# 2015 Title VI Annual Report

Annual Update and Accomplishment Report of the Title VI Program

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### I. What is Metro COG?

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is both the designated Council of Governments (COG) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the greater Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. An MPO is a transportation policy-making organization comprised of representatives from local government and transportation authorities. The Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1973 requires the formation of a MPO for any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000. MPOs ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing planning process, known as the "3-C" process. The following are the five core functions of an MPO:

- Establish a fair and impartial setting for effective regional decision making;
- Evaluate transportation alternatives by collecting data, understanding issues, and creating a vision for the region;
- Develop and update a Long Range Transportation Plan, covering a planning horizon of at least 20 years, that fosters mobility for people and goods; efficient transportation performance and preservation; and quality of life;
- Develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) based on the Long Range Transportation Plan and designed to serve area transportation goals; and
- Involve the general public and all the significantly affected sub-groups in the four functions listed above.

An organizational chart depicting the composition of Metro COG's boards, committees and staff is depicted in Figure 1 below.

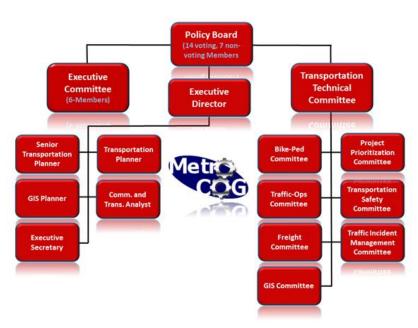


Figure 1: Metro COG Organizational Chart

### II. Overview

The Metro COG Title VI Program includes both administrative and oversight activities as well as activities associated with fulfilling the transportation planning process. This report is intended to provide a summary of the following:

- Policies guiding Metro COG's Title VI Program;
- The demographics of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area;
- Environmental Justice areas and Limited English Proficiency populations within the Metro COG Planning Area Boundary;
- Demographics of Metro COG staff and Policy Board members;
- An accomplishment report for both administrative/oversight activities as well as metropolitan transportation planning process activities for the 2015 calendar year; and
- The 2015 Public Participation database report.

### III. Metro COG's Title VI Program

### **Title VI Policy**

The revised *Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan* was approved on November 21, 2013 by Metro COG's governing body, the Policy Board. Per the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) schedule for Title VI updates, Metro COG's next updated plan will be due in 2016. Metro COG has included an update to the *Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan* as part of the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

#### Metro COG's Commitment to Nondiscrimination and Title VI Assurances

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is committed to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and all related regulations and statutes. Metro COG's commitment to the Title VI program assures that no person or groups(s) of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap, and income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by the Agency, regardless of whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. Metro COG also assures that every effort will be made to prevent discrimination through the impacts of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. In addition, Metro COG will provide meaningful access to services for persons with Limited English Proficiency.

A full copy of Metro COG's approved Title VI Assurances and non-discrimination policy statement is provided in the adopted *Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan* and available on the Metro COG website: www.fmmetrocog.org.

#### **Title VI Complaint Procedure**

Metro COG is committed to providing a means for any person or group of persons who believes that, on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, income status, sexual orientation, or disability, was excluded from or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination by Metro COG in any program or activity administered by Metro COG. Metro COG has adopted a formal complaint procedure for addressing and resolving such

complaints, which is detailed in the *Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan*. The Title VI complaint form is included in Appendix A of this document.

Pursuant to the *Title VI and Non-Discrimination Plan*, Metro COG maintains a list of complaints filed alleging discrimination towards any individual or group in any program or activity administered by Metro COG. This list includes a summary of the investigation, lawsuit or complaint; the status of the allegation; the actions taken in response to the allegation; and the date it was filed.

Metro COG had no Title VI complaints, investigations, or lawsuits during this reporting period.

### **Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan**

In order to fulfill Metro COG's responsibilities in regards to compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as Executive Order 13166, Metro COG has adopted a Limited English Proficiency Plan, which was approved in May of 2011. This plan outlines the steps for providing language assistance to persons with limited English proficiency who wish to access Metro COG services and be involved in the Metropolitan Planning Process. The Limited English Proficiency Plan specifies that Metro COG will monitor compliance and report upon the adherence to the goals of this plan on an annual basis. The 2015 annual report on LEP activities is provided in Section IV of this document. The full Limited English Proficiency Plan is included is available on the Metro COG website, www.metrocog.org.

### Title VI Outreach, Monitoring, and Notification Policies

As required by 23 CFR 450.316, Metro COG has adopted a Public Participation Plan (PPP) which provides substantive guidance to Metro COG as it implements programs and projects within the Metro COG planning area. Pursuant to the PPP, Metro COG has an identified list of interested persons and stakeholders, which includes individuals and groups representative of low income and minority populations within the Metro COG planning area. All Metro COG meetings are held in ADA accessible locations, and as per the PPP, direct notifications are provided to all known low income and minority groups. Metro COG's PPP identifies low-income and minority populations as a targeted outreach group. In all cases, Metro COG uses its website, legal notices, box ads and press releases to provide additional notification to interested persons, including low income and minority populations in the planning area.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Metro COG approved an updated Environmental Justice (EJ) database as part of the 2015 Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Profile. This data set is reviewed and, as appropriate, updated annually as new Census data becomes available. The EJ database is critical to Metro COG's overall transportation planning program and is used as area wide and subarea projects are developed. A summary and map of 2015 EJ areas is included in Section IV of this document.

Metro COG consults as needed with the Metropolitan Transportation Initiative (MTI). MTI consists of human and social service agencies and discusses issues related to human service transportation within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. MTI is used by Metro COG to ensure additional input from agencies that represent low income and minority populations, specifically regarding projects included in the Transportation Improvement Plan and development of the UPWP. Metro COG also coordinates its activities with the Metro Mobility Manager of MATBUS to ensure coordination of its programs with human services and public transportation resources.

In accordance with the Public Participation Plan, Metro COG publishes and distributes its newsletter, Metro Connection, at least three times annually. The Metro Connection contains pertinent and timely information

regarding implementation of Metro COG programs and projects. *Metro Connection* is sent to all known low-income and minority persons and groups included within the Metro COG list of interested persons, and provides clear guidance on how to engage in the transportation planning process.

### **Monitoring of Sub-recipients for Title VI Compliance**

Metro COG ensures the compliance of all Contractors and, if applicable, Sub-Contractors with State and Federal Title VI and Non-Discrimination Assurances as a condition of receiving Federal financial assistance. Included in all Metro COG contracts and Requests for Proposals are assurances requiring the Contractor and Subcontractor to agree with Title VI provisions governing Metro COG, as well as developing and following a Title VI program and policy for their agency. During the performance of any contracted service, the contractor, its assignees, and successors agrees to assurances governing the following:

- Compliance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 (hereafter referred to as the Regulations;
- Nondiscrimination, including restrictions on participation in discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations;
- Solicitations for subcontracts, including procurements of materials and equipment;
- Information and reports, including access to any information to ensure Contractor compliance with Title VI regulations;
- Sanctions for noncompliance, such as withholding of payments and/or cancellation/termination of the contract; and
- Incorporation of all Title VI provisions in every subcontract.

## IV. Demographics and Environmental Justice Areas

As part of the Title VI program, Metro COG closely monitors and tracks statistical demographic data on race, national origin, age, language spoken, income level, persons with disabilities, and sex of the population of the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. Beginning in 2015, this data was incorporated into the annual *Metropolitan Profile*, which is a document designed for use by both professional staff within Metro COG's jurisdictions as well as the public at large. Figure 2 (below) depicts the racial composition of the Fargo-Moorhead MSA according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates.

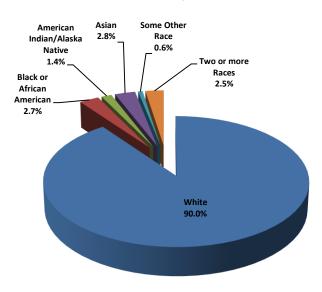


Figure 2: Race/Ethnicity of Residents of the Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area (figures based on 2009 - 2013 ACS)

#### 2015 Environmental Justice Areas in the Fargo-Moorhead Urbanized Area

Pending the availability of data, Metro COG annually updates the Environmental Justice database to most accurately identify and map these areas. Environmental Justice areas are identified, considered, and addressed in all aspects of the transportation planning and programming process. The map depicted in Figure 3 shows the spatial distribution of minority and low income populations in the urbanized area. The maps and data pertaining to Environmental Justice areas are published in the annual *Metropolitan Profile* and available on Metro COG's website.

**Low Income Populations.** The currently approved definition of low-income is a block group with a median household income less than 1.25 times poverty (per 2015 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines). The median household income used was obtained from the 2009-2013 American Community Survey.

To determine the annual household income to use for poverty based on U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) guidelines, the average household size for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area

(MSA) was used. The average household size in Fargo-Moorhead per the 2013 ACS is 2.32 persons, therefore linear interpolation of the HHS values was performed in order to determine the annual household income threshold to define poverty.

To calculate the low income threshold per the definition described above, the poverty guideline as established by HHS was multiplied by 1.25:

As of 2015, block groups with an annual median household income less than \$21,576 are considered to have low income populations. This definition was determined cooperatively with the Metropolitan Transportation Initiative Committee and key stakeholders with the intent to maintain consistency with the previous low income definition, which allows monitoring of any potential changes/shifts in low income populations.

**2010 Minority Populations.** The currently adopted methodology defines minority populations as those blocks with minority populations equaling or exceeding 25% of the total block population. As the ACS does not provide block-level race estimates, 2010 census data was used for this analysis.

A minority is defined as any individual who reports anything other than "white-alone" on their census questionnaire.

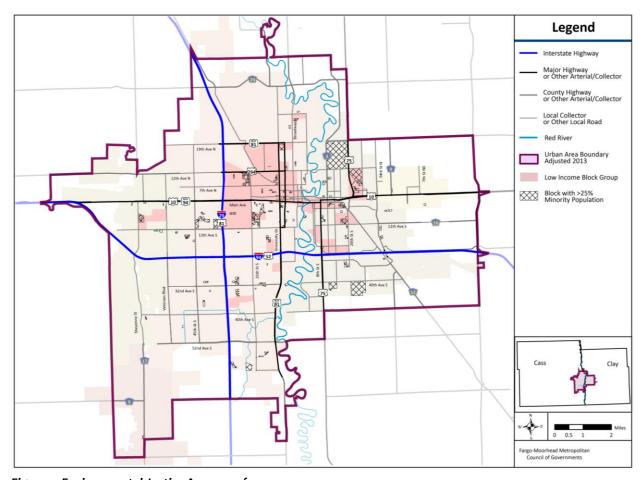


Figure 3: Environmental Justice Areas as of 2015

#### **Limited English Proficiency**

Pursuant to the four-factor analysis described in the Limited English Proficiency Plan for the FM Metropolitan Council of Governments, Metro COG monitors both the total number and proportion of LEP persons within the Planning Area. These figures were updated in July of 2015 to reflect the most recent numbers from the American Community Survey (ACS), and the results and map was displayed in Metro COG's Transportation Management Area (TMA) Mock Certification Review Public Open House on July 21, 2015.

Based upon figures gathered from the 2009-2013 ACS and calculated in July of 2015, there were 12,882 persons in the Metro COG Planning Area (MPA) whose first language was not English. This represents approximately 6.6 percent of the total population of the MPA. Of the 12,882 persons speaking a language other than English, 4,426 have limited English proficiency; that is, they speak English "less than very well." This represents 2.27 percent of the overall population of the MPA.

Of persons within the MPA who speak a language other than English, Spanish was the single most widely-used language, representing approximately 1.6 percent of the overall population. Other Indo-European languages were used by approximately 2.4 percent of the total MPA population; Asian/Pacific Island languages 1.1 percent; and all other languages 1.4 percent. 93.4 percent of persons within the MPA speak only English.

