

The 658th Policy Board Meeting Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments THURSDAY, August 20, 2026 – 4:00 PM **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 - a. Introductions & Roll Call
 - b. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda **Action Item**
 - c. Approve Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2026 **Action Item**
 - d. Approve August 2026 Accounts Payable (bills list) **Action Item**
2. Consent Agenda **Action Item**
 - a. July 2026 End-of-Month Report
3. Regular Agenda
 - a. Public Comment Opportunity **Public Input**
 - b. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment/Revision #9 **Action Item**
 - c. 2026 NDDOT-Metro COG CPG Amendment #2 **Action Item**
4. Additional Business **Information Item**
5. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next Metro COG Policy Board Meeting will be held
Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Metro COG is encouraging citizens to provide their comments on agenda items via email to Angela Brumbaugh at brumbaugh@fmmetrocog.org. To ensure your comments are received prior to the meeting, please submit them by 8:00 AM on the day of the meeting and reference which agenda item your comments address. If you would like to appear via video or audio link for comments or questions on a regular agenda or public hearing item, please provide your e-mail address and contact information to the above e-mail at least one business day before the meeting. Any virtual attendees who refuse to identify themselves will be disconnected.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89719103440?pwd=5joY7ACfXW8cnJgll8tgT3YaQEK1Mv.1>

Bolded Action Items require roll call votes.

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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.

Informational Only

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

To: Policy Board
From: Adam Altenburg and Linghao Zhang, Metro COG
Date: August 14, 2026
Re: **2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision 9**

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public meeting both in person and virtually on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM to consider public comments regarding proposed amendments to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the FM metropolitan area.

The proposed revision for the 2026-2029 TIP includes the following amendments:

1. **New Project 9269078:** NDDOT preliminary engineering for 10th Street from NP Avenue to 4th Avenue N (2026). Included for potential year end NHPP funding.
2. **New Project 9269079:** NDDOT statewide overhead signage project (2026). Included for potential year end STBG funding.
3. **Modification of Project 3264069:** City of West Fargo construction of shared use path, RRFB, and box culvert extension at Sheyenne River (2027). Project description modification.
4. **New Project 5269080:** City of Moorhead lighting improvements along existing shared use path along 50th Avenue S (2027). New TA-funded project.
5. **New Project 5269081:** City of Moorhead lighting improvements along existing shared use path along 50th Avenue S (2027). New CRP-funded project.

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2026, the TTC unanimously recommended approval of TIP Revision 9 to the Policy Board.

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

Requested Action: Approve Revision 9 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
Revision 9 - 2026-2029 Metro COG TIP New and existing projects with changes															
NDDOT	9269078	24694	2026	10th Street N		NP Avenue	4th Avenue N	Preliminary Engineering for 10th Street N Reconstruction from NP Avenue to 4th Avenue N	Preliminary Engineering	\$1,500,000	NHPP	\$1,213,950	\$136,050	\$150,000	
NDDOT	9269079	24558	2026	Various Locations				Statewide Overhead Signing	Safety	\$1,630,950	STBG	\$1,319,928	\$311,022		
City of West Fargo	3264069		2027	Beaton Drive		Sheyenne Street	Bobcat Company	Roadway reconstruction, construction of shared use path, RRFB, and box culvert extension at Sheyenne River	Reconstruction Bike/Ped	\$7,900,000	STBG	\$1,440,000	\$3,871,000	\$2,589,000	
City of Moorhead	5269080	144-080-013	2027	50th Avenue S		US 75	Bluestem Center	**CRP**TAP**: 50TH AVE S, FROM US 75 TO 1.25 MILES WEST OF US 75 IN MOORHEAD, LED LIGHTING ON SHARED USE PATH	Safety	\$337,500	TA	\$270,000		\$67,500	
City of Moorhead	5269081	144-080-013	2027	50th Avenue S		US 75	Bluestem Center	**CRP**TAP**: 50TH AVE S, FROM US 75 TO 1.25 MILES WEST OF US 75 IN MOORHEAD, LED LIGHTING ON SHARED USE PATH	Safety	\$135,000	CRP	\$108,000		\$27,000	

To: Policy Board members
From: Ben Griffith, AICP, Executive Director
Date: August 13, 2026
Re: **2026 NDDOT-Metro COG CPG Contract Amendment #2**

Metro COG was informed by NDDOT of the need to adjust several different funding amounts from both NDDOT and MnDOT which make up the total Federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) amount for the current 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget. This required an amendment to the 2026 UPWP at last month's Policy Board meeting for a total net increase of Federal funds of \$10,495.99 which was approved by NDDOT and FHWA-ND per the attached letter.

Due to this increased amount of 2026 CPG funds, Metro COG and NDDOT must amend the 2026 CPG Contract again. The contract was last amended in February, following the first amendment to the current 2026 UPWP. The \$10,495.99 increase will increase the overall CPG amount from \$1,557,712.31 to \$1,568,208.30 which is the amount reflected in the CPG Contract Amendment.

Approval of the CPG Contract Amendment must follow last month's approval of the 2026 UPWP Amendment #2. When the CPG Contract Amendment has been executed, Metro COG will send invoices to the member jurisdictions for their share of the required 20% local match of \$2,624.00.

Recommendation: Approval of the 2026 NDDOT CPG Contract Amendment #2 and authorization for the Policy Board Chair and Executive Director to execute said document when it is made available for digital signature.

July 21, 2026

Kristen Sperry
Planning Program Manager
Federal Highway Administration – North Dakota Division
4503 Coleman Street North, Suite 205
Bismarck, ND 58503

Dear Kristen:

**SUBJECT: Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (FM COG) – 2026-2027
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Amendment #2**

Please accept this letter and enclosures from FM COG for the second amendment to their 2026-2027 UPWP. The amendment adds funds and adjusts programmed activities to ensure the UPWP revenue and expenses align with federal funds distribution. The attached UPWP enclosure from FM COG reflects the proposed amendment. This amendment was approved, as presented, at the July 16, 2026 FM COG Policy Board meeting.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation recommends approval of this amendment as outlined in the enclosed documentation.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to improve transportation infrastructure in North Dakota. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Will Hutchings at 701-328-6421.

Sincerely,

Stacey Hanson

Stacey M. Hanson, P.E.
Assistant Local Government Engineer

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Attachment(s)

- C: Ranae Tunison, FTA – Region 8
Tracey MacDonald, FTA – Region 8
Scott Mareck, FHWA-MN
Susan Weber, FTA – Region 5
Dena Ryan, MNDOT
Ben Griffith, FM COG

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MEMO TO: Ronald J. Henke, P.E.
Director

FROM: Will Hutchings, AICP

DATE: 08/07/2026

SUBJECT: 38251326B: Fargo-Moorhead Council of Governments (FMCOG) 2026
Annual UPWP Contract Amendment #2

This UPWP contract amendment is needed to align FMCOG 2026-2027 UPWP budget with recently received FTA Section 5303 funds and PL, SATO/CS, and FTA funds transferred by MNDOT. The amendment aligns with the recently updated FMCOG UPWP, which increased the FMCOG's 2026 ND FTA 5303 allocation by \$1,760.99 and added \$2,496.20 in 2026 MN-PL funds, \$1,801.80 in 2026 MN-SATO/CS funds, and \$4,437.00 in 2026 MN-FTA funds. The resulting net change for this contract amendment is \$10,495.99.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (701)328-6421.

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Contract Amendment Routing:

Stacey Hanson;

Derek Pfeifer;

Shannon Sauer;

Ben Griffth, FM Metro COG Executive Director (specify recipients);

MPO Policy Board Chair Person;

MPO Witness;

Will Hutchings;

Clint Morgenstern;

Chad Orn;

Pamela Thompson, NDDOT Witness

North Dakota Department of Transportation
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 38251326
Project No. CPG-2026(062)

THIS AMENDMENT to the above-referenced contract is entered into by and between the State of North Dakota, acting through its Director of Transportation, hereinafter known as NDDOT, whose address is 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0700, and Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments, hereinafter known as the Contractor, whose address is Case Plaza Suite 232, One Second Street North, Fargo, North Dakota 58102.

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a contract on December 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, 2026 ND FTA funding was higher than the estimated amount used to establish the original UPWP and contract; and

WHEREAS, 2026 MN-PL, 2026 MN-CS/SATO and 2026 MN-FTA received funding was higher than the amount MN-DOT provided the MPO to establish the original UPWP and contract; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Contractor and NDDOT agree that the "Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated to the Subrecipient" is now \$1,568,208.30. The "Total Federal Award" becomes \$1,960,260.38 (total), \$1,568,208.30 (federal), and \$392,052.08 (local). Section 3 "Compensation" will now be \$1,568,208.30.

All other terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract are incorporated herein by reference and remain in full force and effect.

EXECUTED the date last below signed.

WITNESS:

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

SIGNATURE

To be signed by **Owner; Partner; Corp. Pres., Vice Pres., or other authorized Corp. Officer.** (If signed by other authorized Corp. Officer, please attach copy of Power of Attorney or other documentation showing authority to sign.)

CONTRACTOR:

COMPANY NAME

OFFICER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

WITNESS:

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NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

SIGNATURE

DATE

APPROVED as to substance by:

DIVISION DIRECTOR (TYPE OR PRINT)

SIGNATURE

DATE

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L.D. Approved 5-19-00; 5-03