

**580th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, September 10, 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	Grittner	MATBUS
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Ethan	Lehmann	Cass County Planning
Kyle	Litchy	Cass County Highway
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Nathaniel	McHaffie	Horace Planning (Alt. for J. Dahlman)
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo Planning
Joey	Ness	GFMEDC (Alt. for Joe Raso)
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director
Forrest	Steinhoff	Moorhead Planning (Alt. for R. Huston)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Cole	Swingen	MATBUS (Alt. for Jordan Smith)
Georges	Tippens	MSUM
Tom	Trowbridge	Moorhead Engineering
Members Absent:		
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning
James	Dahlman	City of Horace - Planning/Engineering (Alt. present)
Robin	Huston	Moorhead Planning (Alt. present)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC (Alt. present)
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS (Alt. present)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Others Present:		
Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavcek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Zhang	Linghao	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Brent	Muscha	Apex
Max	Olson	Bolton & Menk
Dena	Ryan	MNDOT
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway
Sam	Trebilcock	Houston Engineering
Kyle	Wieler	Civil Science
Jordan	Woroniecki	WSB

1. Call to Order and Introductions

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

2. Approve the 580th TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the September 10, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the September 10, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. Stevens

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve August 13, 2026 TTC Meeting Minutes

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

Motion: Approve the August 13, 2026 TTC Minutes.

Mr. Griffner moved, seconded by Mr. McHaffie

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were received or provided.

5. 2027-2030 TIP Adoption

Mr. Zhang presented the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). All projects listed are federally funded projects located within the Metropolitan Planning Area and are fiscally constrained.

A public meeting was held on September 2nd with the comment period closing at noon on September 14, 2026.

Jurisdiction questions and clarifications were received from Fargo, West Fargo, and MATBUS.

78% of STBG funding is for new or reconstructed projects, 12% rehabilitation and the remaining 10% is split between Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Transit, and Planning.

Project Solicitations will start in late October/early November.

Motion: Pending consideration of any public comments received through September 14, 2026, recommend approval of the Draft 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.

Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Final Draft 2027-2028 UPWP Adoption

Mr. Griffith presented information on the 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget. Adding a new section addressing UPWP revisions. There are two types of revisions: Administrative Modifications and Amendments.

Metro COG's total CPG funding for FY 2027 is approximately \$1.6M. Adding MnDOT State Planning funding and 20% local match from local jurisdictions pushes the total amount to just over \$2M for 2027.

The Complete Street funding was slightly reduced from June and the total amounts are \$40,525.95 and \$41,310.34 which will be utilized for updating Metro COG's Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan.

The 2027 Overhead costs are higher because additional funds were added to the Information Systems line item for updating Metro COG's website so that it be in compliance with ADA requirements.

Motion: Recommend adoption of the 2027-2028 UPWP & Budget to the Policy Board

Mr. Litchy moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan RFP Release

Mr. Farnsworth stated every 5 years Metro COG develops a new Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, including a comprehensive look at the networks, input from the public, and provides recommendations and guidance to meet the needs of the community. The plan will also feed into the MTP, Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

The overall projected budget is \$200,000 with \$155,000 programmed for 2027 and \$45,000 programmed for 2028.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Fargo-Moorhead Metro Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan RFP, pending NDDOT and TTC comments.

Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2055 Streets and Highway Modal Plan RFP Release

Mr. Maddox stated the 2027-2028 UPWP has included the study to develop a list of street and highway infrastructure for potential inclusion in the 2055 MTP. Mode-specific plans will be appended into the MTP when it is updated in 2028.

The overall projected budget is \$175,000 with \$100,000 programmed for 2027 and \$75,000 programmed for 2028.

Motion: Recommendation of approval of the release of the RFP for the 2055 Streets and Highways Modal Plan, pending NDDOT and TTC comments.

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Draft 2026 Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan & LEP Plan

Ms. Beierle-Pavek stated the Title VI and Nondiscrimination Plan must be updated every 3 years. Metro COG makes sure all documents meet current expectations. LEP provides meaningful access to public information and is included as an appendix to the Title VI plan.

Last year, the North Dakota Office of Civil Rights selected Metro COG for an audit. The only suggestion provided was that Metro COG report annually, even when there is nothing to report.

Motion: Recommend approval of the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Non-Discrimination Plan to the Policy Board.

Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. McHaffie

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – Bringing in 250,000-pound transformers for the data center under construction in Harwood, Construction on 32nd Ave and University will be completed next weekend, 45th Street by Scheels should be open by the 20th, NP Ave and 2nd Street should be completed in 3 weeks, 17th Ave South Highway bid in October
- b. City of Fargo Planning – Absent
- c. City of Moorhead Engineering – Nothing to report
- d. City of Moorhead Planning – Nothing to report
- e. MATBUS – Jordan Smith was selected as the Director, Comprehensive Operational Analysis to be completed as the previous Ground Transportation Center's downtown location is no longer viable
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering – 9th Street Reconstruction should be completed in October but the bridge over the railroad won't be completed until next year, communicating with Fargo regarding how to coordinate better regarding interstate construction, the Diversion construction will be completed soon, which could mean future growth
- g. City of West Fargo Planning – Adopted Growth Area Plan, utilizing past studies from Metro COG

- h. City of Dilworth – Mike Brethorst is the new City Administrator and will start on September 28th
- i. City of Horace Planning – Mixed-use development at 17th and Wall is a possibility
- j. Cass County Highway – Nothing to report
- 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 – Had another meeting, left at 10:50
- p. NDSU – Had to leave
- q. MnDOT District 4 – Kicking off solicitation for TA projects and tentatively planning a workshop in Fergus Falls for October 9th
- r. MnDOT Central Office – absent
- s. NDDOT Central Office – Nothing to report
- t. FHWA/FTA – Absent

10. Additional Business

Chair Griffith welcomed Fargo City Commissioner and Policy Board Member, Nikki Gullickson, to today's meeting.

11. Adjourn

The 580th Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on September 10, 2026 at 11:13 AM

**Mr. Gorden moved to Adjourn; Mr. Litchy seconded
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.**

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING WILL BE HELD October 8, 2026 AT 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager