

Agenda Item 1c, Attachment 1

651st Policy Board Meeting Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Stephanie	Landstrom	Horace City Council
Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council
Sebastian	McDougall	Moorhead City Council
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay Co. Commission
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Mike	Reitz	MATBUS Representative
Art	Rosenberg	Fargo Planning Commission
Dave	Steichen	Dilworth City Council
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT Fargo District Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)

Members Absent:

Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Rory	Jorgensen	West Fargo City Commission
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission
Michelle	Turnberg	Fargo City Commission
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT District 4 Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Nicole	Lipinoga	Metro COG
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT - Local Government Division
Bekah	Devasahayam	Sanford Health

1a. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS, convened
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, on January 15, 2026 by Chair Mongeau, noting a quorum was present.

**1b. Approve Order and Contents of Overall Agenda, approved
(this was done before the election of officers)**
Chair Mongeau asked for approval for the overall agenda.

***MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the
January 15, 2026 Policy Board Meeting.
Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.***

**1c. Election of Metro COG Chair and Vice Chair.
(this was done after the approval of the order and contents of the
agenda)**

Based on the rotation, Mr. Olson with City of West Fargo would be the Chair and Ms. Landstrom with the City of Horace would be the Vice Chair.

There was discussion to ensure everyone was comfortable knowing there are procedures in place as elected officials stepped down from their positions in the middle of the year.

***MOTION: Nominate and elect West Fargo City Commissioner Brad Olson as Policy Board Chair and Horace City Commissioner Stephanie Landstrom as Vice Chair for 2026, based on the rotation schedule in the Policy Board Bylaws.
Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairperson Mongeau handed over the meeting to the newly elected Chairperson Olson

1d. Past Meeting Minutes, approved
Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the December 18, 2025 Meeting. Note: Mr. Breitling's name was listed twice on attendance so one was removed.

MOTION: Approve the December 18, 2025 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Mongeau

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1e. Monthly Bills (Payables), approved

Chair Olson asked for approval of the January 15, 2026 bills as listed on Attachment 1e.

MOTION: Approve the January 2026 Bills List.

Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. Piepkorn

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Olson asked for approval of Items a-b on the Consent Agenda.

a. December 2025 Month End Report

b. Metro COG Q4 Report/Annual Report

MOTION: Approve Items a-b on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Ms. Mongeau

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3a. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were provided or received.

3b. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment 1

Mr. Altenburg presented Amendment 1 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

1. **Modification of Project 9220011:** NDDOT deck overlay, retrofit, selective grade and riprap of ND10E (2026). Moving project year from 2027 to 2026.

2. **New Project 9260062:** NDDOT asphalt overlay of ramps at I-29 Harwood Interchange (2026)
3. **Modification of Project 4240011:** Fargo reconstruction of 17th Avenue S (2026). Connecting original STBG-funded project with additional CRP funding
4. **New Project 4260063:** Fargo reconstruction of 17th Avenue S (2026). Adding additional CRP funding and connecting it to original STBG-funded project
5. **Modification of Project 4250014:** Fargo reconstruction of 1st Avenue N from 10th Street to Roberts Street (2027). Modifying project limits to extend from 10th Street N to 3rd Street N and incorporating project 4250015.
6. **Removal of Project 4250015:** Fargo reconstruction of 1st Avenue N from Roberts Street to 3rd Street N (2027). Removing existing projects and incorporating project funding and project limits with project 4250014.
7. **Removal of Project 3250022:** West Fargo construction of shared use path and pedestrian bridge across Sheyenne River at River's Bend (2026). Removal of existing projects and federal funding.
8. **New Project 8251044:** MnDOT installation of electric vehicle charging station within one mile of Exit 22 on I-94 (2026).

MOTION: Approve Amendment 1 to the Metro COG 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Peipkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Mattson.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3c. 2025 UPWP Amendment #1

Mr. Griffith presented information amendment #1 of the 2025 UPWP. There will be an overall reduction of \$38,349.79 in CPG funding, comprised mainly of MnFTA and various other funding types. There will be an amendment to the 2026 UPWP next month for the balance of the MnFTA funds not received in 2025. There were also adjustments to staff hours per program task areas and some language added to the West Fargo School District Safe Routes to School to clarify the use of Complete Streets Set-Aside Funds directly related to this project.

MOTION: Approval of Metro COG's 2025 Unified Planning Work Program & Budget, with the inclusion of any minor revisions required by oversight agencies.

**Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Ms. Kolpack
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.**

3d. 2025 NDDOT CPG Contract Amendment

Mr. Griffith stated there is a 2025 NDDOT CPG Contract amendment to include the \$38,349.79 reduction in overall CPG funding. He also noted that execution of the Contract Amendment would occur following approval of the previous UPWP Amendment by oversight agencies.

**MOTION: Approval of the 2025 CPG Contract Amendment and authorization for the Policy Board Chair and Executive Director to execute said document when it is made available for signature.
Ms. Mongeau moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.**

3e. SS4A Blood Sync Network Grant Acceptance

Mr. Altenburg reported the USDOT had announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) last spring through Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding. An application was submitted for a Rural Midwest Trauma BloodSync Network to enhance Metro COG's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for rural North Dakota and west-central Minnesota. Metro COG was notified on December 23, 2025 that the project was awarded \$960,000 grant funds.

Most of the project will be overseen by a multijurisdictional taskforce of ND trauma regions, MN Northwest and West Central EMS regions, Vitalant, Essentia, and Sanford Ambulance.

4. Additional Business

Executive Director Ben Griffith provided the following updates:

- Working on 2025 year-end close-out
- 2026 annual dues invoices were sent out last week
- Local match for planning projects will be sent out as projects are initiated
- There will be an Amendment to the 2026 UPWP at the February Policy Board, along with Performance Measures, Project Solicitations and consultant selections

Mr. Piepkorn thanked Metro COG staff for the presentation of the Metro Profile to the Fargo City Commission. He also thanked outgoing Chair Mongeau for her service and wished good luck to incoming Chair Olson.

5. Adjourn

The 651st Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, January 16, 2026 was adjourned by Chair Olson at 4:49 PM.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager