

656th Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Stephanie	Landstrom	Horace City Council
Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council
Sebastian	McDougall	Moorhead City Council
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay Co. Commission
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Dave	Steichen	Dilworth City Council
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission

Members Absent:

Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Mike	Reitz	MATBUS Representative
Art	Rosenberg	Fargo Planning Commission
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

1a. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS, convened

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, on June 18, 2026 by Chair Olson, noting a quorum was present.

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

Chair Olson asked for approval for the overall agenda.

MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the June 18, 2026 Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Steichen

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2026

Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2026 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the April 16, 2026 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1d. Approve Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2026

Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the May 21, 2026 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the May 21, 2026 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Mongeau moved, seconded by Mr. Steichen

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1e. Monthly Account Payables (Bills), approved

Chair Olson asked for approval of the June 18, 2026 Accounts Payable as listed on Attachment 1d.

MOTION: Approve the June 18, 2026 Accounts Payable List.

Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Olson asked for approval of Items a-e on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Breitling stated he wanted to pull 2b. Establish Cash Reserve Fund to the regular agenda, 3f.

a. April 2026 Month End Report

b. Establish Cash Reserve Fund (pulled off consent and added to the Regular agenda 3f.)

c. May 2026 End of Month Report

d. Letter of Support for Transportation Bills

e. Executive Director's Performance Evaluation

MOTION: Approve Items a, c, d, e on the Consent Agenda.
Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Ms. Mongeau
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3a. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were provided or received.

3b. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment 4

Mr. Altenburg presented Amendment 4 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

1. **Modification of Project 4240011:** Cass County reconstruction of 17th Avenue S from 25th Street to University Drive (2026). Change in available STBG funding and local revenue amounts.
2. **New Project 3264069:** West Fargo construction of shared use path, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and box culvert extension at Sheyenne River (2027). New STBG-funded project replacing original CRP- and TA-funded project in 2029.
3. **Modification of Projects 1250016 and 1250017:** Cass County reconstruction of shared use path along University Drive S (2026 and 2027). Adding additional available TA funding in 2026 and subtracting amount from 2027 TA funding.
4. **Modification of Project 4230018:** Fargo Transit Mobility Manager (2026). Adding additional available FTA 5310 funding.
5. **Modification of Project 4240026:** Fargo Transit Mobility Manager (2027). Adding additional available FTA 5310 funding.
6. **Modification of Project 4260022:** Fargo Transit Mobility Manager (2028). Adding additional available FTA 5310 funding.
7. **New Project 4264070:** Fargo Transit FTA 5310-funded replacement bus for paratransit (2028).
8. **Modification of Project 4260042:** Fargo Transit Mobility Manager (2029). Adding additional available FTA 5310 funding.
9. **New Project 5264071:** Moorhead Transit CRP-funded replacement of two (2) bus shelters (2026). Note: CRP funding was originally obligated in 2023 for transit hub improvements at Dilworth Walmart; grant was closed out and CRP funding was de-obligated in 2026.

10. **New Project 5264072:** Moorhead Transit FTA 5310-funded replacement bus for paratransit (2026).
11. **New Project 5264074:** Moorhead Transit FTA 5339-funded purchase of two (2) buses for microtransit (2026).
12. **Removal of Project 3260005:** West Fargo construction of shared use path and pedestrian bridge crossing at Sheyenne River (2029). Removing original CRP-funded project and replacing it with new 2027 STBG-funded project.
13. **Removal of Project 3260008:** West Fargo construction of shared use path and pedestrian bridge crossing at Sheyenne River (2029). Removing original TA-funded project and replacing it with new 2027 STBG-funded project.

MOTION: Approve Amendment 4 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**Mr. Hendrickson moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.**

3c. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment 5

Mr. Altenburg presented Amendment 5 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

1. **New Project 4265075:** Fargo Transit FTA 5339-funded pedestrian avoidance warning system (2026).
2. **New Project 4265076:** Fargo Transit FTA 5339-funded purchase of support vehicles (2026).
3. **Modification of Project 4260044:** Fargo Transit FTA 5339-funded replacement bus surveillance system (2026). Modification of total project cost.
4. **Modification of Project 4230048:** Fargo Transit FTA 5339-funded pedestrian avoidance system (2027). Moving project year from 2026 to 2027.
5. **Modification of Project 4260057:** Fargo Transit FTA 5339-funded replacement of <30ft buses (2028). Modification of project description and total project cost.
6. **New Project 4265077:** Fargo Transit FTA 5339-funded Moorhead shelter replacement (2029).

MOTION: Approve Amendment 5 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

***Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.***

3d. Federal Functional Classification Update for 2026 (ND)

Ms. Beierle Pavsek presented information on the Federal Functional Classification for North Dakota. The City of Fargo requested 12th Avenue North from 10th Street North to the Red River is currently classified as a Major Collector and would be upgraded to a Minor Arterial.

The changes would fall within the FHWA guideline for each Functional Classification.

***MOTION: Approve the North Dakota Federal Functional
Classification Request by the City of Fargo.
Mr. Steichen moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.***

3e. Review Draft 2027-2028 UPWP and Budget

Mr. Griffith presented information on the 2027-2028 Unified Planning Working Program and Budget. The 2027 budget numbers are estimates provided by NDDOT and MNDOT and the 2028 numbers have an increase of 2% from the 2027 numbers.

The primary focus for 2027 will be preparing for the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

The total Federal revenue for 2027 is \$1,607,149.58.

***MOTION: Approval of the Draft 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work
Program (UPWP) and Budget.
Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.***

3f. Establish Cash Reserve Fund (Pulled from Consent Agenda 2b.)

Discussion has taken place at the Executive Committee level regarding Metro COG having a cash reserve fund balance. Currently, there has been no consideration for reserves to cover expenses while we wait for reimbursement from NDDOT and the event of an employee resigning and having a cash payout for unused benefits.

Mr. Breitling discussed his concern with expecting an increase in dues for jurisdictions and stated the cap of 3% on property taxes in North Dakota has

caused issues for jurisdictions and other Commissioners have stated they will not approve it.

MOTION: Approve establishment of a Cash Reserve Fund with the funding scenario as proposed beginning in 2027.

Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Steichen

MOTION, passed

Motion carried, Breitling opposed the motion.

4. Additional Business

Mid-year review went okay. Brady Martz is still working on the financial Audit. Provided the counties with income statements and balance sheets until the audit is complete.

The Exit interview with NDDOT on indirect cost rate was completed but we don't have the letter with the new rate.

Mr. Olson stated West Fargo, Fargo, and Horace will have to appoint new Policy Board members and it won't be done before the scheduled Executive Committee meeting on July 6th therefore we would not have a quorum and may have to delay the meeting.

5. Adjourn

The 656th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, June 18, 2026 was adjourned by Chair Olson at 5:02 PM.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager