

**625th Policy Board Meeting  
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments  
Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 4:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Brenton	Holper	City of Horace (alternate for Jeff Trudeau)
Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission
Julie	Nash	Dilworth City Council
Ryan	Nelson	Moorhead City Council
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Arlette	Preston	Fargo City Commission
Rocky	Schneider	Fargo Planning Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Deb	White	Moorhead City Council
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT – Fargo District (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:**

Amanda	George	West Fargo City Commission
John	Gunkelman	Fargo Planning Commission
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Jeff	Trudeau	Horace City Council (alternate present)
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT – District 4 (ex-officio)

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Chelsea	Levorsen	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Wayne	Zacher	NDDOT

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on March 21, 2024 by Chair Breitling, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

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

Chair Breitling asked for approval for the overall agenda.

**MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the March 21, 2024 Policy Board Meeting.**

**Ms.Kolpack moved, seconded by Mr. Olson**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**1c. Past Meeting Minutes, approved**

Chair Breitling asked for approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2024 Meeting.

**MOTION: Approve the February 15, 2024 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.  
Ms. Preston moved, seconded by Ms. Nash  
MOTION, passed  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**1d. Monthly Bills, approved**

Chair Breitling asked for approval of the March 2024 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

**MOTION: Approve the March 2024 Bills List.  
Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Ms. Kolpack  
MOTION, passed  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. February Month End Report
- b. Update to MATBUS PTASP (Safety Plan)

**MOTION: Approve Items a-b on the Consent Agenda.  
Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Ms. White  
MOTION, passed  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. REGULAR AGENDA**

**3a. Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were made or received.

**3b. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 5**

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 5 to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published in the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Public comments were accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 14, 2024. No written or verbal comments were received.

The proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP is as follows:

- 1. **Modification of Project 324003:** City of West Fargo replacing lighting heads with LED lighting heads throughout the city (2024). Updating total project cost (42%) and local funding.
- 2. **Modification of Project 7232023:** City of Horace construction of a new shared use path along County Road 17 (2024). Updating total project cost (9%) and local funding.

3. **Removal of Project 5220014:** Moorhead Transit replacement of one bus shelter (2024). Project will not be federally funded.
4. **Modification of Project 9240052:** NDDOT remove negative left turn offsets at various locations. (2024). Moving project from 2026 to 2025.
5. **New Project 5245068:** City of Moorhead reconstruction of 34<sup>th</sup> Street (2025).
6. **New Project 5245069:** City of Moorhead reconstruction of shared use path and construction of new sidewalk along 34<sup>th</sup> Street (2025).

Mr. Strand asked Mr. Bervik to elaborate on the replacement of street lights to updating to LED bulbs, as the city of Fargo has committed to replacing all lighting with street lights. He asked if there was an application process for this TIP funding. Mr. Bervik said that the TTC/PB went through this process at the last couple meetings.

**MOTION: Approval of Amendment 5 of the Metro COG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**  
**Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Ms. White.**  
**MOTION, passed**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3c. Metro COG TMA Transition**

Mr. Griffith presented an update to Metro COG's TMA transition. He gave a brief summary of the meeting between Metro COG's Executive Committee and NDDOT Director Ron Henke and Deputy Director Chad Orn. Mr. Griffith said the de-obligated project amounts will be re-obligated back to Metro COG, under the caveat that the funds be spent completely by the end of CY2024. Mr. Olson asked if this meant that projects will have only 12 months to complete projects, and Mr. Griffith explained that multi-year projects will be submitted for funding differently in the future.

Mr. Griffith discussed the meaning of Metro COG's transition from MPO to TMA.

**4. Additional Business**

11<sup>th</sup> Street Underpass groundbreaking celebration, next week.

UPWP Amendment 6 submission

UPWP 2025-2026 draft

Diversion Authority platting for recreational areas

**5. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Adjourn the 625th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board**  
**Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Ms. Preston**  
**MOTION, passed.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

The 625th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, March 21, 2024 was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 18, 2024, 4:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach  
Executive Assistant