Language Assistance Measures. Although there is a relatively low percentage of LEP individuals in the planning area, Metro COG is committed to taking reasonable steps to provide the opportunity for meaningful access to LEP persons who have difficulty communicating English. Per the adopted Limited English Proficiency Plan, the following resources are available to accommodate LEP persons:

- Interpretive services, within reason, for public meetings, if advance notice is provided to Metro COG and such services are readily available; and
- Translated versions of documents/publications (or provide for the interpretation of relevant sections) are available if requested, so long as the request is within a reasonable time frame and if resources permit.

Metro COG includes the following disclaimer on all public meeting notifications:

"Metro COG will make a good faith effort to accommodate requests for translation services for meeting proceedings and related materials. Please contact the Metro COG Executive Secretary at 701.232.3242 at least five days in advance of the meeting if any special accommodations are required for any member of the public to be able to participate in this meeting."

**Safe Harbor Stipulation.** Federal law provides a "safe harbor" stipulation so recipients of federal funding can ensure compliance with their obligation to provide written translations in languages other than English with greater certainty. A "safe harbor" means that as long as a recipient (the MPO) has created a plan for the provision of written translations under a specific set of circumstances, such action will be considered strong evidence of compliance with written translation obligations under Title VI. However, failure to provide written translations under the circumstances does not mean there is noncompliance, but rather provides for recipients a guide for greater certainty of compliance in accordance with the four factor analysis.

Evidence of compliance with the recipient's written translation obligations under "safe harbor" includes providing written translations of vital documents for each eligible LEP language group that constitutes 5% or 1,000 persons, whichever is less of eligible persons served or likely to be affected.

The "safe harbor" provision applies to the translation of written documents only. It does not affect the requirement to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals through competent oral interpreters where oral language services are needed and reasonable to provide.

## V. Organization Administration, Staffing, and Structure

During 2015, Metro COG had two staffing changes due to position turnover. Both employees were provided with Metro COG's Title VI Plan and instructed on policies pertaining to Title VI and Nondiscrimination. Metro COG also named a new Title VI Coordinator for the agency in 2015, whose name and contact information is provided below:

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burns@fmmetrocog.org
701.232.3242 ext. 36

### **Organization and Committee Race and Sex Composition**

Pursuant to Title VI requirements, Metro COG collects data on the race and sex of both staff and other key decision-makers in the transportation planning process. In November of 2015, Metro COG distributed an optional, anonymous survey to staff and members of the Policy Board. This voluntary survey invited individuals to self-identify their race/ethnicity and sex, and is used to help determine the extent to which the organization and Policy Board reflect the demographic composition of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. Table 1 (below) summarizes the results of the survey.

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	Number	(not	Black/	Other		Indian or	or			No
Organization or	of	Hispanic	African	Pacific		Alaska	More			Response
Committee	Members	or Latino)	American	Islander	Asian	Native	Races	Male	Female	Provided
Metro COG Staff	6	4			1			4	1	1
Policy Board	14	11				1		9	3	2

Table 1: Demographic Composition of Metro COG Staff and Policy Board, November 2015

## VI. Annual Accomplishment Report for Metro COG Program Areas

#### **Public Outreach Activities**

As outlined in the Public Participation Plan, Metro COG strives to provide a proactive public involvement process that ensures the distribution of complete information, timely notices, transparency in program development and implementation, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in Metro COG's transportation planning program. To this end, the following public outreach activities were conducted during the reporting period of 2015:

- Alerted the public through email blasts, website updates/postings, quarterly newsletters, newspaper
  advertisements, and press releases for Metro COG projects and activities. The Annual Public
  Participation Event Tracking Database, included in this report, lists the specific activities and the means
  to which they were advertised in detail.
- All Metro COG meetings are held in ADA accessible locations, and as per the PPP, direct notifications
  are provided to all known low income, LEP, and minority groups.

#### **Executed Contracts**

During the reporting period of 2015, Metro COG executed the following two contracts for planning-related services/activities. Both projects used a combination of federal and local funds.

- 1002: Transit Development Plan
- 1006: Metropolitan Wide Traffic Counts

As with all Metro COG contracted planning projects, the advertisements for both projects included the Title VI Assurances, non-discrimination statements, and language pertaining to the incorporation of all Title VI provisions in every subcontract. Additionally, as part of the general RFP requirements for all contacts, Metro COG encourages all Contractors to support the participation of DBE/MBE businesses in the performance of the contract. All RFP's are distributed to a wide list of Contractors, including DBE/MBE firms. As of 2015, Metro COG also publishes all RFP's on NDDOT's portal for consulting services and requires all firms to be pre-qualified by NDDOT in order to be eligible to apply. This further ensures that Metro COG RFP's reach a large audience and that disadvantaged firms are given equal opportunity to participate in the contracting arena.

### **Project Impacts on Minority and & Low-Income Populations**

Metro COG performed a number of transportation planning projects over the course of 2015, all of which had the potential to impact Environmental Justice populations in a variety of ways. During the reporting period, Metro COG conducted the following Environmental Justice activities as part of planning studies:

**2015** Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area-Wide Traffic Count Project. The said project was initiated and completed in 2015. The traffic count locations were chosen around the metro area based on historic count locations, DOT count locations, jurisdictional needs, and suspected areas of considerable traffic change. Minority and low income neighborhoods were not singled-out as part of the location selection process. All count locations were considered equal regardless of race or income status of the neighborhoods.

Cass-Clay Food Systems Advisory Commission. Much of the work of the Cass-Clay Food Systems Advisory Commission has been focused on improving access to healthy, local, and affordable food for area residents. This work includes the possible expansion of urban agriculture practices that would ensure that people in low-income or minority neighborhoods have better access to fresh and nutritious food.

Clay County Heartland Trail. The Clay County Heartland Trail is in the planning stages. Criteria being considered in the trail planning has not singled-out minority or low income populations. The trail is a means of providing recreation and transportation options to all users in the region regardless of race or income level. The trail alignments proposed have been determined based on various criteria such as service to community, construction feasibility, right-of-way availability, points of interest, and more. Two public involvement meetings were held in January 2015 to inform the public of the trail planning process and obtain public feedback. The two meetings were located at geographically-central and accessible locations along the proposed trail's corridor – Hawley High School and Dilworth Community Center.

**Hawley Comprehensive & Transportation Plan.** The Hawley Comprehensive & Transportation Plan will include community goals, objectives, and policies which will guide short-range decisions and long-range considerations. Of these, the plan will provide recommendations on affordable housing options to address growing concerns for adequate housing for low-income citizens.

**Moorhead Downtown Grade Separation.** Although the extended study area includes minimal Environmental Justice Areas as identified by Metro COG, the project itself does not adversely affect these populations.

Sheyenne Street Corridor Study – Phase I (13th Ave to 52nd Ave). As of December 2015 Phase I (13th Ave to 52nd Ave) of the Sheyenne Street Corridor Study was over 90% complete. The final public involvement meeting was held on December 17th, 2015. Using the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) EJSCREEN mapping tool, it was determined that there are no low-income or minority census block groups within or adjacent to the project corridor. Therefore, impacts to low-income or minority neighborhoods are not anticipated.

**Southwest Metropolitan Transportation Plan.** The Southwest Metro Transportation Plan is intended to guide transportation improvements needs and land use in the area immediately south of 52nd Avenue South over the course of the next 25 years. The draft land use plan updates for Fargo and Horace have taken into account housing needs and the preservation of affordable housing options for area residents. The plan has also considered future transit routes and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

Transit Development Plan (TDP). Title VI communities have been at the forefront in consideration of the TDP. All public involvement activities have been posted on buses and in MATBUS hubs including the Downtown GTC. Metro COG staff and the consultant have conducted public meetings within MATBUS facilities to specifically reach out to those communities that are transit dependent. There is an option for those whom speak English as second language to have documents interpreted or to have an interpreter present at meetings with prior notification. When considering route changes, low income, minority, immigrant, and aging populations were taken into consideration when adjusting routes. Places where current Title VI and EJ communities are serviced will not have that service reduced.

