

657th Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, July 16, 2026 – 4:00 PM

Members Present:		
Rachel	Dwyer	Horace City Council
Tyler	Erickson	West Fargo City Commission
Nikki	Gullickson	Fargo City Commission
Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council Left at 4:45 PM
Sebastian	McDougall	Moorhead City Council
Patti	Stedman	West Fargo City Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission
Members Absent:		
Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay Co. Commission
Chad	Peterson	Fargo City Commission
Mike	Reitz	MATBUS Representative
Art	Rosenberg	Fargo Planning Commission
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Dave	Steichen	Dilworth City Council
Michelle	Turnberg	Fargo City Commission
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT Fargo District Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT District 4 Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Others Present:		
Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Linghao	Zhang	Metro COG
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT - Local Government Division
Tom	Knakmuhs	City of Fargo Engineer

- 1a. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS, convened**
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, on July 16, 2026 by Executive Director Griffith, noting a quorum was present.

1b. Election of Metro COG Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Erickson nominated Patti Stedman for Chair and Rachel Dwyer for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Elect Patti Stedman, West Fargo as the Policy Board Chair and Rachel Dwyer, Horace as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2026.

Mr. Erickson moved, seconded by Ms. Gullickson

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Approve Order and Contents of Overall Agenda, approved

Chair Stedman asked for approval for the overall agenda.

MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the July 16, 2026 Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1d. Approve Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026

Chair Stedman asked for approval of the Minutes of the June 18, 2026 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the June 18, 2026 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Erickson

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1e. Monthly Account Payables, approved

Chair Stedman asked for approval of the July 16, 2026 Accounts Payable as listed on Attachment 1e.

MOTION: Approve the July 16, 2026 Accounts Payable List.

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Stedman asked for approval of Items a-b on the Consent Agenda.

- a. June 2026 Month End-of-Month Report
- b. Metro COG 2nd Quarter Report

MOTION: Approve Items a-b on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Erickson

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

3a. **Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were provided or received.

3b. **2026-2029 TIP Amendment/Revision #8**

Mr. Altenburg presented Revision #8 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

1. **Modification of Project 9162668:** NDDOT reconstruction of Main Avenue from University Drive to 25th Street (2026). Modification of total project cost.
2. **Modification of Project 1250016:** Cass County reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive S (2026). Modification of total project cost and adding additional available TIFIA-TA funding.
3. **Modification of Project 1263068:** Cass County reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive S (2026). Adding additional available CRP funding.
4. **Modification of Project 4240011:** Fargo reconstruction of 17th Avenue S from 25th Street to University Drive (2026). Modification of total project cost and adding additional available TIFIA-STBG funding.
5. **Modification of Project 3263067:** West Fargo construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island on 32nd Avenue W west of 5th Street W (2026). Modification of total project cost and adding additional available CRP funding.

MOTION: Approve Revision 8 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Mr. Erickson
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.

3c. Draft 2026 UPWP & Budget Amendment #2

Mr. Griffith presented information on the funding amount changes received from both NDDOT and MnDOT for the current 2026 UPWP.

With the changes to MNDOT funding, it increases our federal funding by \$10,495.99 and requires a 20% local match of \$2,624.00. The jurisdictions will be invoiced after the amendment is approved by NDDOT and FHWA.

Other changes include removing the funding amount for the Cass Clay Food Commission, in the amount of \$5,900 since the funding never materialized. Staff hours for each program task were adjusted, but the overall amount did not change.

Funding to show the amount used to pay a vendor for the counts on the Casselton ND Hwy 18 Corridor Study was added. The local match has already been paid by Casselton, which is an associate member.

Our funding contract is always for one year.

MOTION: Approve Amendment #2 to Metro COG's 2026-2027 UPWP and Budget
Mr. Erickson moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.

3d. "Rest on Red" Presentation

Mr. Maddox stated the University Drive and 10th Street study analyzed scenarios to provide information about the operations of the corridors. The City of Fargo applied for HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) funding to implement the "Rest in Red" concept.

Radar scanners "see" the speeds and changes the traffic light to red based on the speed. This is not to be confused with the Blue Lights mounted atop traffic signals, which law enforcement can see from any direction. If a Blue light on top of the traffic light is lit, law enforcement can see that the traffic signal has turned red. Moorhead and West Fargo are using some of the blue lights.

At this time, we don't know the cost of the project but engineers are estimating \$2.9 million with inflation factored in.

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4. Additional Business

Mr. Griffith provided the following updates:

- Aiden Jung's last day is tomorrow.
- We had an exit interview with NDDOT but have not received a new indirect cost rate.
- Currently working with Brady Martz on our annual financial audit and they are in the process of finalizing the information.
- Still not heard anything regarding the Safe Streets for All BloodSync pilot project grant. We have been told that construction projects are the priority this year.

5. Adjourn

The 657th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, July 16, 2026 was adjourned by Chair Stedman at 5:05 PM.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager