

**562nd Transportation Technical Committee**  
**Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments**  
**THURSDAY, January 9, 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 December 12, 2024 TTC Meeting | Action Item        |
| 4. Public Input Opportunity                              | Public Input       |
| 5. 2025-2028 TIP Amendment 3                             | <b>Action Item</b> |
| 6. Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan                   | <b>Action Item</b> |
| 7. Metro 2050 MTP – Transportation Moving Ahead          | <b>Action Item</b> |
| 8. 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                            |                    |
| 9. Additional Business                                   | Information Item   |
| 10. Adjourn  |                    |

REMINDER: The next TTC meeting will be held **Thursday, February 13, 2024** at 10:00 AM.

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**Bolded** Action Items require roll call votes.

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**561<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the  
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee  
Thursday, December 12, 2024 – 10:00 AM  
Metro COG Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Jonathan	Atkins	City of Moorhead Traffic Engineering
Julie	Bommelman	City of Fargo, MATBUS
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
Jace	Hellman	City of Horace – Community Development Director
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Peyton	Mastera	City of Dilworth (Alternate for Don Lorsung)
Kyle	McCamy	City of West Fargo Engineering
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Sarah	Orr	Concordia College
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – District 4
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (Alt. for Jason Benson)
Forrest	Steinhoff	City of Moorhead Planning (Alternate for Robin Huston)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager

**Members Absent:**

Jason	Benson	Cass County Highway Engineer (Alternate present)
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning (Alternate present)
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning (Alternate present)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight Representative - TrueNorth Compliance Service
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development (Alt. present)
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Lori	Van Beek	City of Moorhead, MATBUS

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Cody	Christianson	Bolton & Menk
Jim	Dahlman	Interstate Engineering
Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Wade	Frank	Stantec
Luke	Grittner	MATBUS
Dan	Hanson	West Fargo Engineering (Alternate for Kyle McCamy)
Matthew	Huettl	HDR
Beth	Kallestad	MnDOT
Brian	King	HDR
Tom	Knakmuhs	City of Fargo Engineering
Scott	Middaugh	KLJ
Deana	Ryan	FHWA - MN
Erika	Sheperd	MNDOT
Anthony	Sommerfield	WSB
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA-ND
Steven	Strack	Houston Engineering
Dan	Triller	SHE
Ranae	Tunison	FTA
Wayne	Zacher	NDDOT – Local Government Division

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2024 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

**2. Approve the 561<sup>st</sup> TTC Meeting Agenda**

Chair Griffith stated Item #12, "Additions of Transit Appendix to 2050 MTP" needs to be removed from the agenda at this time. Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or other changes to the TTC Meeting Agenda.

**Motion: Approve the December 12, 2024 TTC Meeting Agenda striking #12 Additions of Transit Appendix to 2050 MTP.**

**Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman.**

**MOTION, PASSED.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. APPROVE November 14, 2024 TTC MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the November 14, 2024 TTC Meeting Minutes. Andrew Wrucke is absent and should be removed from the membership listing since he is no longer with the City of West Fargo. Julie Bommelman and Kyle McCamy should be listed as present.

**Motion: Approve the November 14, 2024 TTC Minutes with changes as recommended for Members present/absent.**

**Mr. McCamy moved, seconded by Mr. Mastera.**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were made or received.

**5. Minnesota EV Infrastructure Needs Assessment (MnEVINA)**

Mr. Altenburg opened the discussion with introducing Beth Kallestad, Principal Sustainability Planner from MnDOT. Ms. Kallestad presented information regarding EV Readiness. The State of MN expects to invest approximately \$68 million from Federal programs in the next 5 years.

**Information Only – no action requested**

**6. 2025-28 TIP Amendment 2**

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 2 regarding the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, and comments accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 12, 2024. As of the date of the memo, no comments were received.

The proposed amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 5250035:** Moorhead MATBUS purchase of one (1) class 400 bus and related equipment (2025). Update funding source.
2. **New Project 8251043:** MnDOT districtwide guard rail installation. (2025)
3. **New Project 8251044:** MnDOT installation of a NEVI charging station along I-94. (2025)

**Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 2 of the Metro COG 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.**

**Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mastera.**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **7. Moorhead Functional Classification**

Ms. Beierle Pavek presented information on the Moorhead Functional Classification. Upon review, it was determined there was justification for the upgrades.

South Moorhead has had growth in population and significant housing development. The recommended changes are as follows:

1. 40th Ave S – From 16th St S to 28th S – Major Collector
2. 40th Ave S – From 28th St S to 40th St S – Major Collector
3. 40th St S – From 40th Ave S to 34th St S – Major Collector
4. 34th Ave S – From 40th St S to Hwy 52 – Major Collector

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2024 MnDOT Federal Functional Classification update.**

**Mr. Atkins moved, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff.**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **8. ND Rural Transportation Alternatives (TA) Applications**

Mr. Bervik explained the process for TA Applications stating the applying jurisdiction is required to submit their application to Metro COG. Metro COG reviews and submits the applications to the respective Department of Transportation.

The only application received was Cass County for County Road 15 shared use path. Cass is seeking funding to reconstruct a shared use path along the east side of County Road 15 from Kindred Elementary School to ND Hwy 46. The path was constructed in 1998 and an overlay done in 2006. Cost of the construction is \$1,056,162 and \$844,929.60 requested from Transportation Alternatives.

**Motion: Recommend approval of the attached Transportation Alternatives (TA) application and associated scoring to Policy Board prior to submittal to NDDOT.**

**Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Mastera.  
MOTION, PASSED  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Approval of Proposed Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Projects**

Mr. Bervik explained NDDOT solicited applications for annual Highway Safety Improvement Program projects. Three applications were submitted:

1. Cass County – Proposed roundabout and intersection improvements to County Road 20 and 45<sup>th</sup> Street North
2. Fargo – Auxiliary Lane on southbound 45<sup>th</sup> Street at 1-94 interchange.
3. Fargo – Study to analyze the 22 top urban crash intersections within the City of Fargo as well as 28 other high crash intersections to come up with an infrastructure plan to improve these locations in the future.

**Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota HSIP applications as provided in the attachments to the Policy Board.**

**Mr. McCamy moved, seconded by Ms. Elshaug.**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. ND Urban Grants Program (UGP) Applications**

Mr. Bervik explained NDDOT solicited applications for the annual Urban Grant Program. This program provides cities an opportunity to make transportation infrastructure improvements within core business districts. The only application received is currently programmed in the TIP:

1. Fargo – Reconstruction of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The city is requesting UGP funding to supplement the design along the corridor of the furnishing zone.

**Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota UGP application as provided in the attachment to the Policy Board.**

**Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson.**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously**

## **11. ND Urban Regional Highway System (RHS) Applications**

Mr. Bervik explained NDDOT solicited applications for the annual Urban Regional Highway System Grant. NDDOT works with Local Public Agencies to program improvements based on available funding. Six applications were submitted:

1. Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive South from 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue S to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue S
2. Fargo – Reconstruction of 10<sup>th</sup> Street North from NP Avenue N to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue N
3. Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive North from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue N to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue N
4. Fargo – Reconstruction of University Drive North from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue N
5. Fargo – Concrete Pavement Repair on 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South from Timber Parkway to University Drive S
6. Fargo – Reconstruction of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from 18<sup>th</sup> Street N to Dakota Drive

**Motion: Recommend approval of the North Dakota RHS application as provided in the attachments to the Policy Board.**

**Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. McCamy.**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously**

## **12. Additions of Transit Appendix to 2050 MTP**

This item was removed from the agenda.

## **13. Agency Updates**

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – Public meeting for 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. That street will be closed this summer. Working on new projects.
- b. City of Fargo Planning – Rewriting land development ordinance is in the process. It will take approximately 1½ years to complete.
- c. MATBUS – Nothing new to report.
- d. City of Moorhead Engineering – Work continues on the Library Center. Awarded SMART grant towards Traffic Operations Center.
- e. City of Moorhead Planning – Passenger Rail Study.
- f. City of Moorhead Transit – Lori is retiring and her last day is December 16<sup>th</sup>

- g. City of West Fargo – Getting bids on electric vehicles and working on 9<sup>th</sup> Street Overpass.
- h. City of Dilworth – Wrapping up the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor studies, starting Comp Plan update soon.
- i. City of Horace – Starting workshops with leadership.
- j. Cass County Engineering – Working on projects for next year.
- k. Clay County Planning - Wrapping up Land Development Update in early 2025.
- l. NDSU – Nothing new to report.
- m. Concordia College – Nothing new to report.
- n. MNDOT Central Office – Nothing new to report.
- o. MNDOT - District 4 – Nothing new to report.
- p. NDDOT – Nothing new to report.
- q. FHWA – ND – Would like an update on the MTP and local jurisdiction approval. Mr. Maddox stated the final document is on the Metro COG website. Metro COG is going through another approval process. Next public meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 PM at the Library. Ms. Sperry stated it would be good to recirculate to State and Federal entities again if there are a lot of changes.

**14. Additional Business**

No additional business was brought forward.

**15. Adjourn**

The 561<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on December 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh  
Office Manager



**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Paul Bervik, PE, Assistant Transportation Planner  
**Date:** January 3, 2025  
**Re:** **2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 3**

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public meeting both in person and via Zoom Video Communications on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM to consider public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the FM Metropolitan Area. The proposed amendment to the 2025-2028 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, December 25, 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, January 9, 2025. As of the writing of this memo, no written comments have been received.

The proposed amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 4220019:** Fargo rehabilitation of bridge on 36<sup>th</sup> Street South at Rose Coulee (2025). Updated project cost.
2. **Modification of Project 9240029:** NDDOT deck overlay and approach slabs of I-29 North bound at Rose Coulee (2025). Updated project cost. And moving project year from 2027 to 2025.
3. **Modification of Project 9240030:** NDDOT deck overlay and approach slabs of I-29 South bound at Rose Coulee (2025). Updated project cost. And moving project year from 2027 to 2025.
4. **Modification of Project 9240051:** NDDOT safety improvements at I-29 and ND 46 (2025). Updated project cost and breakdown.
5. **New Project 3253045:** West Fargo Rail Road overpass for 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE (2025).
6. **New Project 4253046:** Fargo removing negative left turn offsets at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and University Drive (2025).
7. **New Project 9253047:** NDDOT installation of cameras, Dynamic Message Signs, and other Intelligent Transportation Systems (2025).

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

**Requested Action:** Recommend approval of Amendment 3 of the Metro COG 2025-2028 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 3 - 2025-2028 Metro COG TIP

Existing projects with changes

City of Fargo	4220019 23773	2025	36th St S		2.0 S of I-94 @ Rose Coulee	Deck Overlay, Rail Retrofit, Reset Approach Guardrail. Previous Metro COG ID Number 9231001.	Rehabilitation	\$470,761 <del>\$261,000</del>	STBG	Local	\$156,000 \$314,761 <del>\$105,000</del>
NDDOT	9240029 23773	2025 <del>2027</del>	29 N		2 Miles South of I-94	Deck Overlay, Approach Slabs	Rehabilitation	\$864,221.60 <del>\$411,000</del>	IM	State	\$777,799.44 <del>\$370,000</del> \$86,422.16 <del>\$41,000</del>
NDDOT	9240030 23773	2025 <del>2027</del>	29 S		2 Miles South of I-94	Deck Overlay, Approach Slabs	Rehabilitation	\$864,221.60 <del>\$411,000</del>	IM	State	\$777,799.44 <del>\$370,000</del> \$86,422.16 <del>\$41,000</del>
NDDOT	9240051 24036	2025		21.5	ND 46 Exit 69	SIGNING,PAVEMENT MARK,DYNAMIC MSG SGN CONC SURF GRIND,ITS	Safety	\$8,953,586 <del>\$4,783,515</del>	HEN	State	\$8,058,226.46 <del>\$4,305,163</del> \$895,359.54 <del>\$478,352</del>

Amendment 3 - 2025-2028 Metro COG TIP

New project

City of West Fargo	3253045 23537	2025	9th St NE		Main Ave 12th Ave NE	Railroad grade sepatration for the urbanization of 9th St NE (including urbanization of 7th Ave NE from 9th St NE to 45th St N)	Reconstruction	\$29,770,684	Raise	Local	\$23,816,550 \$5,954,134
City of Fargo	4253046 24053	2025	Intersection		19th Avenue North University Drive	Remove Negative Left Turn Offsets	Safety	\$554,926	HUE	State Local	\$499,433 \$27,746.30 \$27,746.30
NDDOT	9253047 24223	2025	Various			Camera Sites, Dynamic Message Signs & Intelligent Transportation Systems	Safety	\$1,524,287	ITS	State	\$1,233,605 \$290,682

**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Dan Farnsworth, Transportation Planner  
**Date:** January 3, 2025  
**Re:** **Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan**

Per the request of the City of Moorhead, Metro COG developed the Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan, which began in early 2024. The planning study was conducted in cooperation with the Moorhead School District, City of Moorhead, and PartnerSHIP 4 Health. The plan also involved public and parent engagement as well as student surveys to help inform and guide the study.

The purpose of the study is to lay out a framework to make walking and biking to school safe and more inviting for students. The study identifies existing challenges, safety concerns, policies, and recommends improvements which can improve the walking and biking to/from Moorhead's public schools.

The draft plan can be viewed at the following link: [www.fmmetrocog.org/MoorheadSRTS/FinalPlan](http://www.fmmetrocog.org/MoorheadSRTS/FinalPlan). Metro COG will be presenting this plan to the Moorhead City Council and Moorhead Public Schools on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and will be bringing this plan forward to Metro COG's Policy Board on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Requested Action:** Recommend Policy Board approval of the Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan.

**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Ben Griffith, AICP, Executive Director  
**For:** Michael Maddox, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner  
**Date:** January 3, 2025  
**Re:** **Approval of Metro 2050 – Transportation Moving Ahead and Congestion Management Process**

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is one of four federally required documents that are mandated by transportation legislation to be completed by MPOs. Metro COG's MTP, entitled "Transportation Moving Ahead – Metro 2050" was adopted by the Policy Board on September 26, 2024. In order to meet the September 30, 2024 deadline for adoption of the MTP, the required 30-day public comment period was run concurrently and had not yet ended, so Metro COG staff ensured that the Policy Board approved the MTP "with inclusion of any public comments received during the 30-day public comment period" in their motion.

In early December, FHWA developed a planning finding that Metro COG did not follow its Public Participation Plan during the process of developing its 2050 MTP. Metro COG staff met with FHWA representatives from both North Dakota and Minnesota on December 9 to discuss the issue and corrective processes. Metro COG staff, anticipating the receipt of a letter from FHWA in the coming days, began updating the MTP document and appendices with the requested information in the format in which FHWA required. The 2050 MTP document, its appendices, including new Appendix F for transit projects, and the draft Congestion Management Process can be found on Metro COG's website at: <http://fmmetrocog.org/Metro2050>

A display ad was published in the December 14, 2024 Forum newspaper, advertising the opening of the 30-day public comment period for the MTP and that a public meeting would be held at the Downtown Fargo Public Library on Thursday, January 9, 2025 from 4:00-7:00 PM. The attached letter from NDDOT was received via email on December 24, 2024.

In early November, Metro COG and MATABUS staff became aware of a new requirement that transit projects within a Transportation Management Area (TMA) which are utilizing FTA 5307, FTA 5310, and FTA 5339 funding, must be included within the MTP. MATABUS provided Metro COG with a listing of projects which has been incorporated into 2050 MTP as Appendix F, which is a newly added appendix to the MTP and shown separately on the Metro COG website project page for ease of reference. The first page of the 84-page circular from

FTA, dated November 1, 2024, is attached to this staff report and the entire document can be found on the Metro COG website at:

[https://www.fmmetrocog.org/application/files/8117/3350/2844/Agenda\\_Item\\_1\\_2\\_Attachment\\_1\\_-\\_C9070.1H-Circular-11-01-2024.pdf](https://www.fmmetrocog.org/application/files/8117/3350/2844/Agenda_Item_1_2_Attachment_1_-_C9070.1H-Circular-11-01-2024.pdf)

A Congestion Management Process (CMP) is required of all TMAs and Metro COG adopted its first as part of the 2045 MTP “Metro Grow” in November 2019. As part of the contract for the 2050 MTP, Metro COG asked its consultant to prepare a new, updated CMP, which has also been posted on the Metro COG website project page for comment and can be found here:

[http://fmmetrocog.org/application/files/2317/3376/9258/Metro\\_COG\\_Draft\\_2050\\_Congestion\\_Management\\_Process\\_Rev\\_11122024.pdf](http://fmmetrocog.org/application/files/2317/3376/9258/Metro_COG_Draft_2050_Congestion_Management_Process_Rev_11122024.pdf)

**Requested Action:** Recommendation of approval of Metro 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Transportation Moving Ahead, including Appendices A – F, and Metro COG's Congestion Management Process to the Policy Board.

December 23, 2024

Jenny Mongeau  
Policy Board Vice Chairperson  
 Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments  
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Dear Ms.Mongeau:

**SUBJECT: 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

In November 2019, Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (FM Metro COG) approved its 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). MTP's are required to be updated every five years to maintain federal funding as required by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Therefore, it was expected that FM Metro COG would have its 2050 MTP completed prior to December 2024.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has been informed that FM Metro COG did not follow its Public Participation Plan (PPP) during the process of developing their 2050 MTP. FHWA North Dakota Division office (FHWA-ND) has since developed a planning finding and corrective action plan in NDDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The absence of FM Metro COG to follow its own process has put North Dakota and Minnesota local, county, and state projects in jeopardy within the FM Metro COG boundary.

Fortunately, FHWA-ND has provided a six-month extension to correct the FM Metro COG 2050 MTP and FM Metro COG will be allowed to complete TIP amendments and administrative modifications during this time. However, this extension does come with conditions and will be detrimental if not completed within the allotted timeframe. It also means there will be enhanced FHWA-ND oversight and weekly coordination meetings to ensure deadlines are met.

FHWA-ND has provided the following schedule over the next six months:

- Provide a response to local, state, and federal draft MTP comments to NDDOT, MnDOT, FHWA-ND, FHWA-MN and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by January 30, 2025
- Amendment to MTP in response to comments received by March 31, 2025
- Approved amendment by the Policy Board by May 15, 2025

If these dates are not met, FHWA-ND will freeze FM Metro COG's TIP, which means ND or MN will not be able to spend any federal funds in FM Metro COG's Metropolitan Planning Area until it is resolved.

Thank you for your support in ensuring these activities are completed in a timely manner and for your continuing efforts to improve transportation infrastructure in North Dakota. If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call at 701-328-4445 or Will Hutchings at 701-328-6421.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronald Henke".

Ronald J. Henke, PE  
Director

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C: Aaron Murra, NDDOT Fargo District Engineer  
Chad M. Orn, NDDOT Deputy Director for Planning  
Derek Pfeifer, NDDOT Local Government Engineer  
Will Hutchings, NDDOT Urban MPO Coordinator





U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Transit  
Administration**

## CIRCULAR

FTA C 9070.1H

November 1, 2024

**Subject: ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES PROGRAM GUIDANCE**

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1. **PURPOSE.** This circular is a reissuance of guidance on the administration of the transit assistance program for seniors and individuals with disabilities under 49 U.S.C. 5310 and guidance for the preparation of grant applications. This revision incorporates provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58 (2021) and includes the most current available guidance as of the date of publication. To the extent this circular is inconsistent with changes in any statute or regulation, the statute or regulation will supersede this circular. This circular is in effect as of November 1, 2024.
2. **CANCELLATION.** This circular cancels Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9070.1G, “Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Guidance and Application Instructions,” dated July 7, 2014.
3. **AUTHORITY.**
  - a. Federal Transit Laws, title 49, United States Code, Chapter 53.
  - b. Title 49 CFR 1.91.
4. **WAIVER.** FTA reserves the right to waive any requirements of this circular to the extent permitted by Federal law or regulation.
5. **FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE.** In association with the publication of this circular, a Federal Register notice will be published.
6. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CIRCULAR.** FTA reserves the right to update this circular to reflect changes in other revised or new guidance and regulations that undergo notice and comment without further notice and comment on this circular. FTA will post updates on the [FTA website](#). The website allows the public to register for notification when FTA issues Federal Register notices or new guidance. Please visit the website and click on “Subscribe to Email Updates” for more information.