

**604th Policy Board Meeting  
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments  
Thursday, July 21, 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
Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Steve	Lindaas	Moorhead City Council
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission
Chad	Olson	Dilworth City Mayor
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Mary	Scherling	Cass County Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission
Jeff	Trudeau	Horace City Council

**Members Absent:**

Julie	Nash	Dilworth City Council (alternate present)
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Arlette	Preston	Fargo City Commission
Rocky	Schneider	Fargo Planning Commission
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT – District 4 (ex-officio)
Bob	Walton	NDDOT – Fargo District (ex-officio)

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Ari	Del Rosario	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Cindy	Gray	Metro COG
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Josh	Pearson	MnDOT
Ayden	Schaffler	Metro COG

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

Upon request from Chair Piepkorn, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on July 21, 2022 by Ms. Gray, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

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

On behalf of Chair Piepkorn, Ms. Gray asked for approval for the overall agenda.

**MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the July 21, 2022 Policy Board Meeting.**

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

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Vice Chair Hendrickson asked for approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 2022 Meeting.

**MOTION: Approve the June 16, 2022 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.**

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

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**1d. Monthly Bills, approved**

Vice Chair Hendrickson asked for approval of the July 2022 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

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

**Ms. George moved, seconded by Ms. Scherling**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. June Month End Report
- b. Metro COG 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- c. Interstate Operations Analysis Study – Amendment #1
- d. Transportation Alternatives Program – Application Process (2024-2025)
- e. Metro COG Financial Audit 2021

**MOTION: Approve Items a-e on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ms. Mongeau moved, seconded by Ms. Kolpack**

**MOTION, passed (11-0-2, Gunkelman and Strand absent)**

**Motion carried.**

**3. REGULAR AGENDA**

**3a. Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were made or received.

**3b. 2022-2025 TIP Amendment #6**

Mr. Del Rosario presented Amendment #6 to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published in The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, July 6, 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, July 21, 2022. As of this meeting, no written comments have been received.

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

1. Modification of Project 4200017: Fargo Transit capital purchase to replace two 35-foot fixed route vehicles (2022). The funding source is being modified from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Urban (STBGP-U) to the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

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

**MOTION: Approve Amendment #6 of the Metro COG 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

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

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3c. Draft Metro COG 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Del Rosario presented the draft 2023-2026 TIP. A legal notice was printed in the July 20, 2022 edition of The Forum to begin the official TIP comment period. This comment period will officially begin during this Policy Board meeting. The Draft TIP will be available for review on the Metro COG website.

As the development of the TIP continues, Metro COG staff will be refining all the necessary components of the TIP, including glossary with definitions and acronyms, "locally funded projects of note" referenced from local jurisdictions' Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs), financial plan and fiscal constraint, overview of federal aid programs, performance measures, and environmental considerations.

Excluding minor annual updates to all sections of the Draft 2023-2026 TIP, Metro COG staff will also be delineating Federal Highway and Federal Transit money carefully throughout the document. The updates will expand upon efforts made last year to track applicable Highway and Transit funds that may be subject to a direct allocation when Metro COG's Urbanized Area (UZA) becomes a Transportation Management Area (TMA). Sections of the document where this delineation may occur will include but shall not be limited to the following sections of the Draft TIP: Financial Plan and Fiscal Constraint, Overview of Federal Aid Programs, Performance Measures, and Environmental Considerations.

**MOTION: Approve opening a public comment period for the Draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

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

**MOTION, passed (12-0-1, Gilbertson absent)**

**Motion carried**

**3d. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant Application**

Mr. Altenburg presented the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program as one of the new programs created by the Infrastructure

Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The aim of this program is to support regional and local efforts to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

The program will provide \$5 billion over five years for regional and local initiatives focused on all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. SS4A will develop tools to help strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and to save lives. Up to \$1 billion is available in FY 2022 for grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

The program provides funding for either action plans or implementation grants. Action plan grants will help develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. The funds can go toward various activities, including planning, safety analysis, public engagement, equity, data collection, and more.

Implementation grants will help execute strategies or projects consistent with an existing action plan. To apply for an implementation grant, an eligible applicant must have a qualifying action plan. Applicants for implementation grants can self-certify that they have one or more plans that meet the eligibility requirements for an action plan.

Eligible applicants include (among others) metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), counties, and cities. The deadline for grant submissions is September 15, 2022.

**MOTION: Authorize Metro COG to pursue an action plan grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan under the SS4A program.**

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

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3e. Minnesota 20-Year State Highway Investment Plan**

Josh Pearson from MnDOT presented the draft MnDOT 20-Year State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP).

**4. Additional Business**

No additional business.

**5. Adjourn**

The 604th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, July 21, 2022 was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD August 18, 2022, 4:00 P.M. Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach  
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