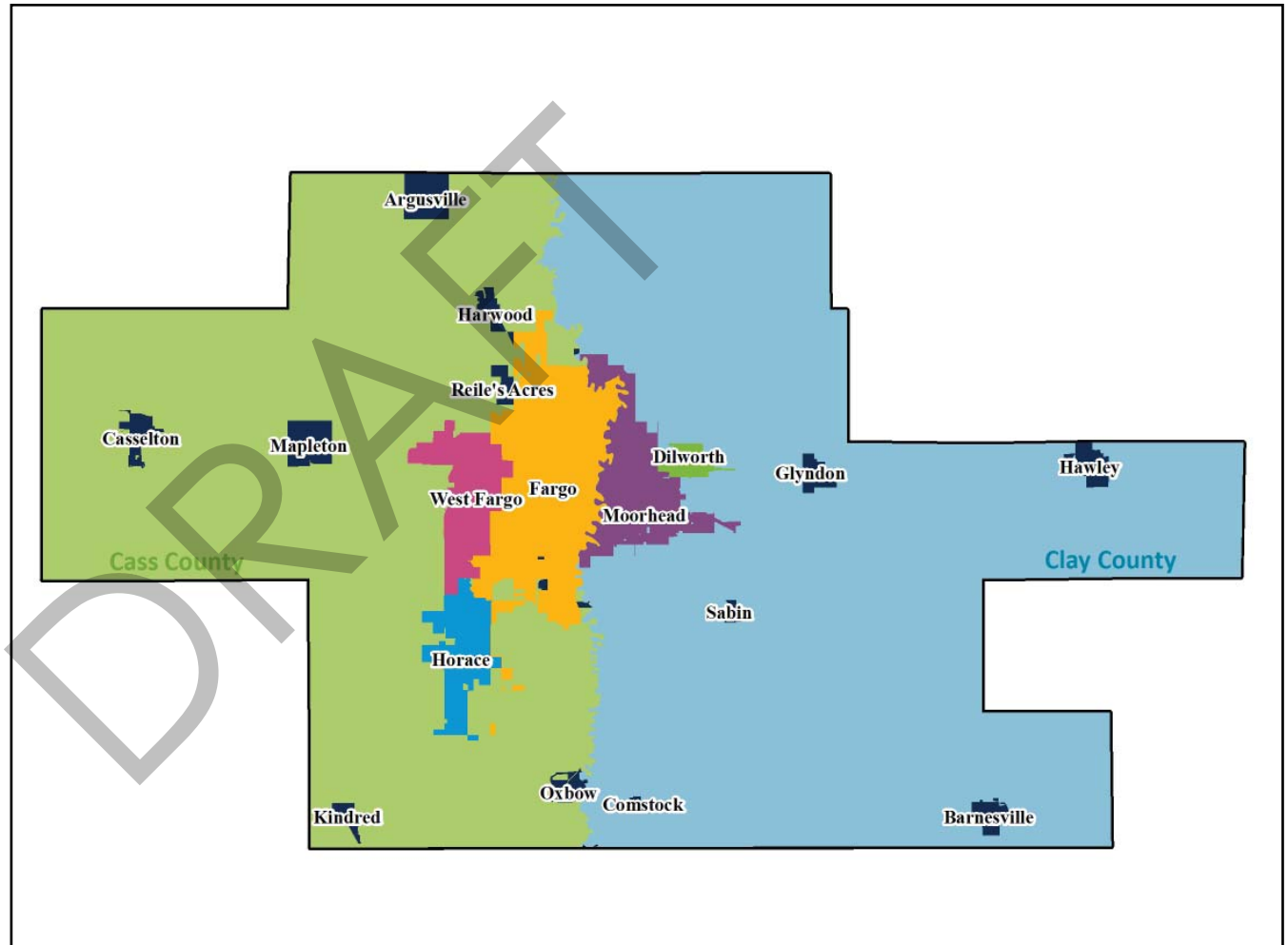
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 WEST FARGO 16.41 SQ. MILES
 HORACE 12.68 SQ. MILES
 CASSELTON 2.18 SQ. MILES
 HARWOOD 1.31 SQ. MILES
 MAPLETON 3.91 SQ. MILES

ASSOCIATE

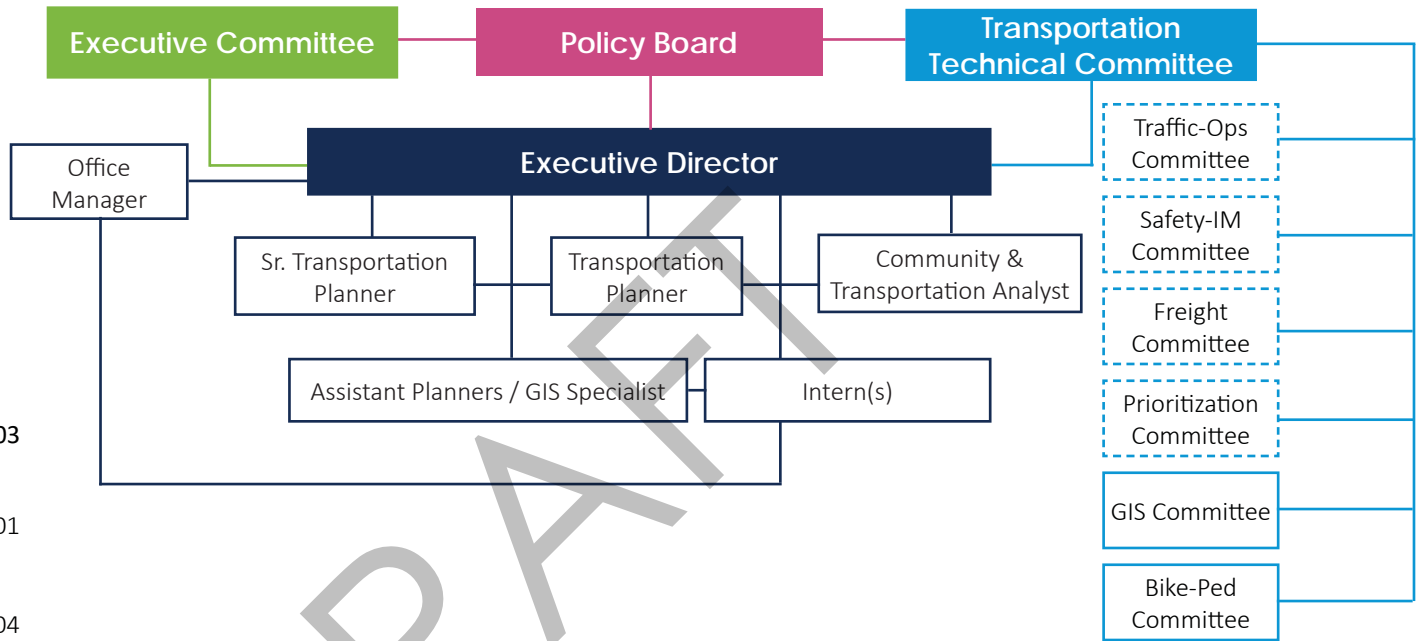
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 MOORHEAD 22.32 SQ. MILES
 DILWORTH 3.22 SQ. MILES
 BARNESVILLE 1.96 SQ. MILES
 GLYNDON 1.59 SQ. MILES
 HAWLEY 2.448 SQ. MILES



*2023 INFORMATION WAS USED IN 2022 METRO PROFILE

NOTE: Jurisdiction acreage was calculated from the GIS information provided by each jurisdiction. Associate Jurisdictions are depicted in navy, while the Member Jurisdictions are color coded by pink, purple, greens, bright blues, or yellow.

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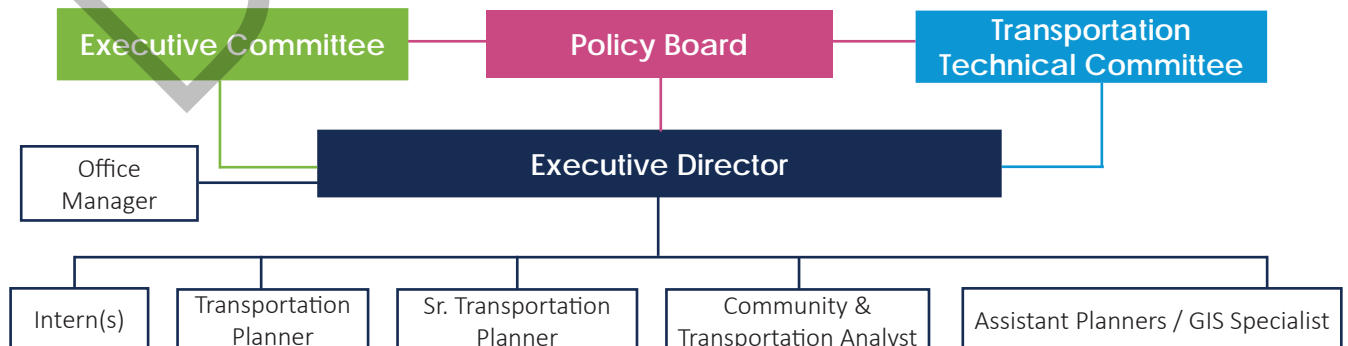
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PROJECT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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VISION AND MISSION

Vision Statement

Provide quality, proactive regional planning services for a changing society.

Mission

- 1. Harmonize the activities of federal, state, and local agencies**
- 2. Render technical assistance**
- 3. Encourage public participation in the development of the area**

Core Functions

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
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- Increase accessibility and mobility for people and freight.
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
- Promote efficient system management and operation.
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation.
- Enhance travel and tourism.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The economy in the Metro continued to see growth trends during 2023 as it neared pre-pandemic levels. This can be seen through Hector International Airport reporting its highest passenger volume of all time.

Demographic Highlights

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has continued to experience faster population growth than the country as a whole. In 2023, much of this growth is estimated to have occurred within Horace. The population of the metro remains younger and more educated than national averages thanks to the number of higher education institutions in the area. The metro also continues to look more diverse, with despite having lower rates of foreign-born individuals and those speaking a language other than English at home. Even though the MSA is diversifying, regional trends are slower than what is occurring nationally.

Economics

The unemployment rate in the Metro continues to decrease. In 2023, despite seeing a slight decrease in the labor force, the Fargo-Moorhead Metro area was ranked #2 in the nation for lowest unemployment rate (tied with Sioux Falls, SD). Even though the FM Area observed increased median household incomes, the region is still below the national average. The regional poverty rate increased, nearing the national average.

Transportation

Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and vehicle miles traveled per capita both increased in 2023. However, the Metro area's average commute time decreased from 2022.

The Metro area welcomed two Amazon Warehouses at the end of 2021 and in 2023 construction continued a series of four buildings for the Dakota Commerce Center. The area saw an increase in truck average daily traffic and an improved truck travel time reliability index. However, air cargo continued to decline.

Amtrak's Empire Builder increased their on-time performance and saw a significant increase in passenger ridership in 2023. Hector International Airport also saw an improvement in both air passengers and enplanements. 2023 was Hector International Airport's busiest passenger year on record.

Data collected from Metro COG's pedestrian counters shows a drop in activity this year, however bicycle activity increased. Metro COG saw a significant decrease in the number of non-motorized crashes but the number of both; serious injuries and fatalities, increased.

MATBUS ridership has continued to increase in all jurisdictions. Ridership is up for paratransit and Metro Senior ride. Overall, ridership from local university students has increased; however, ridership from MSUM and NDSCS has decreased. MATBUS was able to increase some service, however, like 2021 and 2022, driver shortages have continued to hinder service.

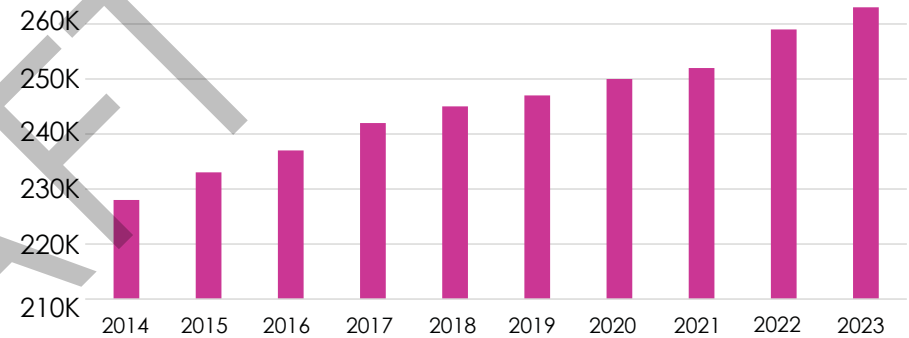


COMMUNITY PROFILE

Overview

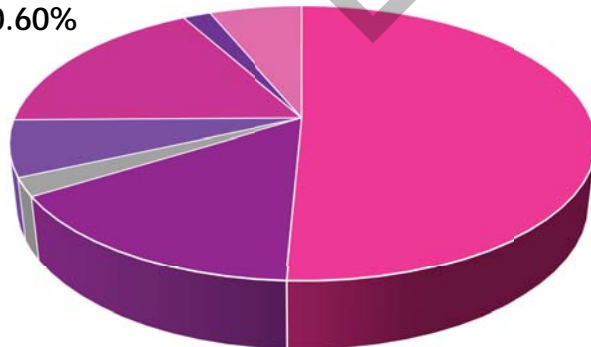


2014 - 2023
FM MSA Annual population growth

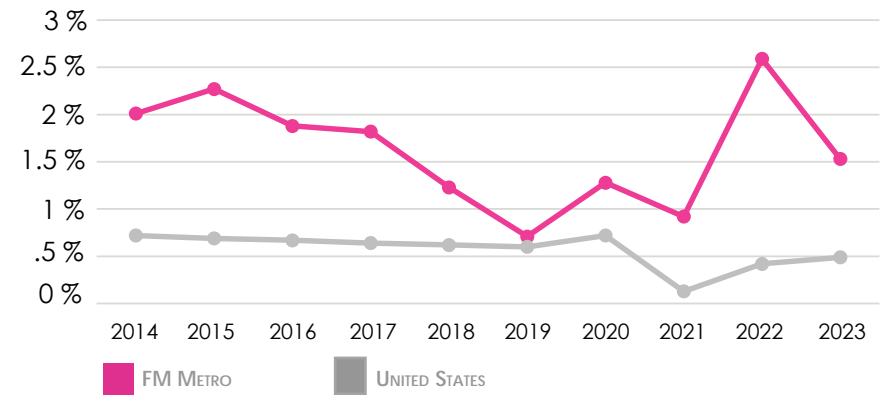


Population & Growth by jurisdiction

FARGO 133,188*	+1.3%	MOORHEAD 45,202*	+0.76%
WEST FARGO 40,400*	+1.04%	DILWORTH 4,772*	+0.02%
HORACE 5,643*	+31.9%	RURAL CLAY 16,284	-0.08%
RURAL CASS 17,131	+0.60%		



2014 - 2023
Population Growth by %

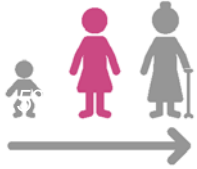


* Census ACS discrepancy; Source: Census data, Vintage Estimates, 2023

Sources in this section: Census data, American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, Federal Reserve Bank, Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Demographics



Median age

FM MSA **32.9** +2.7% United States **39.2 yrs**



Bachelor's degree or higher
25 Years and Over

FM MSA **42.9%** -0.23% United States **36.2%**



Speaks a language other than English at home**

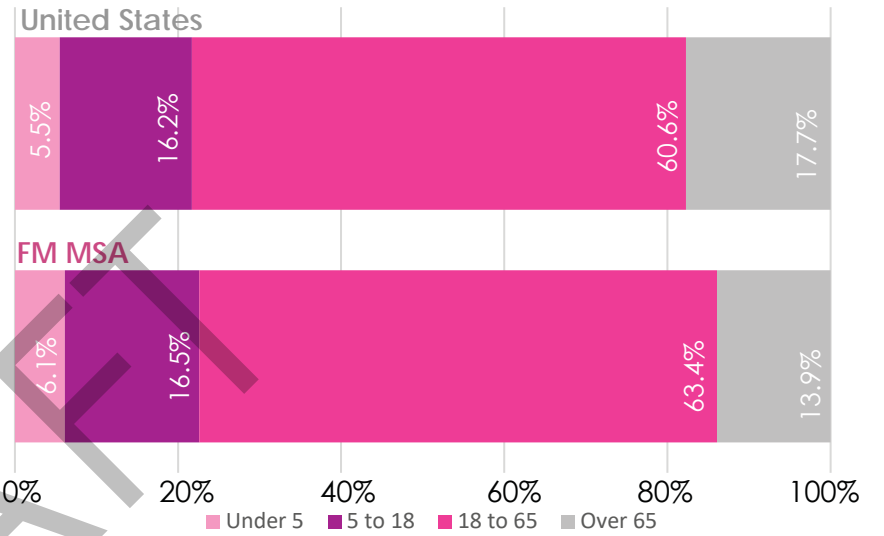
FM MSA **6.9%** -19.7% United States **22.5%**



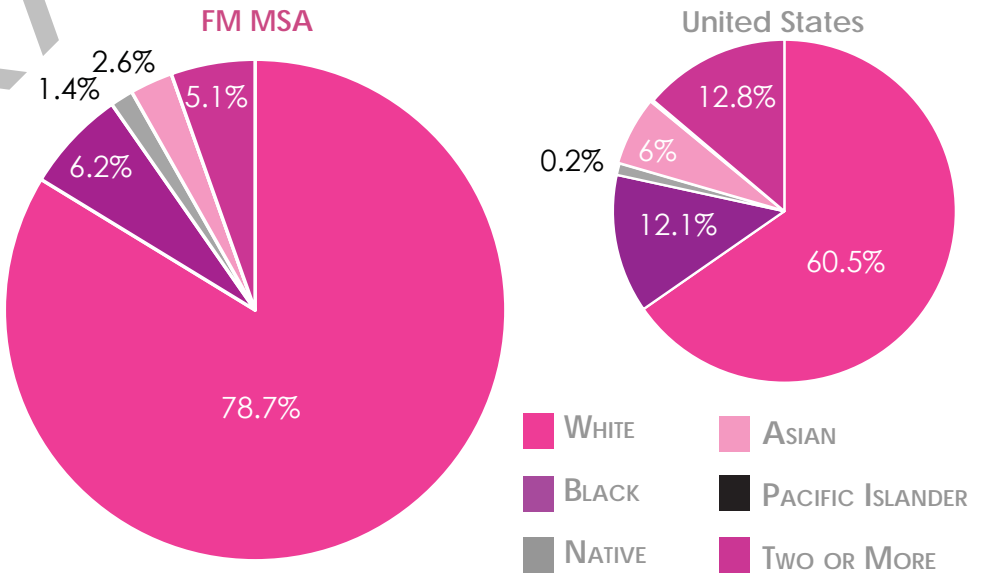
Foreign born

FM MSA **5.9%** -14.54% United States **14.3%**

Age distribution



Racial composition^



Racial composition^

FM MSA



United States



■ Hispanic ■ non-Hispanic

+ / - Designates change from previous year

** 2022 (8.6%) used previous year (ACS) 5-year estimates

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Employment



Unemployment rate in 2022

FM MSA
1.81%
-2.6%

United States
3.63%

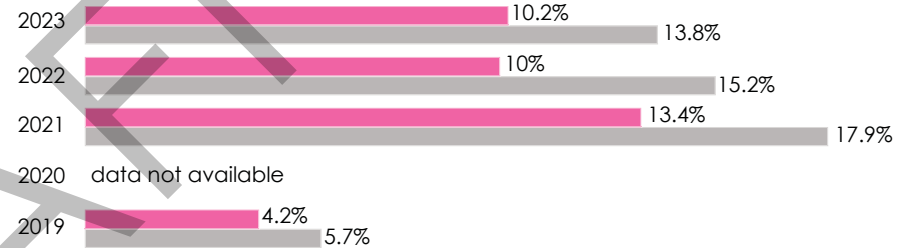
2nd #1 Burlington, VT
#2 Fargo/Mhd
#2 Sioux Falls, SD



Worked from home

FM MSA
10.2%

United States
13.8%



Percent in labor force[^]

FM MSA
74.1%
-1.2%

United States
63.5%



Median household income[^]

FM MSA
\$73,641
+7.5%

United States
\$75,149



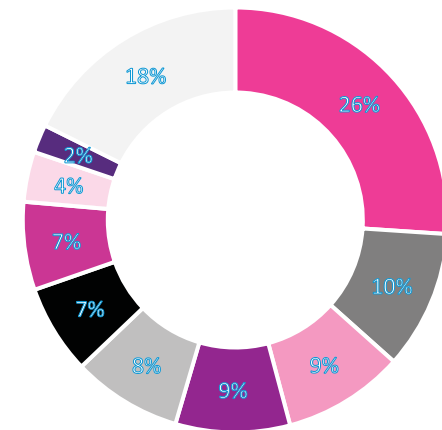
Percent in poverty[^]

FM MSA
11.8%
+4.4%

United States
12.5%

Top 10 industries ranked by employment

- Healthcare
- Sales
- Management
- Business / Finance
- Manufacturing
- Entertainment & Recreation
- Construction
- Transportation
- Agriculture
- All Other



+ / - Designates change from previous year

[^]2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates

NOTE: For full industry titles and more comprehensive economic profile, see "Economic Profile" in Additional Resources.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Housing



118,491

Housing units metro wide

Average household size

FM MSA **2.27** +.44% | United States **2.49**

Owner-occupied rate[^]

FM MSA **55%** -2.65% | United States **65%**

846

Building permits issued in 2023

834 | New single-family Permits

12 | New multi-family Permits [& 1066 units]

+ / - Designates change from previous year
* fred.stlouisfred.org

[^]2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates

2023 30-Yr Fixed Mortgage*

Average **6.81%** | Year High **7.79%**

Median Home Price*

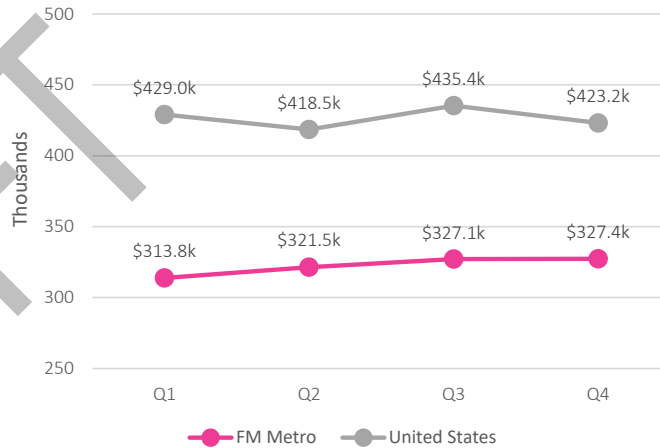
\$322,433

+ \$13,858 from 2022

Average Rent (3 bedroom)

\$1,220

2023 Median Household Price*



NOTE: House prices may not be reflective of additional special assessment costs

New single-family Permits

+293 Fargo
+156 West Fargo
+220 Horace
+111 Moorhead
+19 Dilworth
+35 Associate Jurisdictions

New multi-family Permits & Units

+9 [842] Fargo
+0 West Fargo
+0 Horace
+3 [224] Moorhead
+0 Dilworth
+0 Associate Jurisdictions

NOTE: For more in-depth information, see "Permits Plus" in Additional Resources.

ROADWAYS

Overview



Vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
2.5billion+ (+5%)

VMT per capita

FM Metro

9,451

+ 297 from 2022

United States

9,745

Average Daily VMT per capita

FM Metro

25.89

Average commute time in minutes[^]

FM Metro

17.7

United States

26.8

FM Area Auto Travel Time Reliability*

Interstate

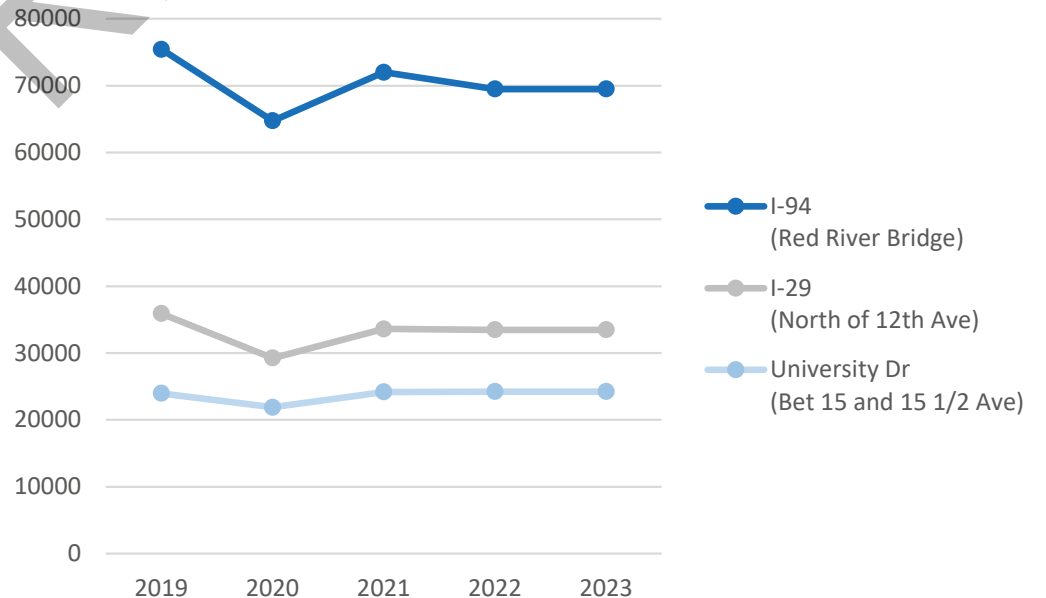
100%

Non-Interstate

99.3%

NOTE: For more information, see "Performance Measures" in Additional Resources.

Average Daily Traffic on I-94, I-29 and University Dr



Sources in this section: NDDOT, MnDOT, American Community Survey (ACS) estimates
[^]2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates
^{*}NPMRDS data

ROADWAYS

Projects





Top 2023 Federal Fiscal Year Funded TIP Projects

- 52nd Ave. Reconstruction (4200016)
- I-94 Bridge Repair at Lynchburg Interchange (9231005)
- 8th Ave. North Reconstruction (9230001)
- MN9 Reconstruct, Mill & Overlay, Trail, ADA Improvements (8200011)
- Transit Operating Assistance(4200029)

Number of TIP Projects in 2023

60

Total cost

\$ 86,065,822

Federal funding

\$ 50,069,286

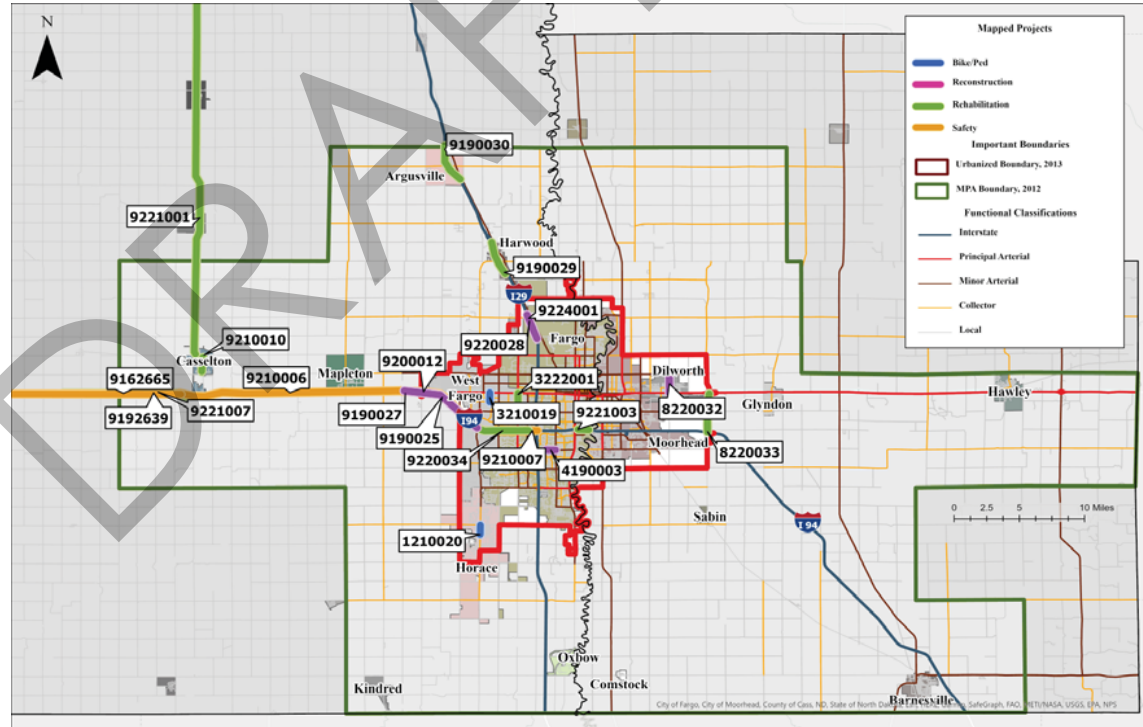
State funding

\$ 12,837,956

Local funding

\$ 23,158,580

2023 Mapped Federally Funded TIP Projects



ROADWAYS

Safety & Pavement Condition Targets



ND-Side of the FM MPA 2023 safety data

- 6** Number of fatalities
- 52** Number of serious injuries
- 12** Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

MN-Side of the FM MPA 2023 safety data

- 4** Number of fatalities
- 7** Number of serious injuries
- 2** Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

ND-Side of the FM MPA 2023 Pavement Conditions



- 77.35%** of Interstate in good condition
- 0%** of Interstate in poor condition
- 15.55%** of non-Interstate in good condition
- .87%** of non-Interstate in poor condition

MN-Side of the FM MPA 2023 Pavement Conditions

- 67.42%** of Interstate in good condition
- 0%** of Interstate in poor condition
- 52.94%** of non-Interstate in good condition
- 0%** of non-Interstate in poor condition

ND-Side of the FM MPA 2023 Bridge Conditions



- 54.05%** of NHS bridges in good condition
- 2.03%** of NHS bridges in poor condition

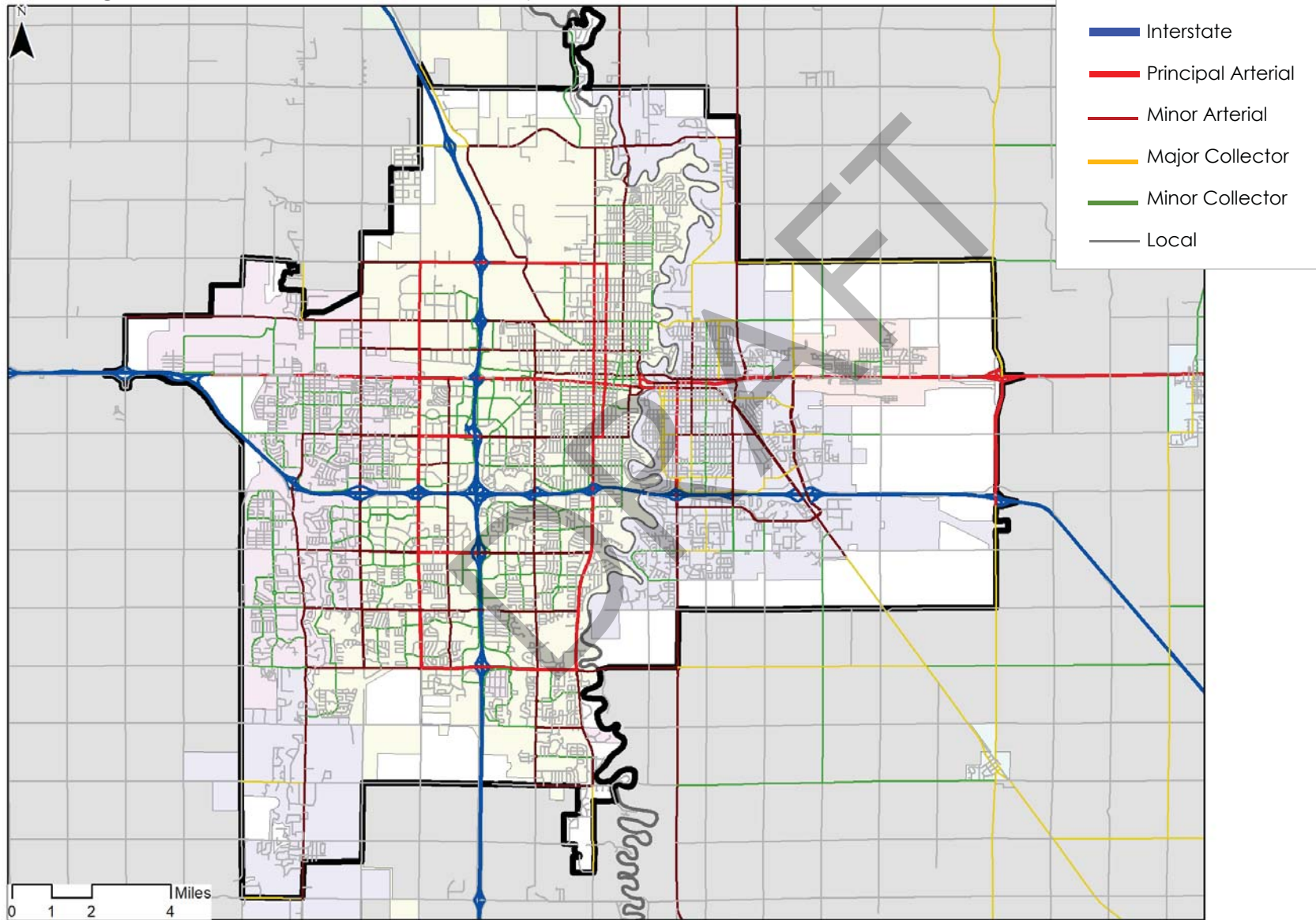
MN-Side of the FM MPA 2023 Bridge Conditions

- 11.87%** of NHS bridges in good condition
- 5.95%** of NHS bridges in poor condition

ROADWAYS

Functional Classification

No Change in Function Classification from 2021 update



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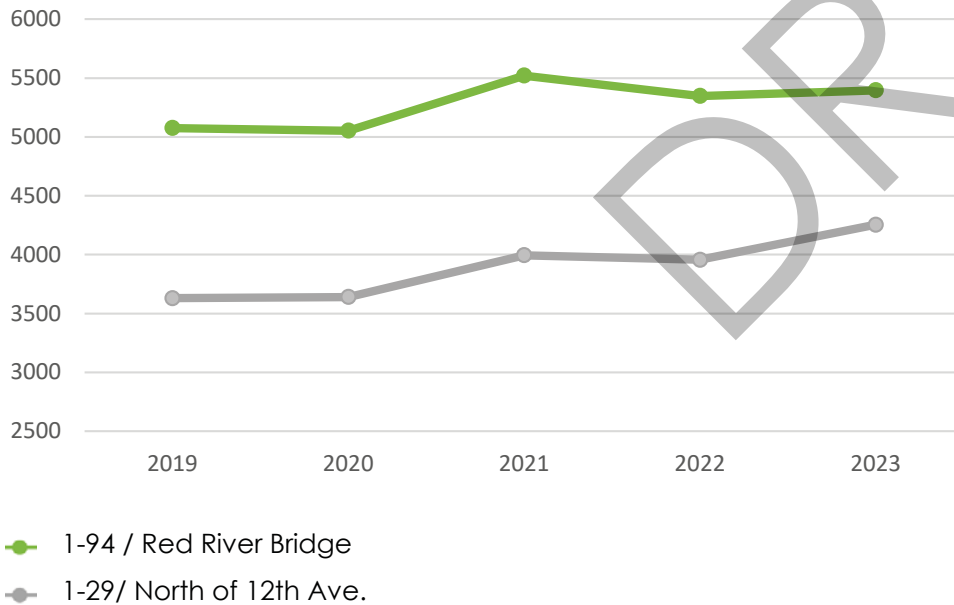
Overview



Air cargo total landed weight in 2023 (lbs)
406.1 million

Change from year previous
-0.9%

Truck Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on I-94 and I-29



New Facilities

Asian & American Supermarket

19,500 sf international store - The largest international grocery store in the Dakotas

Brewhalla

100,000 sq. ft. Brewery with a hotel, apartments, food, and shopping

FREIGHT

Truck



Truck Travel Time Reliability Index (TTTR) *

Fargo-Moorhead MPA	Minneapolis-St Paul MPA
1.22	1.71

FM Area Auto Travel Time Reliability *

Interstate	Non-Interstate
100%	99.3%

TTTR Actual vs Target



9 Number of unreliable non-interstate road segments

- 2ND STREET N.**
north & southbound, near NP avenue
- 1ST AVENUE N.**
west & northbound, near 2nd Street
- US 10**
(Center Avenue) westbound, near 21st street / 1st Avenue
- US 75**
(8th Street) north & southbound, US10 (Center Avenue) to Main Street
- 1ST AVENUE N.**
eastbound to the State border
- US 75**
northbound, Center Avenue to 8th Street

NOTE: For more information, see "Performance Measures" in Additional Resources.
*NPMRDS data



FREIGHT

Rail and Air



Fargo Amtrak station ridership in 2023

17,545

Change from 2022

+19.17%

FAR air passengers in 2023

1,032,497

Change from 2022

+13.7%

Empire Builder passengers in 2023

338,993

Change from 2022

+11.6%

FAR enplanements (boarding) in 2023

516,071

Change from year previous

+13.29%

Empire Builder 2023 on-time performance

51%

Change from 2022

+6.25%

NOTE: For more information, see "Hector International Airport Year-End Statistics" in Additional Resources.

Trains per Day

6 BNSF Freight & 2 Empire Builder
Crossing #070839F, North Track

26 BNSF Freight
Crossing #070807A, South Track



Direct Flights from Hector International Airport



* Seasonal

NOTE: For more information, see "Fargo Amtrak Station" in Additional Resources.

+ / - Designates change from previous year

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Rail and Air Map

Amtrak Projects & Studies

In 2023 Fargo Amtrak started to modify it's station and platform to be ADA compliant. Updates are scheduled to be completed in 2024.

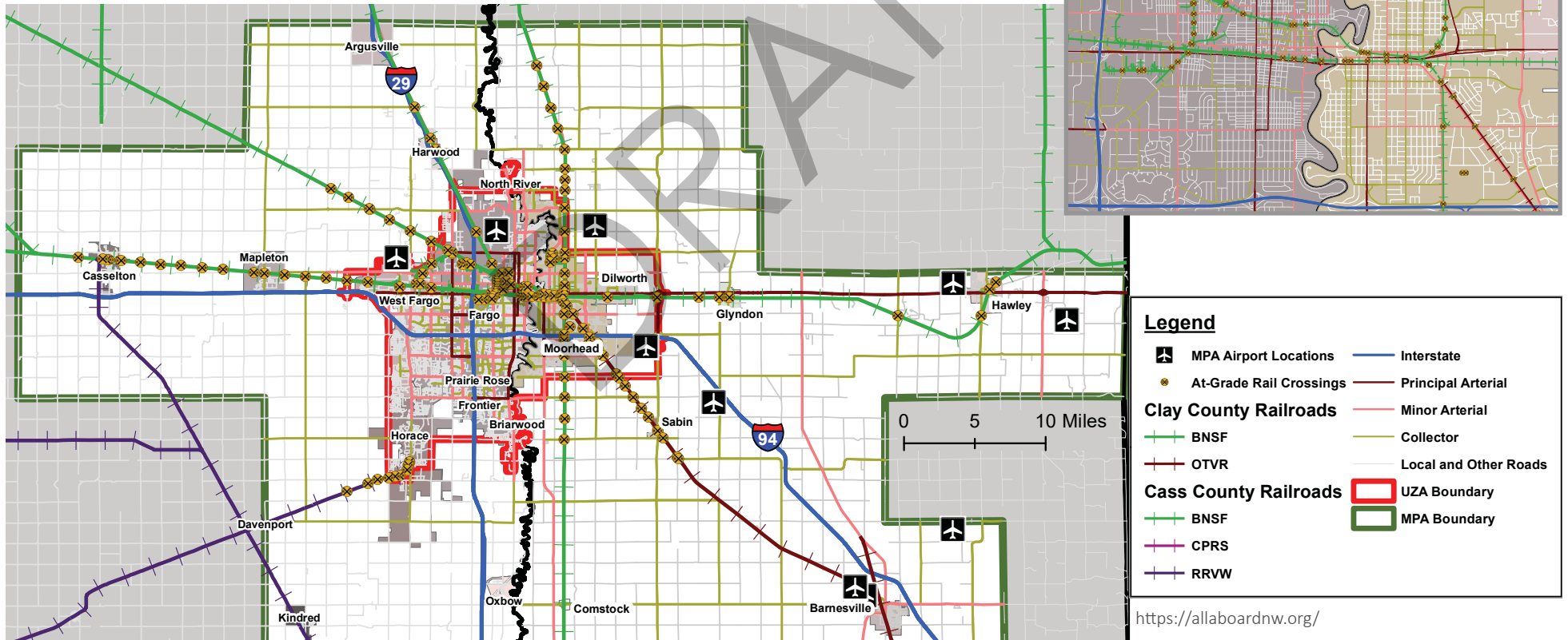
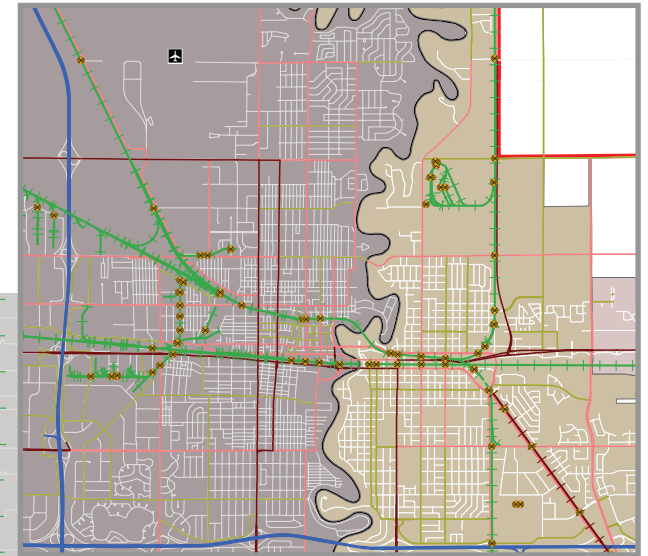
Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study.

All Aboard Northwest

All Aboard Northwest continues to advocate for the needs of rail passengers in the Greater Northwest. In 2023 AANW conducted their 2023 Train Trek: "Returning Passenger Trains to a Station Near You: Why and How"

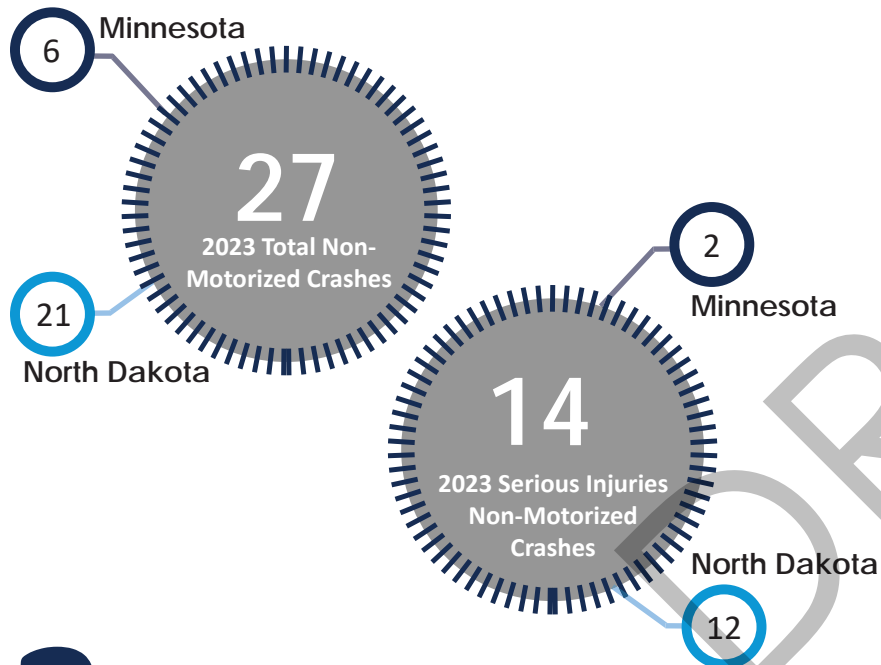
To learn more, visit their website: www.allaboardnw.org.

Downtown Inset



BIKE & PEDESTRIAN

Safety Overview



January 1, 2023



July 9, 2023



September 13, 2023



Fatal Non-Motorized Crash Locations



NOTE: For more information, please see "Performance Measures" in additional resources.

Projects



Area Bikeway Typologies

253 (+4 miles)
Miles of Shared-Use Bikeway Paths

11
Miles of Bikeway Lanes

9
Miles of Signed Bike Lanes

8
Miles of Bikeway Sharrows (shared-lane)

5
Miles of Buffered Bike Lanes

<1
Miles of Separated Bike Lanes

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Reconstruction Projects

- Amber Valley Parkway - Fargo
- 32nd Avenue South - Fargo

2023 Projects

- Midtown Trail - Moorhead
- 45th Street Path - Fargo
- 64th Avenue Path - Fargo

- The Wilds - West Fargo
- Main - Moorhead
- Orchard Glen - Fargo

- 11th Street South - Moorhead
- Center Avenue - Horace
- CR 17 - Horace



BIKE & PEDESTRIAN

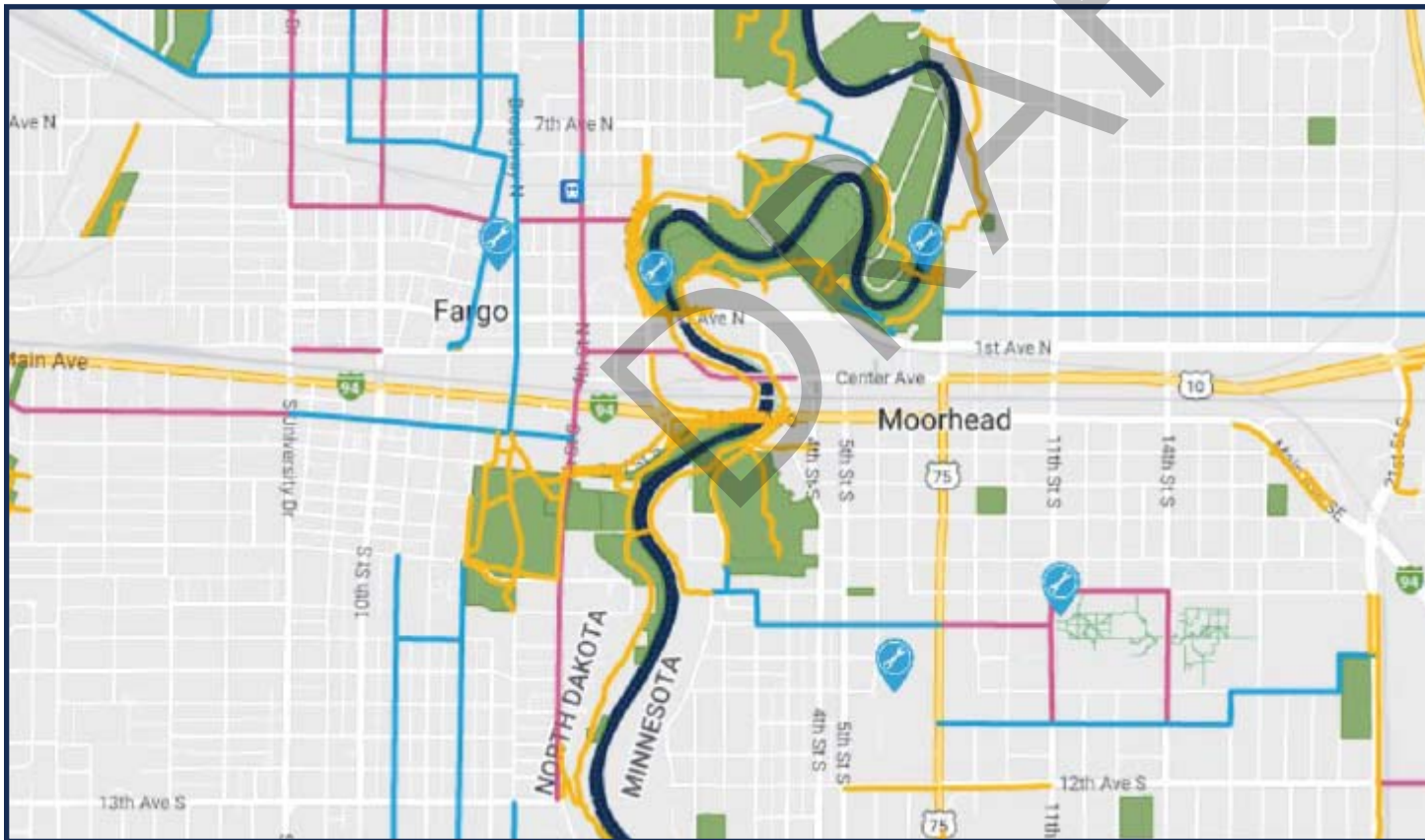
Network map



Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map

The application is available on Google Play and the Apple App Store

The bike map of the Fargo-Moorhead metro area includes locations of bikeways (streets with sharrows, wide shoulders, bike lanes or bike-signed roadways) and shared use paths (paths for biking and walking). Also included in the map are the locations of bike repair stations and bike lockers.

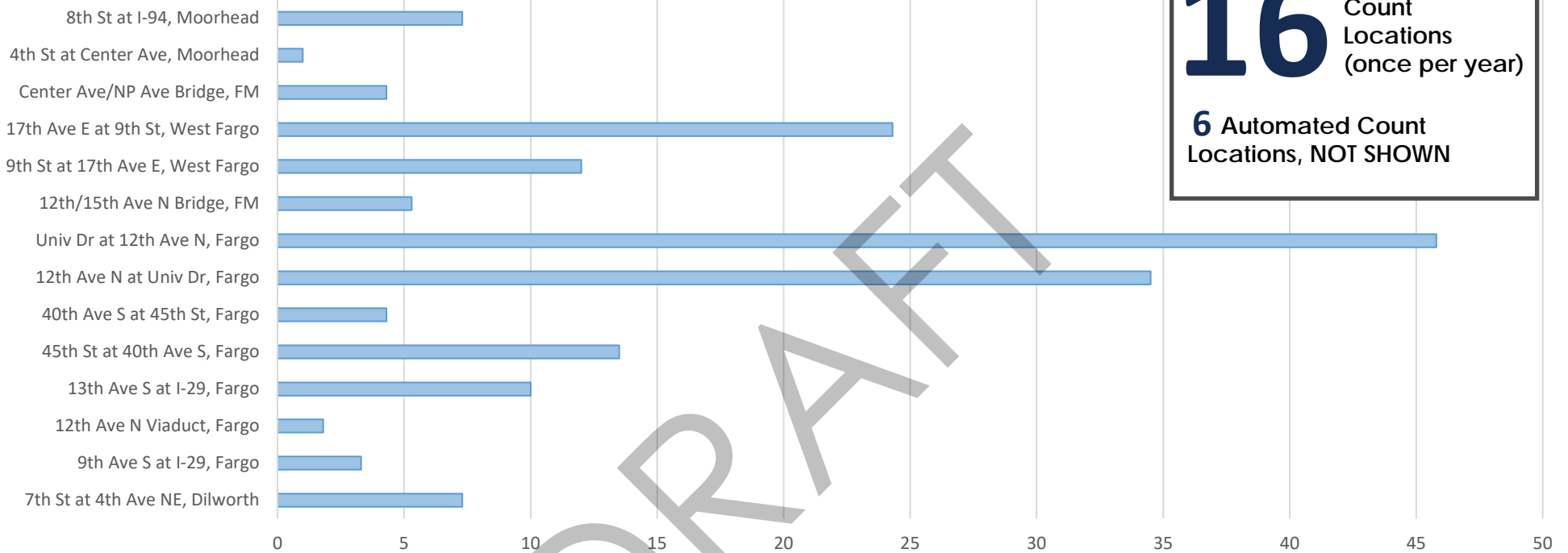


 Bike Map to be updated in 2024!

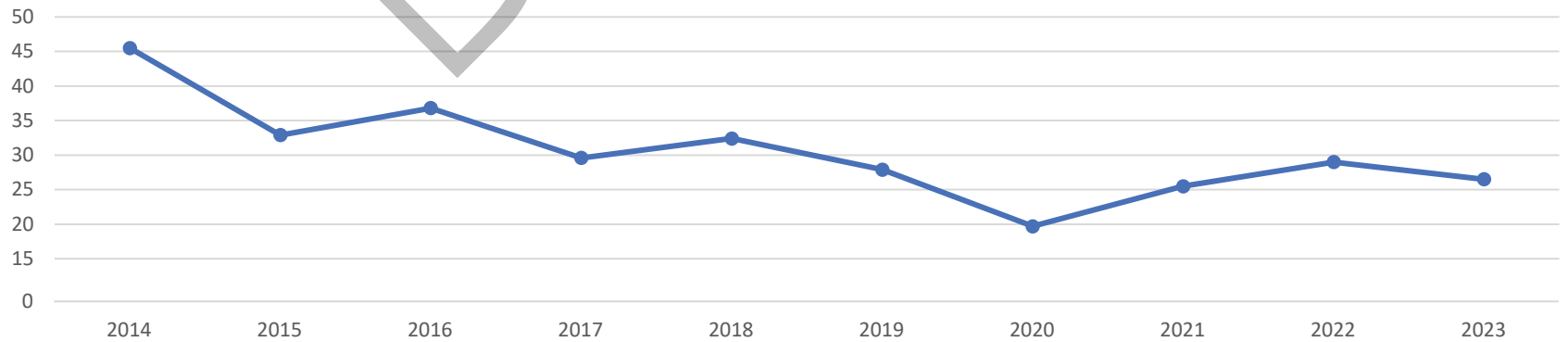
NOTE: For the most up-to-date bike network map, please click [here](#) or see “Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map” in additional resources.

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Average Hourly Pedestrian Counts



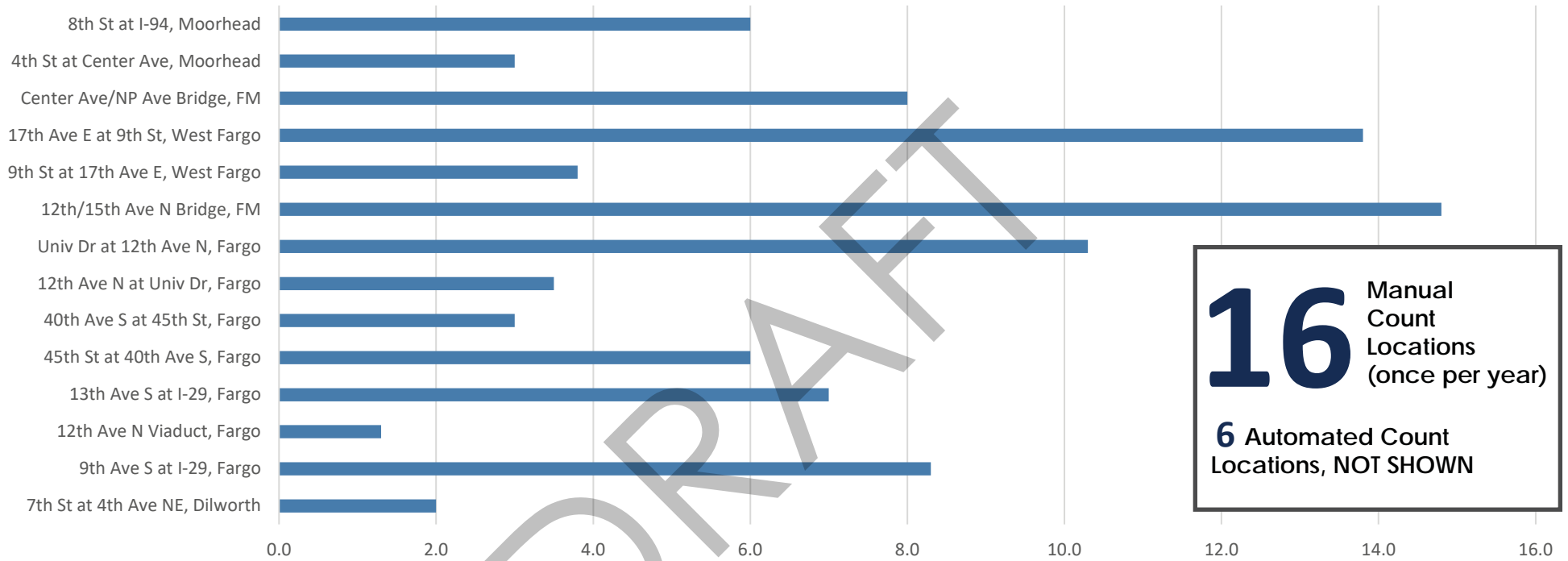
10-Year Average Hourly Pedestrian Counts



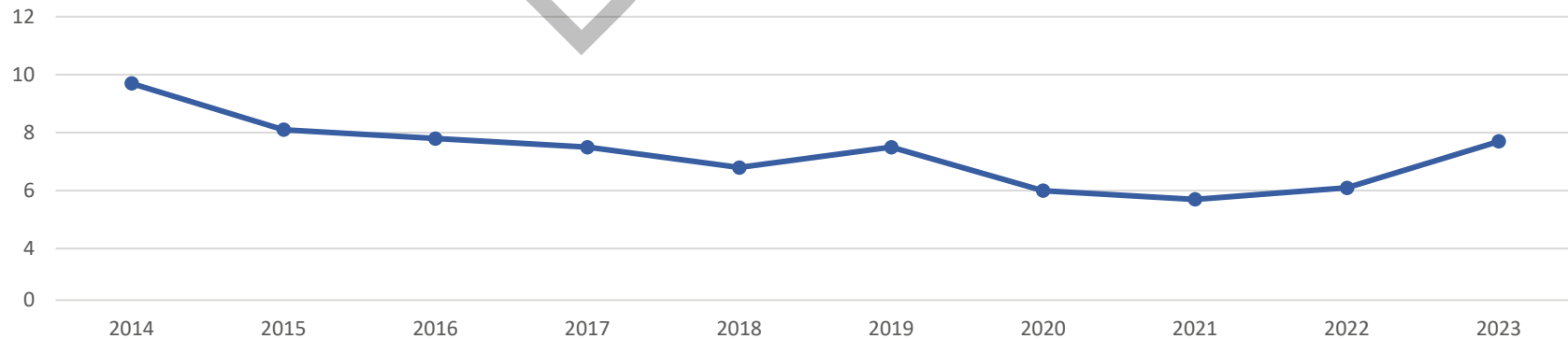
NOTE: For more information about the most recent counts, please click [here](#) or see "Bike & Ped Count Report" in additional resources.

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Average Hourly Bicycle Counts

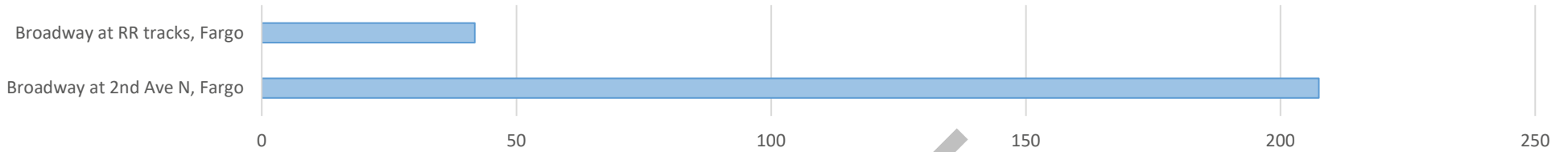


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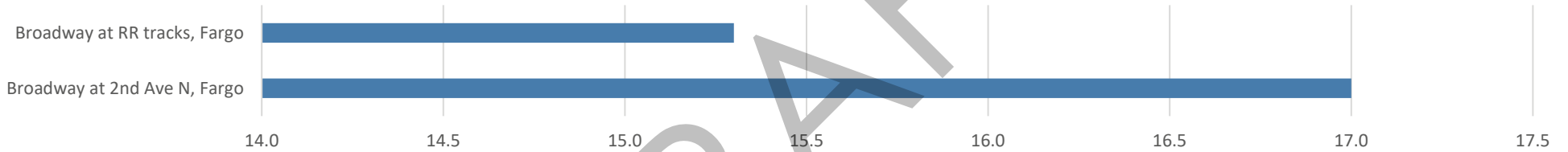


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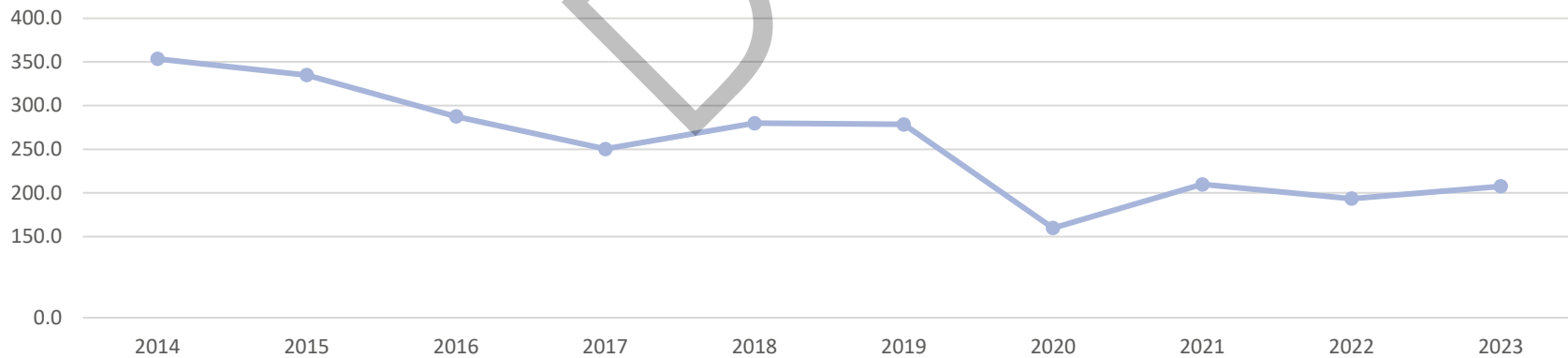
Broadway Average Hourly Pedestrian Counts



Broadway Average Hourly Bicycle Counts



10-Year Average Hourly Pedestrian Counts



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TRANSIT

Overview



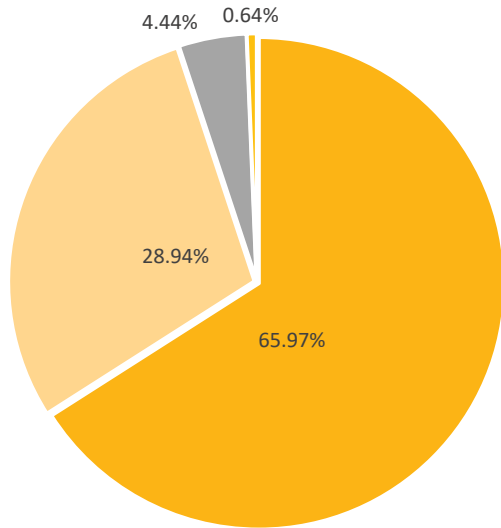
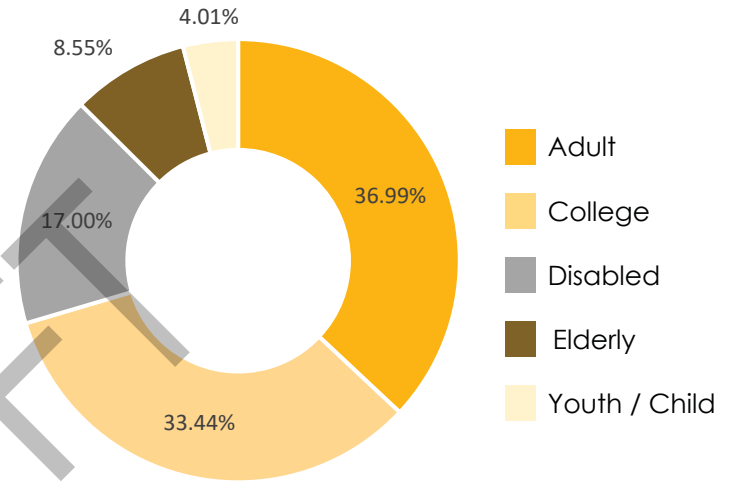
Total MATBUS passengers in 2023

1,295,317

Change from year previous

+4.1%

Driver shortages have continued to affect MATBUS operations, however, MATBUS was able to extend previously shortened operating hours to 10:15pm. MATBUS has continued to see an increase in ridership since the Covid 19 pandemic.



Passengers in 2023

Fargo/West Fargo	854,493	+2.09%
Moorhead/Dilworth	374,928	+9.03%
Paratransit	57,545	+3.83%
Metro Senior Ride	8,351	+5.28%

University Ridership

NDSU	321,537	+8%
MSUM	18,154	-5%
Concordia	12,807	+18%
M State	13,188	+62%
NDSCS	304	-13%

+ / - Designates change from previous year

Sources in this section: MATBUS

TRANSIT

Projects

Route and Service Changes - Due to Driver Shortage (January, 2022)

- ❑ MATBUS service end time was changed from 9:45 pm to 10:15pm
- ❑ Route 2C (Route 2 operating Monday-Friday 2:30pm-6:30pm) was discontinued
- ❑ Route 13 reduced to 60-minute service all day
- ❑ Route 15 :00 trip during peak hours was discontinued
- ❑ Additional bus leaving the GTC at :30 on weekdays 10:30am - 5:30pm
- ❑ Route 11 & 14 service increase; odd hours have two trips from 7:15am - 5:45pm
- ❑ Route 13 returned to 30-minute service
- ❑ Route 36 discontinued (same service as Route 13)
- ❑ Route 18 no longer travels west on 47th street south, increasing the route's on-time performance

Marketing

- ❑ Promoted transit to new riders during Try MATBUS Week
- ❑ LinkFM service during the Street Fair, Scandinavian Festival, Frostival, Celtic Festival, Pangea, and Trollwood Mainstage Musical
- ❑ Offered 'Get Your Can on the Bus' promotion during Earth Week
- ❑ Educated college students at back to school events
- ❑ Participated in the Holiday Lights Parade
- ❑ Sponsored a RedHawks and Fargo Force game
- ❑ Holiday ridership campaign called 'Season of Giving' providing a free ride with the donation of a non-perishable food item
- ❑ Partnered with YWCA for 'stuff the bus'

Studies

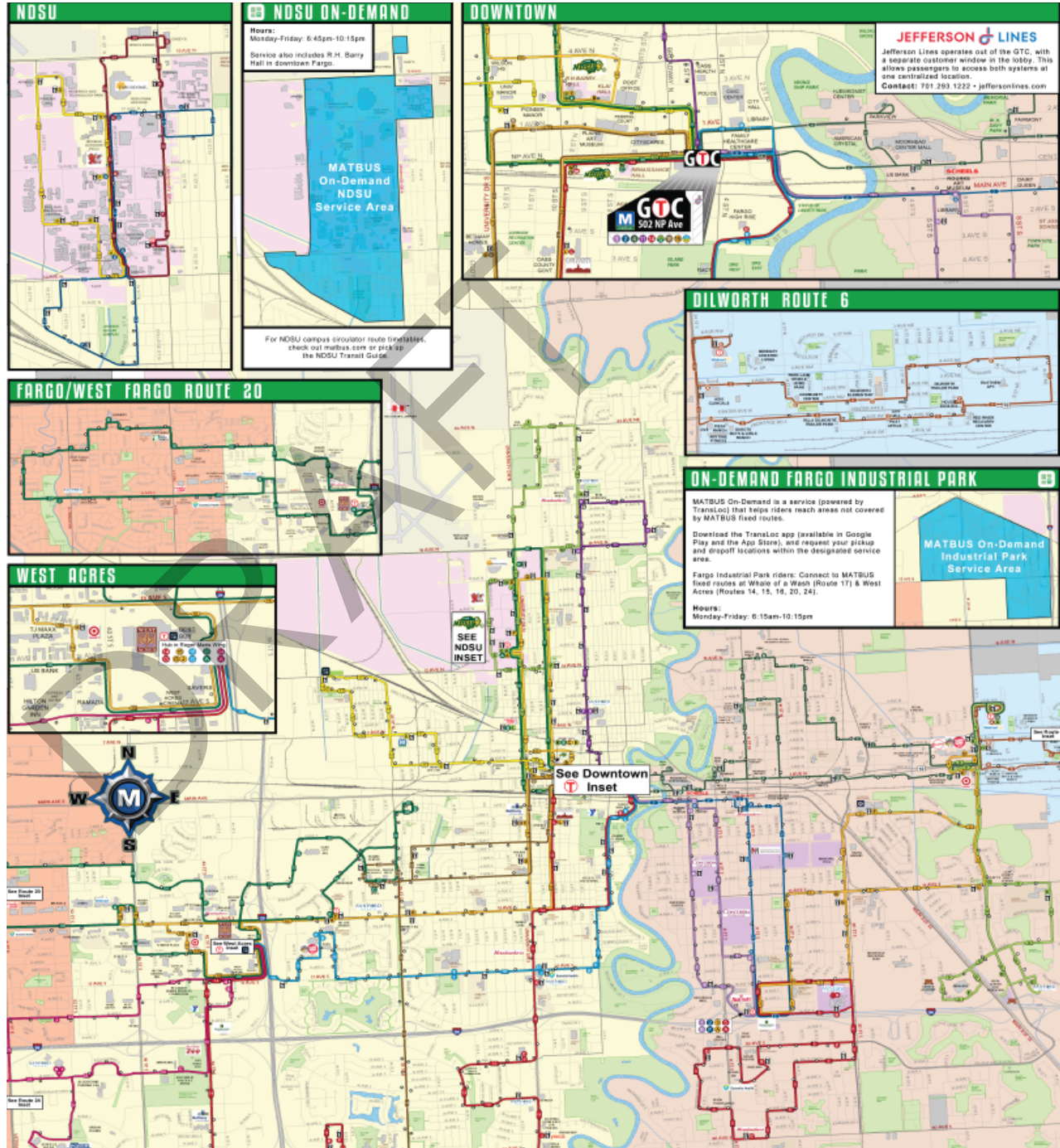
- ❑ Continued Transit Reorganization Study
- ❑ Updated Safety Plan in August 2023

TRANSIT

Route Map

MAP LEGEND

	Fargo City Limits		Route 1
	Moorhead City Limits		Route 2
	West Fargo City Limits		Route 3
	Dilworth City Limits		Route 4
	Higher Education		Route 5
	Public Land / Park		Route 6
	Transfer Hub		Route 9
	Passenger Shelter		Route 11
	Designated Bus Stop		Route 13
	On-Demand Pickup Location		Route 14
	Service On Request		Route 15
			Route 16
			Route 17
			Route 18
			Route 20
			Route 24
			Route 31
			Route 32
			Route 33
			Route 34
			Route 36



TRANSIT

Inventory

Fleet	Paratransit	Valley Senior Service
11 Moorhead - 35' - diesel	3 Moorhead - Cutaway	4 Moorhead - Caravan
20 Fargo - 35' - diesel	11 Fargo - Cutaway	
2 Fargo - 35' - diesel-electric hybrid	2 Fargo - Passenger Van	
6 Fargo - 40' - diesel-electric hybrid		

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Mode of Transit Service	Fatalities (total)	Fatalities (per 100 thousand VRM)	Injuries (total)	Injuries (per 100 thousand VRM)	Safety Events (total)	Safety Events (per 100 thousand VRM)	System Reliability	
							VRM/failures	Maintenance within 10% of Scheduled Miles
Fixed Route Bus	0	0	0.6	0.13	1.4	0.29	9,000	90%
Demand Response (Senior Ride)	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.06	12,000	90%

*2023 performance reported in 2024

Collisions

Preventable: **20** Unpreventable: **39** Major*: **3**

*collision resulting in serious injury, fatality, or exceeds \$25,000 in damage

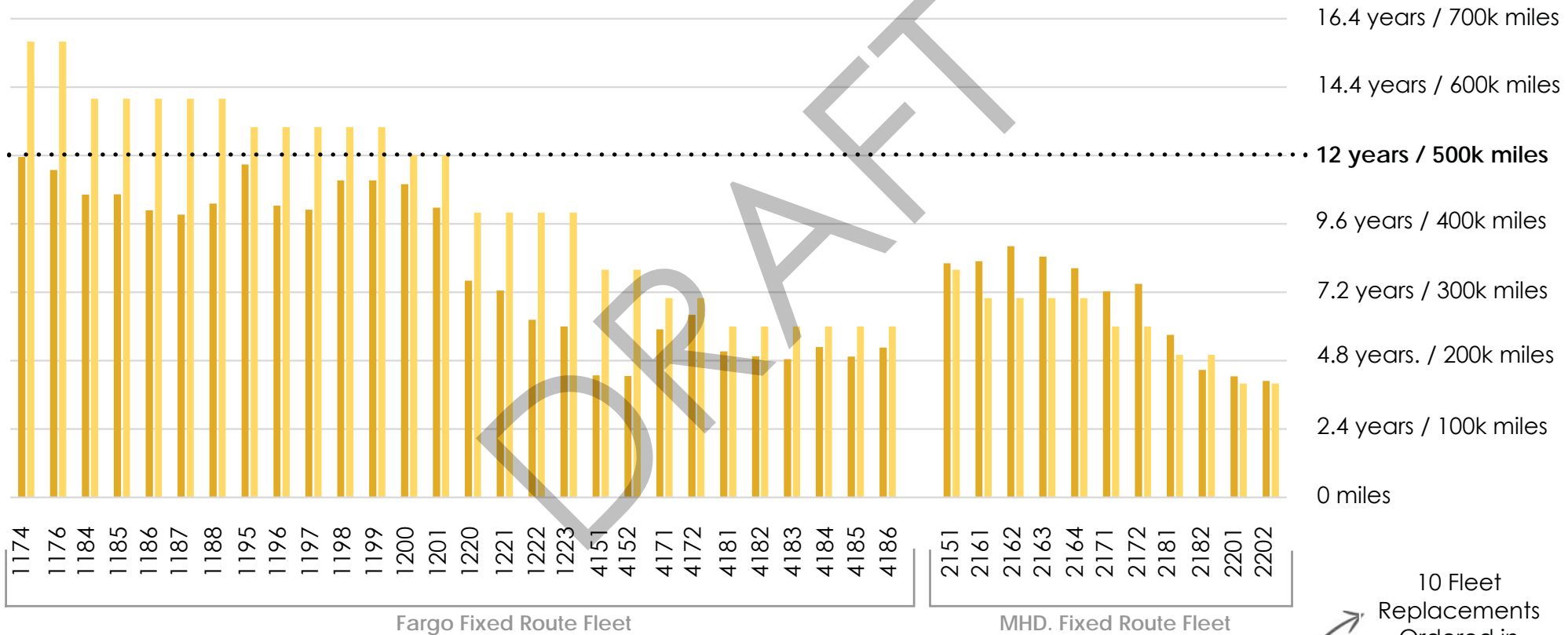


TRANSIT

Vehicle Condition

FLEET BUSES (GREATER THAN 35 FEET)

■ VEHICLE MILEAGE (THOUSAND)
 ■ AGE OF VEHICLE (YEARS)
 FTA REPLACEMENT GUIDELINE



AVERAGE MILEAGE FARGO FLEET **340,580 miles**

AVERAGE MILEAGE MOORHEAD FLEET **284,340 miles**

14 NEED REPLACEMENT

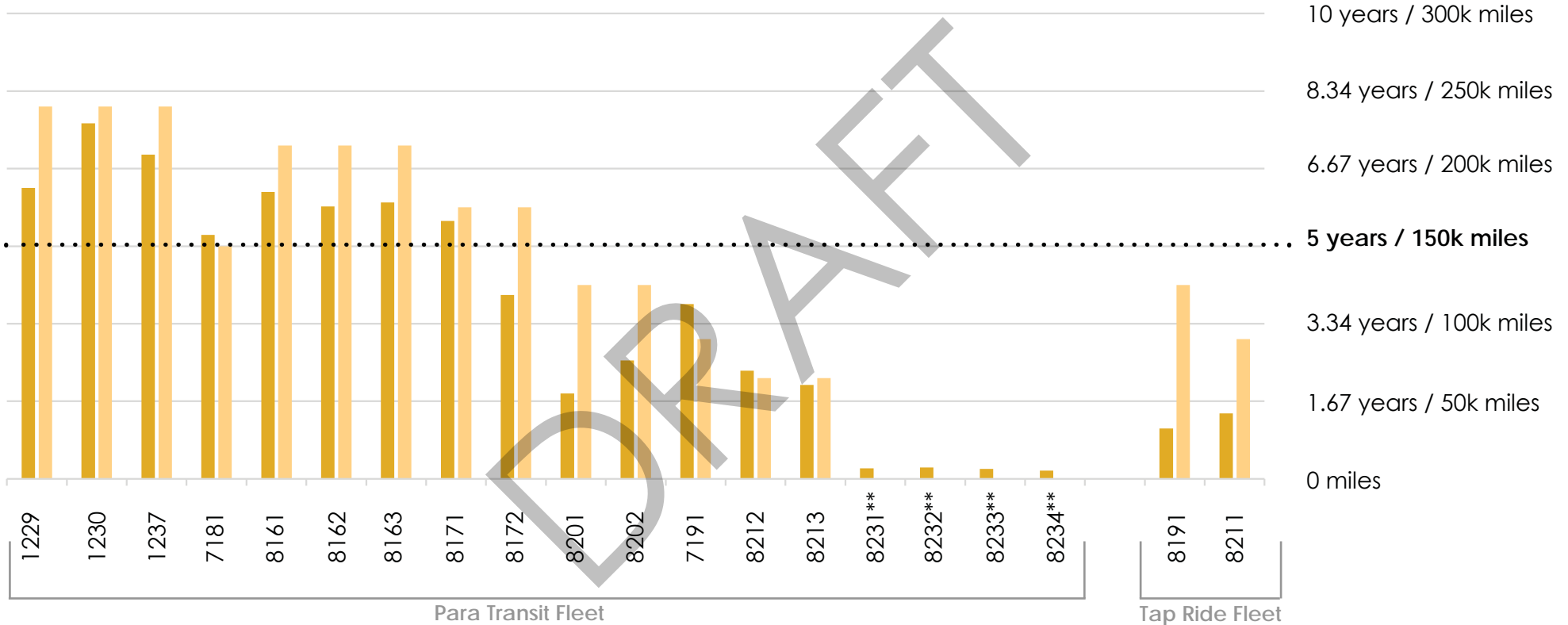
10 Fleet Replacements Ordered in 2022 - 0 received in 2023

TRANSIT

Vehicle Condition

PARA TRANSIT BUSES (LESS THAN 30 FEET)

■ VEHICLE MILEAGE (THOUSAND)
 ■ AGE OF VEHICLE (YEARS)
 FTA REPLACEMENT GUIDELINE



AVERAGE MILEAGE PARATRANSIT FLEET 111,480 miles

AVERAGE MILEAGE TAP RIDE FLEET 37,384 miles

9 NEED REPLACEMENT

**Replacement received in 2023

6 Paratransit Bus Replacements Ordered in 2022 - 4 received in 2023





ACRONYMS

ACS	American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau)
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
FAR	Hector International Airport, Fargo
FM	Fargo-Moorhead
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GTC	Ground Transportation Center
MATBUS	Metro Area Transit of Fargo-Moorhead
Metro COG	Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
MnDOT	Minnesota Department of Transportation
MPA	Metropolitan Planning Area
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area (includes all of Cass County and Clay County)
MTG	Metro Transit Garage
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NDDOT	North Dakota Department of Transportation
NHS	Non-Highway System
NPMRDS	National Performance Management Research Data Set
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TDM	Travel Demand Model
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TTTR	Truck Travel Time Reliability (only applies to the National Highway System)
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Community Profile:

<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/FARG038UR>

<https://www.bls.gov/lau/lamtrk23.htm>

BIA (Building Industry Association Red River Valley) *Summary of Building Permits Granted 2023*

Freight:

<https://www.fargoairport.com/december-2023-year-end-statistics/>

greatamericanstations.com/stations/fargo-nd-far/

safetydata.fra.dot.gov/officeofsafety/publicsite/crossings

Fargo-Moorhead Bike Map fmmetrocog.org/fmbikemap

Bike & Ped Count Report fmmetrocog.org/resources/planning/bicycle-pedestrian-planning

Hector International Airport Year-End Statistics fargoairport.com/december-2023-year-end-statistics/

Permits Plus issuu.com/homebuildersassociation/docs/permits_plus_issue_1_2023

Performance Measures fmmetrocog.org/resources/performance-measures

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) fmmetrocog.org/TIP



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METROCOG

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To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Adam Altenburg, AICP
Date: November 8, 2024
Re: **Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**

In June 2023, Metro COG contracted with SRF to develop the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, the region's first safety action plan aimed at reducing and eliminating serious injuries and fatalities on the region's transportation network. This plan is intended to provide Metro COG and local jurisdictions with strategies to address safety risks on the roadway network using analyses of historic crash information combined with transportation network user and community input to identify potential safety projects. The plan establishes a vision of a 55 percent reduction in fatalities or serious injuries on the region's roadways by 2040. This vision will be measured annually beginning in 2025 by the percent reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes.

Several of the outcomes of the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan are the development of a High Injury Network (HIN) and a public dashboard. The HIN consists of roadway corridors in the area where severe crashes are occurring and helps to prioritize high-risk locations that may guide safety investments in the region. The plan also identifies countermeasures to help minimize the occurrence and severity of crashes in the future.

The report and dashboard can be found on Metro COG's website:

<https://fmmetrocog.org/safestreeets>

Requested Action: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Adam Altenburg, AICP
Date: November 8, 2024
Re: **EV Readiness Study**

In January 2024, Metro COG contracted with HDR to develop the Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Study, a study aimed at providing clarity and direction to prepare for increased EV adoption in the region by identifying key partnerships and actionable strategies. The study provides recommended approaches to preparing for the increased adoption of EVs that can be considered by local jurisdictions and other partners including utility providers, public agencies, and the business community. The study includes information on anticipated EV growth, where it may be more likely to occur, and recommended strategies to support the adoption of EVs and the installation of EV charging infrastructure.

The draft report can be found on Metro COG's website:

<https://fmmetrocog.org/evreadiness>

Requested Action: Recommend Policy Board approval of the EV Readiness Study.

To: Transportation Technical Committee
From: Michael Maddox, AICP
Date: 11/7/2024
Re: **Fargo Transportation Plan – Final Report**

The Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) programmed a study for the City of Fargo within its Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in 2021 to create the City of Fargo's first ever transportation plan. This planning effort was directed create a "playbook" that the City of Fargo can use in the development of the roadway network within its jurisdiction. It would encapsulate transportation policy, guidance on best practices, priorities, and would create a unified transportation vision amongst all City of Fargo Departments.

Metro COG partnered with Kimley-Horn with subconsultant Bolten-Menk to conduct the effort. Metro COG, the City of Fargo, and the consultants have been working to develop the plan for multiple years and through multiple contract amendments. The Fargo Transportation Plan did not solely address roadway infrastructure, but rather was a wholistic effort to integrate policies on how land use planning, maintenance activities, and multimodal transportation options are considered within roadway project development.

The plan also forwarded a roadway typology framework that was developed in the Parking and Access study. This new typology framework informs transportation infrastructure utilization in different contexts. This coincides with work that was being done through the Fargo Growth Plan, which was being developed in tandem with the Fargo Transportation Plan.

The Fargo Transportation Plan was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Fargo City Commission in October 2024. Metro COG is now bringing this project forward to the TTC and Policy Board for consideration at each body's November meeting.

The final report can be found on Metro COG's website:

<https://www.fmmetrocog.org/ftp>

Requested Action: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Final Fargo Transportation Plan