

To: Cognizant Agencies
From: Luke Champa, Metro COG
Date: February 22, 2021
Re: ***Amendment #2 to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area***

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) held a virtual public hearing via Zoom Video Communications on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:20 p.m. to consider public comments regarding a proposed Amendment #2 to the 2021-2024 TIP. The public comment period officially ended at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, February 18, 2021, prior to Policy Board action on the Amendment #2. Amendment #2 to the 2021-2024 TIP is listed on the subsequent pages of this letter and detailed in Attachment 1.

The proposed amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP reflects new or updated federally funded projects within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) and minor changes to language found within the TIP document

An official public notice was published in the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 advertising the public hearing and opening the public comment period. Public engagement processes for the proposed 2021-2024 TIP amendment were pursuant to the adopted Metro COG Public Participation Plan (PPP). Public comment was accepted by Metro COG until 12:00 p.m. (noon) February 18, 2021, providing a 15 day comment period. No public comments were received by Metro COG neither verbally during the public hearing nor by written statement.

The Policy Board approved the attached amendments at the regularly scheduled February 18, 2021 meeting. The updated TIP project sheet reflecting the amendment and scanned public notice are also attached.

Regards,

Luke Champa
Assistant Transportation Planner

Attachments: (1) 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #2 Project Sheet
(2) Official Public Notice Scan

1. **Modification of Project 9170019:** NDDOT concrete pavement repair on I-29N from Main Ave to N Fargo Interchange (2021). The total project cost decreased 68.7% from \$950,000 to \$297,092 of which the Federal IM funding decreased 68.7% from \$855,000 to \$267,383, and the State funding decreased 68.7% from \$95,000 to \$29,709.
2. **Modification of Project 9170020:** NDDOT concrete pavement repair on I-29S from Main Ave to N Fargo Interchange (2021). The total project cost decreased 68.7% from \$950,000 to \$297,092 of which the Federal IM funding decreased 68.7% from \$855,000 to \$267,383, and the State funding decreased 68.7% from \$95,000 to \$29,709.

3. **Text Modifications (pages 103-104)**

"Amendment Required:

1. The change adds new individual FHWA funded, FTA funded, or Regionally Significant (RS) project;
2. Total cost increases ~~or decreases~~ meeting/meets the Formal TIP Amendment threshold as shown in Table 11-1;
3. The change adds or removes a phase of work such as preliminary engineering, right-of-way, construction, etc. to the project which increases or decreases the total project cost;
4. The change results in project scope change including, but not limited to, changing work type such as bridge rehabilitation to replacement, resurface to reconstruct, adding additional work/bridge/lane/intersection/route;
5. The change in project limit/termini is greater than 0.3 miles in any direction;
6. The change impacts air quality conformity for projects in an MPO (the FM Area is in conformance with NAAQS);

Table 11-1: FHWA & FTA Project Cost Increase Thresholds

Cost of Project	Amendment needed if the increase is more than
Any Amount	20%

Source: Metro COG

Administrative Adjustment Required:

1. The increase ~~or decrease~~ in total project cost estimate is lower than the TIP amendment thresholds shown in Table 11-1. Justification is required to maintain fiscal constraint;
- ~~2.~~ Decrease in total project cost estimate:

- ~~2.3.~~ Change in TIP year. Projects are advanced or deferred within TIP years with no changes to cost or scope. Justification is required to maintain fiscal constraint;
- ~~3.4.~~ The change adds a locally funded project to an existing federally funded project in the TIP if the project cost is greater than \$2,000,000. This applies to both DOT let and local let projects. No action required if the revised total project cost is less than \$2,000,000;
- ~~4.5.~~ The change includes a technical correction;
- ~~5.6.~~ Adding or removing Advance Construction (AC) - includes adding new AC, increase or decrease in existing AC amount (subject to table 11-1 increase threshold), or taking an existing AC off of a project;
- ~~6.7.~~ Removing a project currently programmed in the TIP;
- ~~7.8.~~ Changing FTA funding sources such as changing from Section 5307 funds to Section 5339 funds or vice versa;
- ~~8.9.~~ Changing federal funding from FTA funds to FHWA funds or vice versa. Fiscal constraint justification required;
- ~~9.10.~~ Changing the TIP project number."

Lead Agency	Metro COG ID State Number	Project Year	Project Location	Length	Project Limits		Project Description	Improvement Type	Total Project Cost	Federal Revenue Source	Other Revenue Source	Revenue
					From	To						
Amendment 2												
Moorhead Transit												
Fargo Transit												
City of Fargo												
City of Moorhead												
City of West Fargo												
North Dakota Department of Transportation												
NDDOT	9170019 22991 8002	2021	I-29N	4.0	Main Ave	N Fargo Interchange	Concrete Pavement Repair	Rehabilitation	\$ 950,000 \$ 297,092	IM	State	\$ 855,000 \$ 267,383 \$ 95,000 \$ 29,709
NDDOT	9170020 22991 8005	2021	I-29S	4.0	Main Ave	N Fargo Interchange	Concrete Pavement Repair	Rehabilitation	\$ 950,000 \$ 297,092	IM	State	\$ 855,000 \$ 267,383 \$ 95,000 \$ 29,709
Minnesota Department of Transportation												
Clay County												

Public Hearing Notice: Amendment to the Metro COG 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Notice is hereby given that the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) has opened a public comment period and will hold a virtual public hearing via **Zoom Video Communications on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** to consider public comments regarding proposed amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the FM Metropolitan Area. To register for the Zoom meeting or for alternative participation options (phone, in-person, etc.), please visit www.fmmetrocog.org/TIP. The Metro COG TIP is the listing of significant surface transportation improvements scheduled for implementation over the next four years. Metro COG develops and maintains the TIP in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), county and municipal jurisdictions, and Metro Area Transit (MATBUS) of Fargo-Moorhead.

All comments received will be deliberated by the Metro COG Policy Board prior to consideration of the proposed TIP amendment. Metro COG is amending the 2021-2024 TIP in order to reflect recently updated projects. Please contact Metro COG if more specific information is required prior to the public hearing.

The public is invited to participate in this public hearing on **February 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**; or written comments may be submitted to Metro COG no later than 12:00 noon, February 18, 2021; at **Case Plaza, Suite 232, One Second Street North, Fargo, ND 58102**. Contact Luke Champa, Assistant Transportation Planner at (701) 532-5107 (email: champa@fmmetrocog.org) if additional information is required. Metro COG is committed to ensuring all individuals regardless of race, color, gender, age, national origin, disability/handicap, sexual orientation, or income status have access

to Metro COG's programs and services. Alternative participation options will be accommodated upon request.

Metro COG will make a good faith effort to accommodate requests for translation services for meeting proceedings and related materials. Please contact Savanna Leach, Metro COG Office Manager, at (701) 532-5101 at least five days in advance of the February 18, 2021 meeting if any special accommodations are required for any member of the public to be able to participate in the meeting.

(Feb. 3, 2021)

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