

Agenda Item 1c, Attachment 1

**577th Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 4:00 pm
Web-Conference**

Members Present:

Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
David	Fenelon	Horace City Council
John	Gunkelman	Fargo Planning Commission
Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Steve	Jesme	Dilworth City Council
Johnathan	Judd	Moorhead City Council
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Rocky	Schneider	Fargo Planning Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Sara	Watson Curry	Moorhead City Council

Members Absent:

Tony	Gehrig	Fargo City Commission
Eric	Gjerdevig	West Fargo City Commission
Tony	Grindberg	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Luke	Champa	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Leif	Garnass	SRF Consulting Group
Cindy	Gray	Metro COG
Amy	Kronbeck	Metro COG
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Brent	Muscha	Apex Engineering
Bob	Walton	NDDOT – Fargo District

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on May 21, 2020 by Chair Olson, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

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 May 21, 2020 Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. Gunkelman

MOTION, passed. 9-0

Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Past Meeting Minutes, approved

Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2020 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the April 16, 2020 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Jesme moved, seconded by Mr. Piepkorn

MOTION, passed. 9-0

Motion carried unanimously.

1d. Monthly Bills, approved

Chair Olson asked for approval of the May 2020 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

MOTION: Approve the May 2020 Bills List.

Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. Fenelon

MOTION, passed. 9-0

Motion carried unanimously.

****Mayor Judd joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m.**

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Olson asked for approval of Items a-c on the Consent Agenda.

- a. April Month End Report
- b. 2020-2023 TIP Amendment #3
- c. 2020-2023 TIP Amendment #4

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

Mr. Judd moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling

MOTION, passed. 10-0

Motion carried unanimously.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3a. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

No MOTION

3b. West Fargo 9th Street Corridor Study Draft Final Plan

Mr. Altenburg and Mr. Muscha presented the final report for the West Fargo 9th Street Corridor Study. Mr. Muscha went through the study's scope, and the needs and use of the corridor. There was a robust public input process, which resulted in many constructive comments that were helpful in creating the alternatives and final recommendations.

Mr. Olson said that West Fargo is considering making 9th a north-south truck route from Main Avenue to 13th Avenue, and asked how that decision may impact the study overall. Mr. Muscha said that freight considerations were analyzed but that public input on the matter found that, even if 9th Street was made a truck route, it is not the preferred route of the trucking industry, which prefers to use 45th Street or Main Avenue.

MOTION: Approve the West Fargo 9th Street Corridor Study, pending final approval by the West Fargo City Commission.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson.

MOTION, passed. 10-0

Motion carried unanimously.

3c. Horace Comprehensive and Transportation Plan

Mr. Altenburg presented the Horace Comprehensive and Transportation Plan. He noted this was an update to the previous 2007 plan, and includes updates to demographic and population changes, land use, school additions, and new roadways.

Mr. Schneider asked if there were any plans for removal or redevelopment of the old grain elevator. Mr. Altenburg said it was discussed during the planning process, but the plan does not make any specific recommendations. He added that there are a few things the community will need to discuss further before making decisions. Mr. Fenelon noted that the City is in talks with the owner of the grain elevator, and there are plans to move the facility, but no timeline is currently in place.

MOTION: Approve the Horace Comprehensive and Transportation Plan

Mr. Fenelon moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling.

MOTION, passed. 11-0

Motion carried unanimously.

****Ms. Mongeau joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.**

3d. US 10/75 Corridor Study – Draft Final Plan and Online Open House

Mr. Maddox and Mr. Garnass presented the final draft of the US 10/75 Corridor Study. The report focuses on key issues with the corridor, such as bike/ped facilities, safety, former weigh station, roadway treatments, and future development/growth. The study was conducted in preparation for future reconstruction within the next few years. There was a robust public input process, which resulted in many constructive comments that were helpful in the development of alternatives and final recommendations.

Mr. Maddox added that the Moorhead City Council unanimously approved the study at their most recent meeting.

MOTION: Approve the Draft Final US 10/75 Corridor Study

Ms. Watson Curry moved, seconded by Ms. Mongeau

MOTION, passed. 11-0

Motion carried unanimously.

3e. Draft 2021 Budget

Ms. Gray presented the draft 2021 Budget. She noted that the budget was discussed twice with the Executive Committee in the past three weeks. The TTC

discussed the draft budget at their May meeting and asked to table the item until the June meeting to give them time to consider some of the items. The Executive Committee recommended Policy Board approval at their special meeting, held Wednesday May 20, 2020, but the Policy Board may wish to wait to approve the budget in June, after the TTC has had another chance to consider it.

Mr. Olson asked if delaying the vote would cause any problems. Ms. Gray said it depends on when the staff at each jurisdiction need the budget information. Technically, the information is available now, and can be used as a guideline until approval in June.

MOTION: Delay action until the June meeting, pending a recommendation from the TTC.

Ms. Watson Curry moved, seconded by Mr. Judd.

MOTION, passed. 10-1 (Mr. Piepkorn voted against)

Motion carried.

4. Additional Business

Ms. Gray gave an update on Mr. Champa's newborn baby.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Adjourn the 577th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board

Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Ms. Watson Curry

MOTION, passed. 11-0

Motion carried unanimously.

The 577th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, May 21, 2020 was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD June 18, 2020, 4:00 P.M. AT THE FM METRO COG CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE NORTH 2ND STREET, CASE PLAZA SUITE 232, FARGO, ND AND AS A WEB-CONFERENCE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach
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