## VII. Annual Public Participation Event Tracking Database Report

Metro COG maintains a database of all public participation activities performed as part of both administrative/oversight and transportation planning process activities. This database includes information on how the event was advertised, its location, the number of attendees, and whether public comments were received. An extract of the database showing all public participation activities for 2015 is provided on the following pages.

# 2015 Public Participation Database Report

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3/18/2015 March MAT Coordinating Board Meeting	Meeting Location: Fargo City Commission Chamb 200 North Third Street Fargo	Attendees: Board 8 ers	Attendees: Staff 4	Attendees: Public	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts? <b>✓</b>	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
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4/15/2015		Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public	Public Present-	Visual Tools	Social Media		Press	Вох	Legal	Public Access
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5/11/2015 May MAT Coordinating Board Meeting	Meeting Location: Fargo City Commission Cham 200 North Third Street Fargo	Attendees: Board 9 bers	Attendees: Staff 7	Attendees: Public  1  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?  # of Tit Reciev	Handouts?  ••  Ile VI Forms ed:	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV? ✔
Public Comments	None.			Ü								
6/11/2015  June MAT Coordinating Board Meeting  Public Comments	Meeting Location: Fargo City Commission Cham 200 North Third Street Fargo  None.	Attendees: Board 10 bers	Attendees: Staff 6	Attendees: Public  1  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?  • Ile VI Forms ed:	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
8/5/2015  August MAT Coordinating Board Meeting	Meeting Location: Fargo City Commission Cham 200 North Third Street Fargo	Attendees: Board 9 bers	Attendees: Staff 7	Attendees: Public  O  # of Public Comments Received O	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?  • Ile VI Forms ed:	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											

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1/15/2015  January Policy Board Public Comment Opportunity	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 10	Attendees: Staff 5	Attendees: Public 4  # of Public Comments Received O	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✓	Legal Ad? ✓	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											
1/27/2015  Clay County Heartland Trail Public Involvement Meeting  Public Comments	Meeting Location: Hawley High School Commons 714 Joseph St Hawley  See attached documents for		Attendees: Staff 2	# of Public Comments Received	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?   # of Tit! Recieve	Handouts?	Press Release? ✓	Box Ad? ✓	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
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3/12/2015  March TTC Public  Comment  Opportunity	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 10	Attendees: Staff 6	Attendees: Public  4  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✔	Legal Ad? ✓	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											
3/18/2015  Metropolitan Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting	Meeting Location: Metro COG Conference Room One 2nd St N, Suite 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 10	Attendees: Staff 2	Attendees: Public  O  # of Public Comments Received O	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
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#### 2015 Public Participation Database Report Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social 4/9/2015 Public Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 8 ation? 11 5 April TTC Public Handouts? Ad? Ad? TV? Release? Meeting Location: **✓ v** Comment Opportunity Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 None. **Public Comments** Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social Public 4/16/2015 Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 6 ation? 10 5 Handouts? Release? Ad? Ad? April Policy Board TV? **✓ ✓ Public Comment** Meeting Location: Opportunity Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 None. **Public Comments**

5/13/2015		Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public	Public	Visual Tools	Social Media					Public
Public Information		0	1	0	Present- ation?	Used?	Used?	Handouts?	Press	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Access TV?
Meeting	Meeting Location:	O		O		<b>✓</b>		randouts: ✓	Release? ✓		✓.	
	West Acres Mall - Roger M 3902 13th Ave S Fargo	aris Wing Transi	t Stop									
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Public Comments	The intent of the public i to solicit comments from bus. Over 100 comment along with many verbal of a comments by email. O way the public notification meeting. Staff responde individual. The other contransit service and were with the written public comments.	n citizens who rice forms were compound to comments. Staff ne email pertained directly to this ments pertained forwarded to be	le the apleted received ed to the the add to									
5/13/2015		Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public	Public Present-	Visual Tools	Social Media		Press	Box	Legal	Public Access
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Meeting	Meeting Location: MATBUS Ground Transpor 502 NP Ave N Fargo	tation Center				✓		<b>✓</b>	✓		•	
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Public Comments	Numerous public comme completed and submitte	d during the pub										

#### 2015 Public Participation Database Report Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social Public 5/14/2015 Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 6 ation? Handouts? 9 4 Ad? Ad? Amendment #4 to TV? Release? **V** the 2015-2018 TIP Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None. Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 5/14/2015 Public Staff Media **Board** Public Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? 9 5 11 Handouts? Release? Ad? Ad? May TTC Public TV? **V** Meeting Location: **✓** Comment Metro COG - Conference Room Opportunity One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None. Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 5/21/2015 Public **Board** Staff Public Tools Media Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 6 ation? 10 2 Ad? Handouts? Ad? May Policy Board TV? Release? **/ Public Comment** Meeting Location: **✓** Metro COG - Conference Room Opportunity One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None.

2015 Public	Participation Da	atabas	e Repo	ort								
6/11/2015  June TTC Public  Comment  Opportunity	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 11	Attendees: Staff 5	Attendees: Public 4  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✓	Legal Ad? ✔	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											
6/11/2015  June TTC Public  Comment  Opportunity	Meeting Location: Metro COG Conference Room One 2nd St N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public O  # of Public Comments Received O	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?  # of Tit Recieve	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✓	Legal Ad? ✓	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None					\	6					
6/17/2015  Metropolitan Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting	Meeting Location: Metro COG Conference Room One 2nd St N, Suite 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 14	Attendees: Staff 2	Attendees: Public O  # of Public Comments Received O	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	# of Tit	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None											

#### 2015 Public Participation Database Report Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social 6/18/2015 Public Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 6 ation? 11 0 Handouts? Amendment #5 to Ad? Ad? TV? Release? **V** the 2015-2018 TIP Meeting Location: Metro COG Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** N/A Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 6/18/2015 Public Staff Public Media **Board** Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 6 ation? 2 11 Handouts? Release? Ad? Ad? June Policy Board TV? **v Public Comment** Meeting Location: **✓** Metro COG - Conference Room Opportunity One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None. Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 7/15/2015 Public Board Staff Public Tools Media Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? Ad? 1 30 Handouts? Ad? Southwest TV? Release? **✓** Metropolitan Meeting Location: **✓** Fargo City Commission Chambers Transportation Plan - Public Input 200 North Third Street Meeting #2 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0

**Public Comments** 

2015 Public	Participation Da	atabas	e Repo	ort								
8/13/2015  August TTC Public  Comment  Opportunity	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 9	Attendees: Staff 5	Attendees: Public 7  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad? ✓	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											
8/13/2015 TIP Amendment #6 Public Comment Period	Meeting Location: Metro COG Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad? ✓	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None	Attendees:	Attendees:	Attendees:		Visual	Social					
8/20/2015  August Policy Board Public Comment Opportunity	Meeting Location:  Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Board 14	Staff 6	# of Public Comments Received	Public Present- ation?	Tools Used?	Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✓	Legal Ad? ✔	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											

#### 2015 Public Participation Database Report Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social Public 8/26/2015 Public Board Staff Public Tools Media Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? 2 1 Handouts? Ad? Ad? Draft 2016-2019 TV? Release? Meeting Location: **V** TIP - Public Open House Fargo Downtown Library Community Room 102 3rd St N Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** No formal public comments but individuals were interested in TAP projects. Referred them to Dan Farnsworth. Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social 8/30/2015 Public Public **Board** Staff Public Tools Media Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? 0 5 72 Handouts? Ad? Ad? Valley Bicycle TV? Release? **V** Summit Meeting Location: **V** ~ Along Streets Alive route. Valley Bicycle Summit booth located on NW corner of NP Ave & 5th St Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** This event did not specifically solicit public comments however contact information was gathered from participants who participated in the bicycle safety spin wheel questions. In total 72 individuals participated in the bicycle safety spin wheel questions. In addition, approximately 200 FM Bikeways Maps were handed out. The maps also provide bicycle safety information and rules of the road. Those who participated in the bicycle safety spin wheel questions could register to win one of two \$25 gift cards. One gift card was to Paramount Sports while the other was to Great Northern Bicycle Co. Both gift cards were purchased with local funds.

#### 2015 Public Participation Database Report Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social Public 9/10/2015 Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? Handouts? Ad? Ad? 2016-2019 TIP TV? Release? **✓ V** Meeting Location: **Public Comment** Metro COG - Conference Room Period One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 9/10/2015 Public Staff Media **Board** Public Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? 9 5 5 Handouts? Release? Ad? Ad? September TTC TV? **V Public Comment** Meeting Location: **✓** Metro COG - Conference Room Opportunity One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None. Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 9/17/2015 Public **Board** Staff Public Tools Media Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? 9 5 0 Ad? Handouts? Ad? September Policy TV? Release? **/ Public Comment** Meeting Location: **✓** Metro COG - Conference Room Opportunity One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None.

2015 Public	Participation Da	atabas	e Repo	ort							
9/30/2015  Metropolitan Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting	Meeting Location: Metro COG Conference Room One 2nd St N, Suite 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 11	Attendees: Staff 4	Attendees: Public  1  # of Public Comments Received	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None			0							
10/8/2015  October TTC Public Comment Opportunity  Public Comments	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo  None.	Attendees: Board 8	Attendees: Staff 4	Attendees: Public 4  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✓	Legal Ad? ✓	Public Access TV?
10/8/2015  TIP Amendment #2  Public Comment  Period	Meeting Location: Metro COG Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public 0  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad? ✔	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None										

#### 2015 Public Participation Database Report Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social 10/15/2015 Public Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 6 ation? 10 Handouts? Ad? Ad? October Policy TV? Release? **V Public Comment** Meeting Location: **✓** Metro COG - Conference Room Opportunity One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None. Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 11/12/2015 Public Staff Public Media **Board** Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? Ad? Ad? November Policy Handouts? TV? Release? **V** Meeting Location: **✓ Board Public** Metro COG - Conference Room Comment One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Opportunity Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None. Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 11/12/2015 Public **Board** Staff Public Tools Media Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? 6 ation? Ad? 15 Handouts? Ad? November TTC TV? Release? **/ Public Comment** Meeting Location: **✓** Metro COG - Conference Room Opportunity One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 **Public Comments** None.

2015 Public	Participation Da	atabas	e Repo	ort								
11/19/2015 November Policy Board Meeting	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board 12	Attendees: Staff 6	Attendees: Public  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✔	Legal Ad? ✓	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											
12/10/2015  December Policy Board Comment Opportunity	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargp	Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad? ✔	Legal Ad? ✔	Public Access TV?
Public Comments  12/10/2015  December TTC  Public Comment  Opportunity	Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room One 2nd Street N Ste 232 Fargo	Attendees: Board	Attendees: Staff	Attendees: Public  # of Public Comments Received 0	Public Present- ation?	Visual Tools Used?	Social Media Used?  # of Tit Recieve	Handouts?	Press Release?	Box Ad?	Legal Ad?	Public Access TV?
Public Comments	None.											

#### 2015 Public Participation Database Report Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Visual Social 12/11/2015 Public Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? 3 0 10 Handouts? Ad? Ad? Metropolitan TV? Release? Bicycle & Meeting Location: Metro COG - Conference Room Pedestrian One 2nd St N, Suite 232 Committee Meeting Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received 0 None **Public Comments** Attendees: Attendees: Attendees: Social Visual Public 12/17/2015 Public Staff Public Media Board Tools Present-Box Legal Access Press Used? Used? ation? 100 Handouts? Release? Ad? Ad? Shevenne Street TV? **v** Corridor Study Meeting Location: **✓ ✓ ✓ ✓** Public Input Triumph West Church - 3745 Sheyenne St, West Fargo, ND Meeting #2 3745 Sheyenne Street West Fargo # of Public # of Title VI Forms 0 Comments Recieved: Received **Public Comments** Various comments were received. Comments will be documented with the project documentation.