

**599th Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 4:00 pm
Zoom Web Conference**

Members Present:

Amanda	George	West Fargo City Commission
Matthew	Gilbertson	Moorhead City Council
John	Gunkelman	Fargo Planning Commission
Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Jenna	Kahly	Clay County Commission (alternate for Mongeau)
Steve	Lindaas	Moorhead City Council
Julie	Nash	Dilworth City Council
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Arlette	Preston	Fargo City Commission
Mary	Scherling	Cass County Commission
Rocky	Schneider	Fargo Planning Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Jeff	Trudeau	Horace City Council
Bob	Walton	NDDOT – Fargo District (Ex-Officio Member)

Members Absent:

Tony	Gehrig	Fargo City Commission
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission (alternate present)
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Luke	Champa	Metro COG
Ari	Del Rosario	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Cindy	Gray	Metro COG
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Scott	Middaugh	KLJ

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on March 17, 2022 by Chair Piepkorn, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

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

Chair Piepkorn asked for approval for the overall agenda.

MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the March 17, 2022 Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Ms. Nash

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Past Meeting Minutes, approved

Chair Piepkorn asked for approval of the Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Meeting.

**MOTION: Approve the February 17, 2022 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.
Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Gunkelman
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.**

1d. Monthly Bills, approved

Chair Piepkorn asked for approval of the March 2022 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

**MOTION: Approve the March 2022 Bills List.
Ms. Preston moved, seconded by Mr. Olson
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.**

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Piepkorn asked for approval of Items a-d on the Consent Agenda.

a. February Month End Report

**MOTION: Approve Item a on the Consent Agenda.
Ms. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Olson
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.**

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3a. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

3b. 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2

Mr. Maddox presented amendment #2 to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP is as follows:

Addition of Project 3222001: City of West Fargo rehabilitation project on 9th St E from 13th Ave E to Main Ave (2022). The total project cost is \$584,000 of which \$386,710 (66%) is Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds and \$197,290 (34%) is local funds.

Addition of Project 9222002: NDDOT Transportation Management Center (TMC) and Smart Corridor (ITS) planning project on I-29 from the SD Border to the Canadian Border (2022). The total project cost is \$1,100,000 of which \$550,000 (50%) is Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funds and \$550,000 (50%) is state funds.

A public notice was published in the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, advertising the public hearing, how to request more information, and detailed public comment information such as where to send written comments regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice advertised that public comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Mr. Olson asked about the addition of the 9th Street project to the TIP, because he is aware that there is a 9th Street project programmed for a future year. Ms. Gray stated this is a different portion of 9th Street and instead of using STBG funds, this project is using CRRSAA funds for maintenance, whereas the other project north of Main Avenue is more costly, and is more of a reconstruction.

Mr. Lindaas moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Kahly. Motion, passed.
Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was opened. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Olson moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Olson. Motion, passed.
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Approve amendment #2 to the Metro COG 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. George moved, seconded by Mr. Lindaas.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3c. Veterans Boulevard Corridor Extension Study and Network Implementation Analysis Amendment

Mr. Farnsworth introduced Mr. Middaugh from KLJ as the project manager for the study. Mr. Middaugh presented the finalized amendment to the Veterans Boulevard Corridor Extension Study. An amendment to the project was added in August of 2021 to analyze implementation of a Veterans Boulevard extension as well as analysis and phasing other corridor improvements in the vicinity of Veterans Boulevard. The amendment final report studied a corridor vision, suggested improvements to the existing corridor, extension alignment and corridor alternatives, connection to Deer Creek, integration of active transportation, as well as public input and key stakeholder engagement.

The Fargo City Commission, Horace City Council, and Cass County Commission all approved the study at their respective meetings.

Mr. Lindaas asked if there were any underlying bicycle/pedestrian connections for the proposed pedestrian grade separations. Mr. Farnsworth said that with the

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update currently underway, there are facilities being planned for the future to connect to these areas.

Ms. Preston noted concerns about the pedestrian-bicycle friendliness of roundabouts, and is worried about those connections for bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

MOTION: Approve the Veterans Boulevard Corridor Extension Study and Network Implementation Analysis Amendment.

Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3d. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Report

Mr. Farnsworth presented the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Report.

4. Additional Business

Ms. Gray said that the discussion on future project needs was pushed back, as it was found that more discussion with local jurisdictions was needed after the TTC meeting. Ms. Gray said that meetings with the individual jurisdictions are scheduled.

5. Adjourn

The 599th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, March 17, 2022 was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD April 21, 2022, 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach
Executive Assistant