

**546th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 10:00 am
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Jason	Benson	Cass County Highway Engineering
Julie	Bommelman	City of Fargo, MATBUS
Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Transportation Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning
Jace	Hellman	City of Horace – Community Development Director
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning
Clay	Lexen	City of Moorhead (alternate for Jonathan Atkins)
Peyton	Mastera	City of Dilworth (alternate for Don Lorsung)
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – District 4
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Lori	Van Beek	City of Moorhead, MATBUS
Andrew	Wrucke	City of West Fargo Engineering
Wayne	Zacher	NDDOT – Local Government Division

Members Absent:

Jonathan	Atkins	City of Moorhead Traffic Engineering (alt present)
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Kelly	Krapu	Freight Representative - TrueNorth Compliance Service
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development (alt present)
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Heather	Betts	Lung.org
Angie	Bolstad	Stantec
Jaron	Capps	Metro COG
Cody	Christianson	Bolton & Menk
Connor	Cox	WSB
James	Dahlman	Interstate Engineering / City of Horace
Dylan	Dunn	Moore
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Patrick	Hollister	PartnerSHIP4Health
Brian	King	HDR
Chelsea	Levorsen	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Brent	Muscha	Apex Engineering
Ayden	Schaffler	Metro COG
Erika	Shepard	MnDOT
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA - ND
Kalvin	Strecker	Houston Engineering

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, on October 12, 2023 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 546 TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the 546 TTC Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the 546 TTC Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Hellman moved, seconded by Ms. Crutchfield

MOTION, PASSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVE September 14, 2023 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the September 14, 2023 TTC Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approve the September 14, 2023 TTC Minutes.

Ms. Crutchfield moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman

MOTION, PASSED

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

5. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 2 to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published in The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, which advertised that public comments will be accepted until 8:00 am on Thursday, October 12, 2023. No comments were received.

The proposed amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP is as follows:

1. Modification of Project 8210019: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad (2024). Updating costs.
2. Modification of Project 5210018: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad (2024). Updating costs and Project Description.
3. Modification of Project 8230011: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2026). Updating Project Description.
4. Modification of Project 8241055: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2027). Updating Project Description and state project number.

5. Modification of Project 8240043: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2024). Updating Project Cost.
6. Modification of Project 4236033: City of Fargo replacing lighting heads with LED lighting heads throughout the City of Fargo (2023). Updating Project Cost.
7. Modification of Project 4230004: City of Fargo construction of a shared use path south of Harwood Drive Phase 1 (2023). Update Project Cost.
8. Modification of Project 4237034: City of Fargo structural rehabilitation of 42nd street south and I-94 (2023). Updating Other Revenue Source.
9. Modification of Project 8240050 MNDOT construction of fiber communications/cameras and dynamic message signs (DMS) (2025). Updating Project Description.
10. Modification of Project 8230010: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad, AC payback (2025). Updating Project Description.
11. New Project 8242057: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad (2024).
12. New Project 8242058: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad (2024).
13. New Project 8242059: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad (2024).
14. New Project 8242060: MNDOT construction of a grade separation of 11th Street at BNSF railroad (2024).
15. New Project 9242061: NDDOT pavement marking at various highways throughout the Fargo District (2024).

Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment 2 of the Metro COG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Board
Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Ms. Huston
MOTION, PASSED
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Release of Solicitation for STBG, CRP, and TA Funds

Mr. Bervik presented the release of solicitation for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) funding.

Metro COG is soliciting STBG funding for project in federal fiscal year 2028. However, pursuant to the solicitation decisions held early this year for the 2024-2027 TIP, there may be some movement of projects. Depending upon how

projects move around, there may be additional STBG funding that becomes available in earlier fiscal years (2026 & 2027).

NDDOT is also requesting to solicit HSIP through Metro COG's solicitation process. STBG, CRP, TA, and HSIP projects must be submitted to Metro COG by 12:00 noon on Friday, November 17, 2023. Metro COG staff will then evaluate each project and bring them forward to TTC and Policy Board for selection at their January meetings.

Mr. Maddox said that there is a potential for public engagement on the selection of these projects.

Ms. Sperry asked if there is scoring criteria available to the jurisdictions to help their applications. Mr. Farnsworth said that the Bike/Ped committee will be using the same criteria they have used in years past for scoring TA projects, which is passed to the TTC, and ultimately the Policy Board. Mr. Maddox said that there is a standard methodology for scoring the STBG applications.

7. Agency Updates

Metro COG – As of 10/1, Metro COG is now a TMA. New Assistant Transportation Planner – Chelsea Levorsen. ND Safety Plan needing crash and travel data – Jaron will reach out to jurisdictions. Adjusted UZA submitted. Upcoming Uni/10 Corridor Study Open House. MTP Public Input opportunity at Boo at the Zoo. I-29 Smart Corridor Public Open House October 19. 11th Street Underpass Open House 10/17.

Fargo – Main Avenue reconstruction – 4 lane, NP Ave construction, project updates. Fargo Growth Plan public open houses, Housing Study Brown Bag. Transit Authority Transition study.

West Fargo – 2024 projects – traffic signal & roundabout additions. Downtown Master Plan draft out soon.

Dilworth – Land Use Plan update in discussion

Horace – Land Use Ordinance finishing up, Core Neighborhood Plan RFP in works

Cass County – construction updates, Growth Plan in NW area in works

MnDOT – new D4 ATP website. FHWA advised no PB approval until MnDOT STIP is approved

FHWA – employee updates

8. Additional Business

No additional business.

9. Adjourn

The 546 Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on October 12 at 10:52 a.m.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL
BE HELD November 9, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach
Executive Assistant