

**579th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Maegin	Elshaug	Fargo Planning (Alt. for N. Crutchfield)
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Luke	Grittner	MATBUS
Robin	Huston	Moorhead Planning
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Tejali	Mangle	Horace Community Development
Joey	Ness	GFMEDC (Alt. for Joe Raso)
Oliver	Nieman	West Fargo Engineering (Alt. for P. Bervik)
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (Alt. for K. Litchy)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Georges	Tippens	MSUM
Tom	Trowbridge	Moorhead Engineering

Members Absent:

Paul	Bervik	West Fargo Engineering (Alt. present)
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning (Alt. present)
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Ethan	Lehmann	Cass County Planning (Alt. for C. Hansen)
Kyle	Litchy	Cass County Highway (Alt. present)
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo Planning
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC (Alt. present)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Kelly	Krapu	Freight
Dena	Ryan	MNDOT

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Zhang	Linghao	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
James	Dahlman	City of Horace - Planning/Engineering
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA-ND Division
Brent	Muscha	Apex

Max Olson Bolton & Menk
Jordan Woroniecki WSB

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 2026 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 579th TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the August 13, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda.

**Motion: Approve the August 13, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda.
Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge
MOTION, PASSED.
Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Approve July 9, 2026 TTC Meeting Minutes

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

**Motion: Approve the July 9, 2026 TTC Minutes.
Mr. Nieman moved, seconded by Mr. Hutchings
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were received or provided.

5. 2026-2029 TIP Revision 9

Mr. Altenburg presented Revision 9 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The proposed revision for the 2026-2029 TIP includes the following amendments:

1. **New Project 9269078:** NDDOT preliminary engineering for 10th Street from NP Avenue to 4th Avenue N (2026). Included for potential year end NHPP funding.
2. **New Project 9269079:** NDDOT statewide overhead signage project (2026). Included for potential year end STBG funding.

3. **New Project 5269080:** City of Moorhead lighting improvements along existing shared use path along 50th Avenue S (2026). New TA- and CRP-funded project.
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Ms. Safgren stated that the projects are for 2027 and that the funding wasn't previously programmed, adding that MnDOT is currently in fiscal year 2027.

Motion: Pending public comments, recommend Policy Board approval of Revision 9 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Smith

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

Mr. Altenburg stated we are working to finish our 2027-2030 TIP. The project list was just finished but we don't have transit projects included yet. The list will be sent out to jurisdictions shortly to be sure there are no errors. The public comment period is open through Sept 14th. A draft of the 2027-2030 TIP will be on our website tomorrow. There is a public meeting at the Moorhead Public Library scheduled for September 2nd.

Scheduled for approval at the September 17th Policy Board meeting.

Informational Item Only

7. Agency Updates

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – Projects in the works: 32nd Ave is in final stage, 45th St by Scheels is $\frac{2}{3}$ done, VA path should be done in approximately one month, 40th Ave S Bluestem Bridge has been bid, 17th Ave S will be constructed next year, attended SMART Summit in Washington DC.
- b. City of Fargo Planning – Consultants for Land Development Code coming to the next community development meeting.

- c. City of Moorhead Engineering – Center Ave may wrap up end of Aug, underpass may open in October, 40th Ave S is ongoing.
- d. City of Moorhead Planning – Nothing to report
- e. MATBUS – Waiting for seating of new director, GTC is no longer going to be used, GTC functions will be transformed to the former Downtown Engagement Center.
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering – Nothing to report
- g. City of West Fargo Planning – Absent
- h. City of Dilworth – Community Center continues under construction, Council will be interviewing candidates for administrator position.
- i. City of Horace Planning – RFQs for comp plan update are due August 28th, working on 3 large subdivisions with regional collector streets, utility upgrades such as lift stations.
- j. Cass County Highway – Working on structures NW of Harwood and N of Mapleton, hoping to be done before harvest.
- k. Cass County Planning – Nothing to report
- l. Clay County Engineering – absent
- m. Clay County Planning – Nothing to report
- n. GFMEDC – Nothing to report
- o. MSUM – Working with City of Moorhead on retention ponds, study on 11th and 14th Avenues one-ways is a priority for MSUM.
- p. NDSU – Nothing to report
- q. MnDOT District 4 – Last stretch of development of ATIP making sure Metro COG TIP and ATIP are the same.
- r. MnDOT Central Office – absent
- s. NDDOT Central Office – Draft STIP was released this morning.
- t. FHWA/FTA – Nothing to report

7. Additional Business

Chair Griffith stated that the 2027-2030 TIP, 2027-2028 UPWP, and Title VI update are nearly completed, Nikki Gullickson is with us today, she is a new Fargo City Commissioner, Policy Board member and on the MATBUS Coordination Committee.

8. Adjourn

The 579th Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on August 13, 2026 at 10:34 AM

**Mr. Hutchings moved to Adjourn; Mr. Nieman seconded
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager