

**603rd Policy Board Meeting  
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments  
Thursday, June 16, 2022 – 4:00 pm  
Zoom Web Conference**

**Members Present:**

Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Steve	Lindaas	Moorhead City Council
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission
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
Jeff	Trudeau	Horace City Council
Bob	Walton	NDDOT – Fargo District (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:**

Tony	Gehrig	Fargo City Commission
Amanda	George	West Fargo City Commission
Matthew	Gilbertson	Moorhead City Council
John	Gunkelman	Fargo Planning Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Cindy	Gray	Metro COG
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Ayden	Schaffler	Metro COG

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on June 16, 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 June 16, 2022 Policy Board Meeting.**

**Mr. Lindaas moved, seconded by Mr. Olson**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Chair Piepkorn asked for approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Meeting.

**MOTION: Approve the May 19, 2022 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Mr. Hendrickson moved, seconded by Mr. Olson**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Chair Piepkorn asked for approval of the Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Meeting.

**MOTION: Approve the June 7, 2022 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Mr. Lindaas moved, seconded by Ms. Mongeau**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**1e. Monthly Bills, approved**

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

**MOTION: Approve the June 2022 Bills List.**

**Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Lindaas**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. May Month End Report
- b. Fargo Transportation Plan Contract Amendment #1
- c. Executive Director Annual Review
- d. Assistant Transportation Planner Position

**MOTION: Approve Items a-d 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 #5**

Mr. Maddox presented Amendment #5 to the 2022-2025 Metro COG Transportation Improvement Program. A public notice was published in The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, which advertised the public hearing, detailed how to request more information, and provided information on how to make public comment regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice advertised that public comments will be

accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, June 16, 2022. No comments were received.

The proposed amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 9221002:** NDDOT Wrong Way Detection System safety project at I-29 Exit 69 (2022). The total statewide project cost increased 25.19% from \$595,000 to \$744,858 of which the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds increased 25.19% from \$535,500 to \$670,372 and state funds increased 25.19% from \$59,500 to \$74,486. The total project cost recorded (statewide estimate) will be updated in future to reflect the site-specific project cost.

Ms. Nash moved to open the public hearing, Mr. Lindaas seconded the motion. No comments were received. Mr. Lindaas moved to close the public hearing, Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

**MOTION: Approve amendment #5 to the 2022-2025 Metro COG Transportation Improvement Program**

**Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Lindaas.**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3c. FY 2023 North Dakota Transportation Alternatives Competitive Selection**

Mr. Farnsworth presented the rank and scoring of applications received for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant. The Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and submitted the following projects in order of recommendation.

City of Fargo – Bison Village Path Project

- Evaluation scoring: 50 points
- Funding:
  - Total construction cost: \$360,000
  - **Recommended TA funding: \$ 288,000 (80%)**
  - Local match: \$72,000 (20%)

City of Fargo – Red River Shared Use Path south of Harwood Dr – Phase I

- Evaluation scoring: 35 points
- Funding:
  - Total construction cost: \$200,000
  - **Recommended TA funding: \$144,756 (72%)**
  - Local match: \$55,244 (28%)

City of Horace (Cass Co-Sponsor) – Center Ave Multi-Modal Improvements

- Evaluation scoring: 35 points
- Funding:
  - Total construction cost: \$166,250
  - **Recommended TA funding: \$120,329 (72%)**
  - Local match: \$45,921 (28%)

City of Horace (Cass Co-Sponsor) – County Rd 17 Shared Use Path Phase 3

- Evaluation scoring: 35 points
- Funding:
  - Total construction cost: \$341,145
  - **Recommended TA funding: \$246,915 (72%)**
  - Local match: \$45,921 (28%)

**MOTION: Approve the TA project prioritization, selection and associated funding as vetted through the Metropolitan Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee and TTC.**

**Mr. Lindaas moved, seconded by Mr. Trudeau.**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3d. Clay County Transportation and Comprehensive Plan Final Report**

Mr. Altenburg presented the final report for the Clay County Comprehensive and Transportation Plan. The updated plan addresses future growth and development in the areas of land use, transportation, natural resources, housing, and economic competitiveness. It also identifies priorities for utilities, recreation, intergovernmental coordination, and community services. The plan sets forth detailed goals, establishes objectives to achieving those goals, and identifies strategies and action steps to assist with implementation over the next 25 years.

The Plan also includes a thorough analysis and evaluation of the land use and transportation system in Clay County, with a number of recommendations focused on growth and future rural land use decisions, pavement management, freight movements, rural transit, roadway investments, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and other mobility-specific recommendations.

The Clay County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing and approved the plan at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2022.

Chair Piepkorn asked how they were able to engage the smaller cities and townships. Ms. Mongeau said she was part of the engagement, and they went to the cities and townships meetings, and carried out a robust online public participation. Ms. Mongeau thanked Mr. Altenburg, Mr. Del Rosario, and Mr. Champa for their efforts and hard work.

**MOTION: Approve the Clay County Transportation and Comprehensive Plan**

**Ms. Mongeau moved, seconded by Mr. Lindaas**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3e. Highway Safety Improvement Program Awards**

Ms. Gray and Mr. Farnsworth presented the local projects that were awarded HSIP funding:

- Fargo 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue N – offset left turn lanes
- Fargo 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave S – offset left turn lanes

- West Fargo Veterans Blvd near Sheyenne High school – offset turning lanes
- Fargo 45<sup>th</sup> St/I-94 interchange SB turning lane (not awarded)

Chair Piepkorn asked how these projects were submitted, and if they are determined by crash data. Mr. Farnsworth said that the local jurisdictions submit these projects to the NDDOT, usually based on crash data. Mr. Walton said that the NDDOT encouraged the City of Fargo to submit the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue N project. These projects are funded 90% federal/10% local.

**4. Additional Business**

No additional business.

**5. Adjourn**

The 603rd Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, June 16, 2022 was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach  
Executive Assistant