

**570th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Paul	Bervik	West Fargo Engineering
Nathan	Boerboom	City of Fargo Engineering (Alt for J. Gorden)
Julie	Bommelman	MATBUS
Rose	Bruce-White	MNDOT -Dist. 4 Planning (Alt for M. Safgren)
James	Dahlman	City of Horace - Planning/Engineering (left at 11:32 am)
Maegin	Elshaug	City of Fargo Planning (Alt. for N. Crutchfield)
Steinhoff	Forrest	Moorhead Planning (Alt. for R. Huston)
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Luke	Grittner	MATBUS
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning Director
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Kyle	Litchy	Cass County Highway
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Brian	McCoy	MNDOT - Left at 11:40 am
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Joey	Ness	GFMEDC (Alt. for J. Raso)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering
Tom	Trowbridge	Moorhead Engineering

Members Absent:

Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning (Alternate present)
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Engineering (Alt. present)
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning (Alt. present)
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Kelly	Krapu	Freight
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC (Alt. present)
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director (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
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Wade	Frank	Stantec Engineering
Dylan	Dunn	Moore Engineering
Jason	Gottfried	MnDOT – MPO Coordinator
Brent	Muscha	Apex Engineering
Walter	Samuel	6396 27th St S, Fargo, ND

Robert	Kost	6357 27th St S, Fargo, ND
Mark	Sell	2505 64th Ave S, Fargo, ND
Brent	Mitchell	6205 25th St S, Fargo, ND
Clarence	Whisman	1514 64th Ave S, Fargo, ND
Don	Kinzler	6313 27th St S, Fargo, ND
Nathaniel	McHaffie	City of Horace Planning
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Engineer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on September 11, 2025 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 570th TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the September 11, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the September 11, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda

Ms. Bommelman moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve August 14, 2025 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the August 14, 2025 TTC Meeting Minutes. He stated that the place of employment for one attendee had been corrected.

Motion: Approve the August 14, 2025 TTC Minutes.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Opportunity

The following attendees commented on opposing the 64th Avenue Project in the Draft 2026-2029 TIP:

Rob Kost – 64th Avenue isn't designed for additional traffic and is already busy.

Walter Samuel – 64th Avenue was never intended to be an interchange and was only designed for an overpass.

Clarence Whisman – The traffic will increase with an interchange and already live on a racetrack.

Brent Mitchell – The area isn't designed to handle the traffic flow of an interchange.

5. Final Draft 2026-2029 TIP Adoption

Mr. Altenburg presented information on the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, and comments would be accepted through Monday, September 15, 2025.

A public meeting was held at the Hjemkomst Center on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Motion: Pending public comment through September 15, 2025, recommend approval of the Final Draft Metro COG 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board.

Mr. Bervig moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Final Draft 2026-2027 UPWP Adoption

Mr. Griffith presented the final draft of the 2026-2027 UPWP & Budget. Projects either stayed the same or were slightly modified. The total contracted planning amounts are \$488,552 and \$225,637 respectively. Most planning projects are related to the 2055 MTP. The operating budget is \$1,545,344 for 2026 and \$1,537,688 for 2027.

Mr. Griffith requested approval with the inclusion of any updated tables/projects and verbiage as Metro COG reviews it again before Policy Board.

Motion: Recommend adoption of the 2026-2027 UPWP and Budget to the Policy Board including any updated tables, projects, and verbiage.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Ms. Bruce-White

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Minnesota Federal Functional Classification 2025

Ms. Beierle Pavek presented information on the Minnesota Federal Functional Classification for 2025. The proposed changes:

- Update Initiated because of the Urbanized Area Expansion – 2023
- Special attention given to updated FHWA Guidelines Update - *Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures (2023)*
- No Changes made to Interstate or Principal Arterials at this time
- Local Roadways all due to expanded Urbanized Zoning Area, unless noted as a Downgrade

Mr. Trowbridge discussed changing 15th Ave N from 11th St N to Hwy 75 N in Moorhead as a Minor Arterial instead of the current classification of Major Collector currently.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Minnesota Federal Functional Classification 2025 Proposed Map with the addition of 15th Ave N from 11th St N to Hwy 75 N as a Minor Arterial.

Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

**** The Zoom portion of the meeting was logged off at 11:15 AM due to being hacked and then started a new zoom meeting to continue discussion. ****

8. Moorhead I-94 & 20th St Interchange Study

Mr. Farnsworth presented information for the Moorhead I-94 and 20th Street Interchange stating Moorhead requested the study to analyze the feasibility of converting the partial interchange over to a full interchange.

Two public input meetings and two stakeholders' meetings were held. Most people were in favor of a full interchange. Public comments

included improving signing and pavement marking at the interchange and on 20th Street to mitigate driver confusion.

Mr. Farnsworth introduced Wade Frank with Stantec to discuss the study further. Mr. Frank stated they had five alternatives which were narrowed down to two alternative interchange designs. Some were removed due to large construction footprints and the impacts to existing properties.

Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the Moorhead I-94 and 20th Street Interchange Study.

Mr. Steinhoff moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

**** The Zoom portion of the meeting was restarted at 11:58 AM due to being hacked again. ****

9. TTC Bylaw Amendment

Mr. Griffith stated the change to the bylaws is to formally establish the Prioritization Committee, which has been an informal committee for the past year. The amendment was reviewed not only by the jurisdictions but also by Legal Counsel. Some changes were made based on the comments from smaller communities.

Motion: Recommend approval of the proposed TTC Bylaw amendment formally establishing the Prioritization Committee to the Policy Board.

Mr. Bervik moved, seconded by Mr. Lorsung

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

**** The Zoom portion of the meeting was turned off due to another hack. ****

10. Agency Updates

Due to all the issues on zoom, no agency updates were provided.

11. Additional Business

No additional business was brought forward.

12. Adjourn

The 570th Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on September 11, 2025 at 12:03 PM.

**Ms. Bommelman moved to Adjourn; Mr. Lorsung seconded
MOTION, PASSED**

Motion carried unanimously.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 9, 2025, 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager