

**617th Policy Board Meeting  
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments  
Thursday, July 20, 2023 – 4:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
Amanda	George	West Fargo City Commission
John	Gunkelman	Fargo Planning Commission
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
Rocky	Schneider	Fargo Planning Commission
Deb	White	Moorhead City Council
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT – Fargo District (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:**

Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission
Jeff	Trudeau	Horace City Council
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT – District 4 (ex-officio)

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Paul	Krabbenhoff	Clay County Commission
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Brian	Ray	HDR
Ayden	Schaffler	Metro COG

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on July 20, 2023 by Chair Hendrickson, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

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

Chair Hendrickson asked for approval for the overall agenda.

**MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the July 20, 2023 Policy Board Meeting.**

**Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. Gunkelman**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Chair Hendrickson asked for approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Meeting.

**MOTION: Approve the June 15, 2023 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.  
Ms. Preston moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling  
MOTION, passed  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**1d. Monthly Bills, approved**

Chair Hendrickson asked for approval of the July 2023 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

**MOTION: Approve the July 2023 Bills List.  
Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Ms. White  
MOTION, passed  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**\*Mr. Lindaas joined the meeting**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. June Month End Report
- b. Metro COG 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- c. Metro COG 2022 Financial Audit

**MOTION: Approve Items a-c on the Consent Agenda.  
Ms. White moved, seconded by Mr. Lindaas  
MOTION, passed  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. REGULAR AGENDA**

**3a. Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were made or received.

**\*Ms. Mongeau joined the meeting**

**\*Ms. Nash left the meeting**

**3b. Interstate Operations Analysis Final Report**

Mr. Farnsworth presented Mr. Ray from HDR Engineering who presented the final report and executive summary of the Interstate Operations Analysis & Plan for Future Improvements.

This plan identifies prioritized improvements to improve safety, traffic operations, and mobility for the Interstate system within the Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area.

This plan was developed in close coordination with both NDDOT and MnDOT and was guided by a study review committee comprised of representation from the cities of West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead, Cass and Clay Counties, ATAC, NDDOT, MnDOT, and Metro COG. Upon completion of the draft plan, presentations were made to management of both NDDOT and MnDOT.

**MOTION: Approve the Interstate Operations Analysis & Plans for Future Improvements Final Report**

**Mr. Schneider moved, seconded by Ms. Preston.**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3c. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7**

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment #7 to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. A public notice will be published in The Forum on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, which will advertise the public meeting, detail how to request additional information, and provide information on how to provide public comments regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice will state that public comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, July 27, 2023.

The proposed amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP are as follows:

1. Modification of Project 4230010: Fargo Transit purchase of miscellaneous support equipment (2023). The total project cost is increasing from \$100,000 to \$472,125 (372% increase). This project adds an additional \$297,000 in FTA 5339 funding to an existing project.
2. Modification of Project 4210004: Structural rehabilitation of the 42nd Street South at I-94 bridge (2023) by the City of Fargo. The total project cost is increasing from \$275,680 to \$375,000 (36% increase). This project is connected to Project 4237034.
3. Modification of Project 9231005: NDDOT reconstruction of the Lynchburg interchange 3 miles west of ND18 (2023). The total project cost is increasing from \$5,200,000 to \$7,475,750 (43.8% increase).
4. Modification of Project 9233029: Rehabilitating the bridge decks with an overlay and spall repair on the Swan Creek and I-94 bridges (2026) by NDDOT. Project year shifting to 2026 from 2027.
5. New Project 4237034: Structural rehabilitation of the 42nd Street South at I-94 bridge (2023) by the City of Fargo. This adds an additional \$230,583 in BRU funding to an existing project. This project is connected to Project 4210004.

Mr. Bervik thanked the jurisdictions for their input for the development of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A legal notice was published in the June 14, 2023 edition of The Forum to begin the official TIP comment period.

In addition to the public comment period announcement, Metro COG will announce further public input opportunities including a public input meeting on July 25, 2023. Alternative participation options in which the public can review and comment on the document will be provided upon request.

Metro COG will continue to collaborate with the jurisdictions as we update the 2024-2027 TIP Project List and begin updating the TIP Document.

Mr. Capps presented a brief demonstration of the TIP Dashboard available on [fmmetrocog.org](http://fmmetrocog.org).

**MOTION: Approve Amendment 7 to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

**Mr. Schneider moved, seconded by Ms. Preston.**

**MOTION, passed**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Additional Business**

Mr. Griffith said that the MnDOT Carbon Reduction Program MENTl survey is still open for comments, the 2050 MTP kicked off at the Street Fair last week with good turnout, the 2022 Financial Audit completion started the audit with NDDOT for an updated Indirect Rate, Transit Routing software RFP finally posted, NDDOT has not approved Amendment 2 to the 2023-2024 UPWP nor have they provided an update on redistribution of planning funds.

Mr. Schneider thanked Metro COG for allowing him to moderate the Housing Study update at the Chamber's Eggs & Issues.

**5. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Adjourn the 617th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board**

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

**MOTION, passed.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

The 617th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, July 20, 2023 was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AUGUST 17, 2023, 4:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach  
Executive Assistant