

**575<sup>th</sup> Transportation Technical Committee**  
**Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 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. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2026        | Action Item        |
| 4. Public Input Opportunity                            | Public Input       |
| 5. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment 3                           | <b>Action Item</b> |
| 6. ND Federal Functional Classification Interim Update | Discussion Item    |
| 7. Agency Updates                                      | Discussion Item    |
| a. City of Fargo                                       | f. Cass County     |
| b. City of Moorhead                                    | g. Clay County     |
| c. City of West Fargo                                  | h. MATBUS          |
| d. City of Dilworth                                    | i. Others          |
| e. City of Horace                                      |                    |
| 8. Additional Business                                 | Information Item   |
| 9. Adjourn   |                    |

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REMINDER: The next TTC meeting will be held **Thursday, April 9, 2026** at 10:00 AM.

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

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**574<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee  
Thursday, February 12, 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	Griffner	MATBUS
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning Director
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Peyton	Mastera	City of Dilworth (Alternate for D. Lorsung)
Nathaniel	McHaffie	Horace Planning (Alt. for J. Dahlman)
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Joey	Ness	GFMEDC (Alt. for Joe Raso)
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS (Alt. for J. Bommelman)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (Alt. for K. Litchy)
Forrest	Steinhoff	Moorhead Planning (Alt. for R. Huston)
Tom	Trowbridge	Moorhead Engineering

**Members Absent:**

Julie	Bommelman	MATBUS (Alternate present)
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning
James	Dahlman	City of Horace - Planning/Engineering (Alt. present)
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning (Alt. present)
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning (Signed on for four minutes)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight
Kyle	Litchy	Cass County Highway (Alternate present)
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development (Alt. present)
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC (Alt. present)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Nicole	Lipinoga	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Dan	Bergerson	HDR
Luke	Champa	SRF Engineering

Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Wade	Frank	Stantec Engineering
Jason	Gottfried	MnDOT - MPO Coordinator
Sharijad	Hasan	ATAC
Joel	Quanbeck	KLJ
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA-ND

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2026 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

**2. Approve the 574<sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting Agenda**

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the February 12, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda. Chair Griffith requested Items 13-15 be moved ahead of item 5.

**Motion: Approve the February 12, 2026 TTC Meeting Agenda, moving Items 13-15 before item 5.**

**Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik**

**MOTION, PASSED.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Approve January 9, 2026 TTC Meeting Minutes**

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

**Motion: Approve the January 9, 2026 TTC Minutes.**

**Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were received or provided.

**5. Solicitation of ND & MN STBG Projects Amended (Previously Item #13)**

Mr. Altenburg stated the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program is a federal funded program with solicitations occurring annually.

The Prioritization Committee is recommending:

**North Dakota STBG FY26**

- City of Fargo: Reconstruction of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to near University Drive S/Red River
  - Funds Requested: \$1,224,124

#### **North Dakota STBG FY27**

- City of West Fargo: Construction of shared use path and box culvert extension along Beaton Drive (currently programmed for FY29)
  - Funds Requested: \$1,440,000

#### **North Dakota STBG FY30**

- City of West Fargo: Reconstruction of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Sheyenne Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street E, including pedestrian underpass between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street E
  - Funds Requested: \$5,773,728
- City of West Fargo: Construction administration for 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue reconstruction project
  - Funds Requested: \$1,501,300
- City of Fargo: Reconstruction of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 38<sup>th</sup> Street S, including reconstructing one sidewalk to a shared use path, two mini roundabouts (32<sup>nd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets), and one traffic signal (38<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - Funds Requested: \$3,854,899

#### **Minnesota STBG FY30**

- City of Moorhead: Reconstruction of 34<sup>th</sup> Street from 12<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, including reconstruction of existing shared use path.
  - Funds Requested: \$1,171,980

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of projects to be funded by North Dakota Surface Transportation Block Grant (ND STBG) and Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant (MN STBG) funding in FY26, FY27, and FY30.**

**Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 6. North Dakota CRP Projects Amended (Previous Item #14)

Mr. Altenburg stated the Carbon Reduction Program is a federal initiative established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) providing federal funding over a five-year period to reduce transportation-related emissions.

The Prioritization Committee is recommending:

### North Dakota CRP FY26

- City of West Fargo: Construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island on 32nd Avenue W west of 5th Street W
  - Funds Requested: \$184,448
- Cass County: Reconstruction of shared use path along Cass Highway 81/University Drive S between 54th and 88th Avenue S
  - Additional Funds Requested: \$154,604

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of projects to be funded by North Dakota Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding in FY26.**

**Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. Gorden**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 7. Solicitation of ND & MN TA Projects Amended (Previous Item #15)

Mr. Altenburg stated the Transportation Alternatives program provides federal funding dedicated to smaller-scale transportation projects that expand travel options and enhance community livability.

The Prioritization Committee is recommending:

### North Dakota TA FY26

- Cass County: Reconstruction of shared use path along CR81/University Drive between 54<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue S
  - Funds Requested: \$119,751

**North Dakota TA FY30 – Listed by Priority**

- City of West Fargo: Construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island on 32nd Avenue W west of 5th Street W
  - REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION – PROJECT RECOMMEND FOR FY26 CRP FUNDING
- City of Fargo: Construction of shared use path along 13th Avenue between 34th and 38th Street S
  - Funds Requested: \$741,806
- City of Fargo: Construction of low-level crossing over Drain 53 between 27th and 31st Street S
  - Funds Requested: \$937,420

**Minnesota TA FY30**

- City of Moorhead: Reconstruction of 34th Street from 12th to 24th Avenue S, including reconstruction of existing shared use path.
  - Funds Requested: \$450,000

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of projects to be funded by North Dakota Transportation Alternatives (ND TA) and Minnesota Transportation Alternatives (MN TA) program funding in FY26 and FY30.**

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

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #2 amended (Previous Item #5)**

Mr. Altenburg presented Amendment 2 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

1. **Modification of Project 9260064:** NDDOT District-Wide Pavement Markings – Various Highways (2026).
2. **Modification of Project 4240010:** Fargo Reconstruction of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S (2026). Adding additional redistributed STBG funding.

**Motion: Pending public comments, recommend Policy Board approval of Amendment 2 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

**Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. 2026 UPWP Amendment 1 (Previous Item #6)**

Mr. Griffith presented information stating that with the slight changes in projects and the additional 2025 MnFTA funding allocation complete, there needed to be a slight adjustment in staff hours. There was also some additional text added to the Casselton ND Hwy 18 Corridor Study.

**Motion: Recommend approval of Metro COG's 2026 Unified Planning Work Program & Budget Amendment 1 to the Policy Board.  
Mr. Mastera moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge  
MOTION, PASSED  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. ATAC-Regional ITS Architecture Update Addendum (Previous Item #7)**

Mr. Griffith stated the Regional ITS Architecture was last updated in 2022. It is typically updated every 4-5 years. It has been budgeted for \$36,000 in 2026, utilizing the 2025 MnFTA funds.

**Motion: Recommend approval of the Regional ITS Architecture Update Contract Addendum to the ATAC-Metro COG Master Agreement to the Policy Board.  
Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik  
MOTION, PASSED  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**11. MN Safety Performance Measure (PM1) (Previous Item #8)**

Ms. Pavcek presented information on Minnesota Performance Measures stating they are assessed annually using a five-year average. The percentage of population is used for the common denominator.

Metro COG is required to agree to program projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area to support the performance targets established by MnDOT.

Five (5) safety performance measures Metro COG must look at are:

1. Number of Fatalities - 4
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 0.78
3. Number of Serious Injuries - 7
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 1

5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries – 3.264

**Motion: Recommend approval of MnDOT's Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2026 to the Policy Board.**

**Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. ND Safety Performance Measure (PM1) (Previous Item #9)**

Miss Pavek presented information on North Dakota Performance Measures stating the common denominator used was percentage of population. The North Dakota MPA was calculated at 23.7% of the statewide population. The North Dakota Target was met based on Metro COG's analysis:

1. Number of Fatalities - 6
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 0.78
3. Number of Serious Injuries - 74
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 14
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries – 3.264

Discussed if there are any consequences if the targets are not met. As Metro COG supports the targets, the Federal Government will talk to the State.

**Motion: Recommend approval of NDDOT's Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2026 to the Policy Board.**

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

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**13. Traffic Count Consultant Selection (Previous Item #10)**

Mr. Farnsworth presented information on the consultant selection for the 2026 FM Metro Area-Wide Traffic Counts. Gewalt Hamilton Associates Only one proposal was received as the other firms stated the distance to Fargo-Moorhead was too far for them to travel.

GHA was interviewed by the consultant selection panel. With the budgeted amount of \$150,000, their proposal of \$141,500 is \$8,500 below. Metro COG will work with GHA to include approximately 25 more counts in the project, keeping within the budgeted amount.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of GHA to complete the 2026 FM Metro Area-Wide Traffic Counts and to authorize Metro COG to enter into a contract after successful contract negotiations. Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik  
MOTION, PASSED  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**14. Socioeconomic Forecast Consultant Selection (Previous Item #11)**

Mr. Altenburg presented information regarding the Socioeconomic Forecast Consultant Selection. Two proposals were received for the maintenance and updating of the regional travel demand model. The last time it was updated was in 2022.

Proposals were received from KLJ and SRF. The selection committee is recommending KLJ. The budgeted amount is \$120,000 and KLJ's bid is \$119,927.37.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the selection of KLJ to complete the 2055 Socioeconomic and Demographic Forecasts pending contract negotiations to finalize the scope and fee. Mr. Mastera moved, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff  
MOTION, PASSED  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**15. Regional Freight Plan Consultant Selection Amended (Previous Item #12)**

Mr. Altenburg presented information regarding the Regional Freight Plan Consultant Selection. Five proposals were received: Cambridge, Systematics, CPCS, HDR, SRF, and Transpo Group.

The budgeted amount is \$175,000. The selection committee recommended HDR after evaluating their technical qualifications, proposed deliverables, and relevant project experience. HDR bid proposal is \$174,959.61.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the selection of HDR to complete the Metro COG Regional Freight Plan, pending contract negotiations to finalize the scope and fee.**

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

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**16. Agency Updates**

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – 32<sup>nd</sup> South from Southgate to Red River bid opening, Main Avenue bids were high and won't be started this year
- b. City of Fargo Planning – Nothing to report
- c. City of Moorhead Engineering – Nothing to report
- d. City of Moorhead Planning – Nothing to report
- e. MATBUS – Nothing to report
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering – Accepted bids for 9<sup>th</sup> Street, waiting to hear on grant for overpass project
- g. City of West Fargo Planning – Nothing to report
- h. City of Dilworth – Nothing to report
- i. City of Horace – Nothing to report
- j. Cass County Highway – Nothing to report
- k. Cass County Planning – Nothing to report
- l. Clay County Engineering - Nothing to report

- m. Clay County Planning – Nothing to report
- n. GFMEDC – Nothing to report
- o. NDSU – Nothing to report
- p. MnDOT Central Office – Nothing to report
- q. NDDOT Central Office – The 2026-29 TIP has been approved
- r. Federal Highway – SS4A Implementation grants would be on a sliding scale, reduce the part for planning from 40% to 30%, there will probably be more funds available for construction, less for planning
- s. MnDOT Central Office – Nothing to report

**17. Additional Business**

There was no additional business brought forward.

**18. Adjourn**

The 574<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on February 12, 2026 at 11:09 AM.

**Mr. Bervik moved to Adjourn; Mr. Smith seconded  
MOTION, PASSED  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 12, 2026 AT 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh  
Office Manager

**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Adam Altenburg, AICP  
**Date:** March 6, 2026  
**Re:** **2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 3**

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public meeting both in person and virtually on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM to consider public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the FM metropolitan area.

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

1. **New Project 0260067:** West Fargo construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue W west of 5<sup>th</sup> Street W.
2. **Modification of Project 1250016:** Cass County reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive S. Adding additional TIFIA-TA and connecting with additional CRP funding.
3. **New Project 1260068:** Cass County reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive S. Adding additional CRP funding and connecting original TA-funded project.
4. **Modification of Project 1250017:** Cass County reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive S. Connecting original TA-funded project with additional CRP funding.
5. **Modification of Project 5250002:** Moorhead mill and overlay of 34<sup>th</sup> Street N from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Moving project from 2027 to 2028, modifying project description, and connecting project with additional HSIP funding.
6. **New Project 5260065:** Moorhead mill and overlay of 34<sup>th</sup> Street N from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue N and construction of roundabout at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Adding new HSIP project for construction of roundabout and connecting it to original STBG-funded project.
7. **New Project 8260066:** Dilworth construction of roundabout at intersection of 34<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Adding new HSIP project for construction of roundabout and connecting it to original Moorhead STBG-funded mill and overlay project.
8. **Removal of Project 5250004:** Moorhead mill and overlay of 34<sup>th</sup> Street N from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Removing originally planned AC project.

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

**Requested Action:** Pending public comments, recommend Policy Board approval of Amendment 3 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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	Federal Revenue	State Revenue	Local Revenue	Other Revenue
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Amendment 3 - 2026-2029 Metro COG TIP

New and existing projects with changes

City of West Fargo	0260067	2026	32nd Avenue W			Construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island west of 5th Street W	Safety	\$230,560	CRP	\$184,448		\$46,112	
Cass County	1250016	2026	South University Drive		54th Avenue South 88th Avenue South	Reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive South Connected to MID 1250017 and 1260068.	Reconstruction	<del>\$2,023,400</del> \$2,216,655	TA	<del>\$850,000</del> \$969,750		<del>\$468,400</del> \$348,650	<del>\$705,000</del> \$898,255
Cass County	1260068	2026	South University Drive		54th Avenue South 88th Avenue South	Reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive South Connected to MID 1250016 and 1250017.	Reconstruction	\$193,255	CRP	\$154,604		\$38,651	
Cass County	1250017 24418	2027	South University Drive		54th Avenue South 88th Avenue South	Reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive South Connected to MID 1250016 and 1260068.	Reconstruction	\$705,000	TA	\$564,000		\$141,000	
City of Moorhead	5250002 144-135-020	<del>2027</del> 2028	34th Street	1.8	3rd Avenue North 28th Avenue North	<del>**AC**</del> : ON 34TH STREET, FROM 3RD AVE NORTH TO 28TH AVE NORTH, MILL AND OVERLAY AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT AT 8TH AVENUE N ( <del>AC PROJECT, PAYBACK IN 2028</del> ) CONNECTED TO <del>5250004</del> 5260065 AND 8260066.	Rehabilitation	<del>\$2,443,260</del> \$4,243,260	STBG	\$1,093,040		\$1,350,220	<del>\$1,093,040</del> \$1,800,000
City of Moorhead	5260065 144-135-022	2028	34th Street	1.8	3rd Avenue North 28th Avenue North	ON 34TH STREET, FROM 3RD AVE NORTH TO 28TH AVE NORTH, MILL AND OVERLAY AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT AT 8TH AVENUE N CONNECTED TO 5250002 AND 8260066.	Safety	\$900,000	HSIP	\$750,000		\$150,000	
City of Dilworth	8260066	2028	34th Street	1.8	3rd Avenue North 28th Avenue North	ON 34TH STREET, FROM 3RD AVE NORTH TO 28TH AVE NORTH, MILL AND OVERLAY AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT AT 8TH AVENUE N CONNECTED TO 5250002 AND 5260065.	Safety	\$900,000	HSIP	\$750,000		\$150,000	

Amendment 3 - 2026-2029 Metro COG TIP

Removal of existing projects

City of Moorhead	<del>5250004</del> 144-135-020AC	2028	34th Street	1.8	<del>3rd Avenue North 28th Avenue North</del>	<del>**AC**</del> : ON 34TH STREET, FROM 3RD AVE NORTH TO 28TH AVE NORTH, MILL AND OVERLAY ( <del>AC PAYBACK 1 OF 1</del> ) CONNECTED TO <del>5250002</del> .	Rehabilitation	<del>\$1,093,040</del>	STBG	<del>\$1,093,040</del>			
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**To:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** Michael Maddox, AICP  
**Date:** March 5, 2026  
**Re:** **ND Federal Functional Classification – Interim Update**

The Federal Functional Classification (FFC) of roadways is required to be updated every 10 years, after the decennial census. Metro COG last updated the FFC on the North Dakota portion of our region in 2024, which coincided with the change of Metro COG's urban area boundary.

Metro COG staff believe that updating the FFC once every decade is not frequent enough for a growing region such as ours. Staff have instituted a new process to update the FFC once every two to three years, depending upon the need.

This update will not be like others where Metro COG initiates a comprehensive review of FFC in the urbanized area. Rather, staff will be asking its member jurisdictions to submit any changes it wishes to make to FFC designations. Metro COG will then evaluate those requests to ensure that they conform to federal guidance. Metro COG will subsequently submit changes that come out of that process to NDDOT and FHWA for review and concurrence.

Metro COG staff will be reaching out to each of the member jurisdictions in North Dakota in the coming weeks for proposed FFC changes within the Adjusted Urbanized Area (AUZA) boundary. Staff would like proposed changes to be submitted by April 10, 2026.

**Requested Action:** None – discussion item only