

2027 and 2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant Instructions Document

Instructions

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Government (Metro COG) is soliciting projects for use of its direct suballocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds annual for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2027-2028.

Table 1: Estimated Funding Amounts Available by Year Included in the Solicitation

State	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
North Dakota	\$0	\$10,693,894
Minnesota	\$10,484,210	\$1,093,040

Metro COG is asking that each jurisdiction to confirm that each project it was awarded in prior years is still moving forward to construction. Metro COG’s Policy Board chose the following projects and subsequently awarded the following federal funding at their February 2023 meeting:

2025

- 3220021 West Fargo Reconstruction of 9th St NE \$9,600,000
- 5230010 – Moorhead AC of 11th Street Grade Separation \$830,000

2026

- 4230001 Fargo Broadway Bridge - \$5,400,000
- 4240010 Fargo Reconstruction of 32nd Ave S. \$4,878,064
- 5230011 – Moorhead AC of 11th Street Grade Separation \$1,102,000

2027

- 4230003 Fargo 40th Ave S Ped Bridge - \$4,160,000
- 4240011 Fargo 17th Ave S Reconstruction - \$6,324,210
- 5241055 – Moorhead AC of 11th Street Grade Separation \$1,071,608

Two projects might need to be reconsidered as part of the TIP. The City of Fargo is awaiting the completion of a feasibility determination on the replacement of the North Broadway Bridge. If this project does not move forward, the Policy Board made a determination during the last solicitation cycle to fund the reconstruction of 17th Avenue South. The second project is the 40th Avenue South Pedestrian Bridge currently programmed in (fill in year), which is awaiting on Minnesota funding through a congressional earmark.

A portion of 2027 funding may become available depending upon the outcomes of either of these projects.

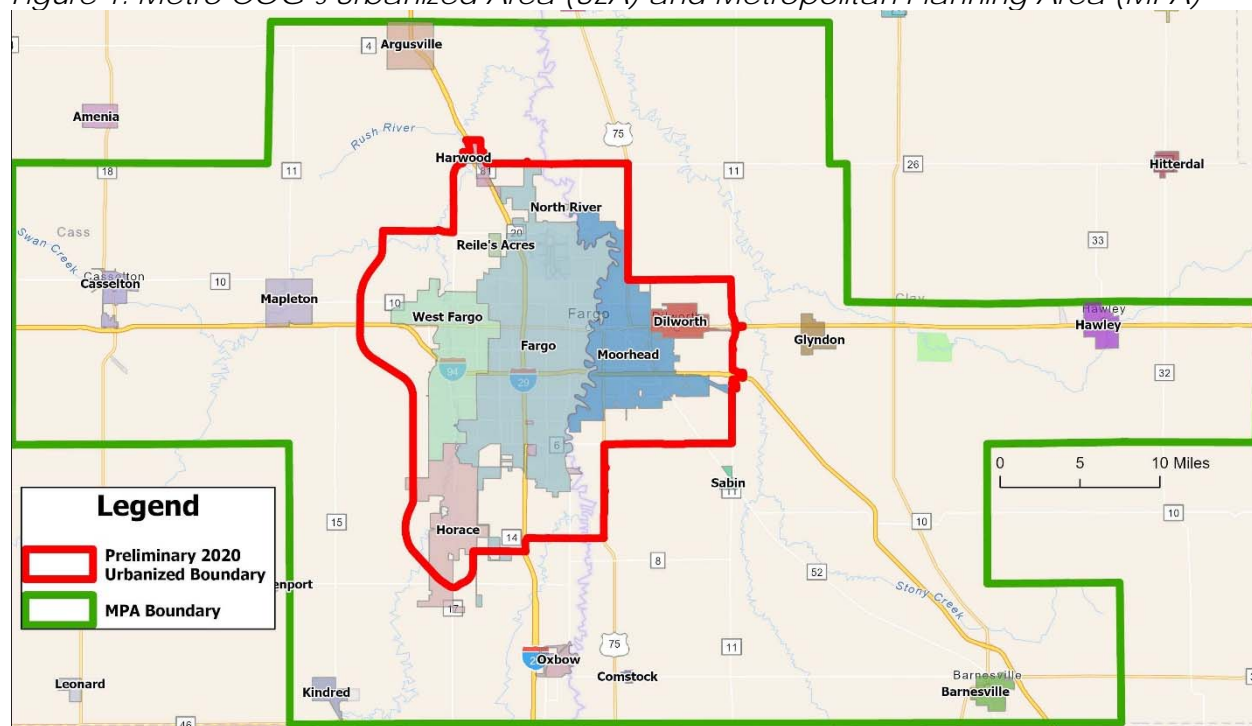
Applications must be received by Metro COG by **12:00 noon on November 17, 2023**. To apply for funding, please submit a project application to Paul Bervik at Metro COG at bervik@mmetrocog.org.

Please complete the following form with all applicable information. Completing all elements of this form thoroughly will help Metro COG staff to review projects and work with the TTC and Policy Board to prioritize projects.

Process

After project applications are submitted to Metro COG, staff will review each application. This review will take into account eligibility, ability to fund, need, Title VI & EJ impacts, conformance with plans, and priority in the MTP as well as other factors. Staff will complete site visits for all appropriate applications and complete a thorough evaluation of each project. This information will be presented to Metro COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). The TTC will provide a technical evaluation of all of the submitted projects for Metro COG's Policy Board. The Policy Board will then determine which projects are funded and how much funding will be allotted to each project in each of the fiscal years during which funding is available.

Figure 1: Metro COG's Urbanized Area (UZA) and Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)



Project Eligibility

Projects eligible for STBG funding must be within the Metro COG Urbanized Area Boundary (UZA), be consistent with Metro Grow: 2045 FM Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and meet general eligibility requirements for use of federal aid dollars under Title 23 of the US Code 133 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

Schedule

- October 6, 2023 Begin project solicitation process
- November 17, 2023 Application due date.
Metro COG staff begin reviewing projects.
- January 11, 2024 The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) provides a technical analysis of the projects.
- January 18, 2024 Policy Board reviews projects and awards funding.

After funding is awarded, Metro COG will begin working with each local jurisdiction to monitor and track project progress to ensure projects are able to stay on track for the year funded, or to ensure that we know, far enough in advance, about scheduling or cost issues that could affect project programming the timely obligation of federal funds.

Questions

If you have any questions about the STBG and/or the solicitation, or specific local questions about prospective projects, please contact Paul Bervik at Metro COG at (701)532-5107 or bervik@fmmetrocog.org. Metro COG will consult with MnDOT or NDDOT for questions we are unable to answer regarding eligibility. Completed applications can be emailed to Paul Bervik, Metro COG Assistant Transportation Planner, at bervik@fmmetrocog.org or mailed to Metro COG (Attention: Paul Bervik) at: