645th Emergency Policy Board Meeting

Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments

Friday, July 18, 2025 – 8:00 AM

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| **Members Present:** |  |
| Chuck | Hendrickson | Moorhead City Council |
| Stephanie | Landstrom | Horace City Council  |
| Nicole | Mattson | Moorhead City Council |
| Sebastian | McDougall | Moorhead City Council |
| Jenny | Mongeau | Clay County Commission  |
| Brad | Olson | West Fargo City Commission |
| Dave | Piepkorn | Fargo City Commission |
| Dave | Steichen | Dilworth City Council |
| Thomas | Schmidt | Fargo Planning Commission |
| Michelle | Turnberg | Fargo City Commission |
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| **Members Absent:** |  |
| Rory | Jorgensen | West Fargo City Commission |
| Denise | Kolpack | Fargo City Commission |
| Mike | Reitz | MATBUS Representative  |
| Maranda | Tasa | Fargo Planning Commission |
| Aaron | Murra | NDDOT Fargo District Engineer *(ex-officio)* |
| Shiloh | Wahl | MnDOT District 4 Engineer *(ex-officio)* |
| John | Strand | Fargo City Commission |
| Joel | Vettel | Cass County Commission |
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| **Others Present:** |  |
| Adam | Altenburg | Metro COG |
| Paul | Bervik | Metro COG |
| Angela  | Brumbaugh | Metro COG |
| Dan | Farnsworth | Metro COG |
| Ben | Griffith | Metro COG |
| Aiden | Jung | Metro COG |
| Will  | Hutchings | NDDOT - Local Government Division |
| Adrienne | Olson | Casselton Economic Development Director |

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

The emergency meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM, on Friday, July 18, 2025 by Chair Mongeau, noting a quorum was present. Chair Mongeau thanked everyone for making it a priority to attend the emergency meeting since a quorum was not established for the 644th Policy Board meeting on Thursday, July 17th.

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

Chair Mongeau asked for approval for the overall agenda, noting that Meeting Minutes and End-of-Month report had been added to the agenda after it was originally distributed and posted last week..

*MOTION*: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda, as updated, of the July 18, 2025 Emergency Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall

*MOTION,* passed

Motion carried unanimously.

## 1c. Past Meeting Minutes, approved

Chair Mongeau asked for approval of the Minutes of the June 19, 2025 and May 15, 2025 Meeting.

*MOTION*: Approve the June 19, 2025 and May 15, 2025 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Schmidt

*MOTION*, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

## 1d. Monthly Bills, approved

Chair Mongeau asked for approval of the July 2025 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

*MOTION*: Approve the July 2025 Bills List.

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson.

*MOTION*, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

# 2. CONSENT AGENDA

## Chair Mongeau asked for approval of Items a-b on the Consent Agenda.

### June 2025 and May 2025 Month End Report

### Metro COG 2nd Quarter Report

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

Mr. Peipkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Olson.

*MOTION*, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

# 3. REGULAR AGENDA

## 3a. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were provided or received.

## 3b. Review Draft 2026-2027 UPWP & Budget

## Mr. Griffith presented information on the 2026-2027 UPWP and budget. This is in draft form and more detailed information will be coming in September with a request for final adoption. The four MPOs in North Dakota have been working closely with NDDOT to develop a more streamlined UPWP approval process so there are no interruptions in operations or funding going into the new year, and this is the first step of that new process.

## Mr. Griffith provided a quick overview of the tables and spreadsheets in the draft UPWP, complimenting Angela for all her work cleaning up the formulas and formatting of the tables throughout the document. He also spoke briefly about the changes resulting from all the Executive Orders and Departmental Directives from the nation’s capital since January, adding that most of these seem to affect the self-certifications found throughout the document so for the time being placeholders have been inserted until the verbiage for these self-certifications can be developed and reviewed.

## The 2026 numbers are based off estimates from both NDDOT and MNDOT and may be subject to change. The 2027 numbers are based on a 2% increase of the 2026 amounts. After Policy Board approves the draft UPWP, it will be submitted to the oversight agencies for review, comments, and feedback. Mr. Griffith will address the comments received and incorporate them into the UPWP which will be presented to the Policy Board of adoption in September.

*MOTION*: Approval of Draft 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and budget.

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Mr. Schmidt

*MOTION*, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

## 3c. 2025-2028 TIP Amendment 7

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 7 regarding the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, which advertised the public meeting, detailed how to request additional information, and provided information on how to provide public comments regarding the proposed amendment. The public notice advertised that public comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 10, 2025. As of this time, no written comments have been received.

The proposed amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP is as follows:

1. **Modification of Project 9256057:** NDDOT hazard elimination improvements at railroad crossing (2025). Updating project location, project description, and the cost breakdown.
2. **Removal of Project 4250020:** City of Fargo adaptive traffic signal corridor along 45th Street (2026). Removal of Federal Funding.
3. **Modification of Project 3250022:** City of West Fargo construction of a shared use path and pedestrian bridge crossing the Sheyenne River in the River’s Bend Area (2026). Moving the project from 2027 and updating the cost breakdown for the available 2026 CRP funding.
4. **Modification of Project 7250021:** City of Horace construction of a shared use path along 76th Avenue South (2027). Updating cost breakdown.
5. **Modification of Project 4230003:** City of Fargo construction of a pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of Bluestem Amphitheater in conjunction with the City of Moorhead. (2027). Updating total project cost, cost breakdown, and project description.
6. **Modification of Project 5250005:** City of Moorhead replacement of HPS lighting heads with LED lighting heads at various locations. (2026). Updating total project cost and cost breakdown.
7. **Removal of Project 5250001:** City of Moorhead mill and overlay of 40th Avenue South from 8th Street to 40th Street (2026). Removal of Federal Funding.
8. **Removal of Project 8257061:** City of Dilworth pedestrian drain crossing and path on 40th Street North from 4th Avenue NW to 3rd Avenue NW (2026). Removal of Federal Funding.
9. **New Project 5257059:** City of Moorhead construction of a pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of Bluestem Amphitheater in conjunction with the City of Fargo. (2026) Minnesota STBG funding
10. **New Project 5257060:** City of Moorhead construction of a pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of Bluestem Amphitheater in conjunction with the City of Fargo. (2026) Minnesota CRP Funding.
11. **New Project 9256057:** NDDOT hazard elimination improvements at railroad crossing (2025).
12. **New Project 4256058:** The City of Fargo reconstruction of 1st Avenue North from University Drive to 10th Street (2027).

*MOTION*: Approval of Amendment 7 to the Metro COG 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Mr. Schmidt

*MOTION*, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Additional Business

* Mr. Griffith reported that several projects are nearing completion and would be presented to Policy Board for approval in the coming months.
* Mr. Griffith reported that NDDOT’s 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan had gotten underway with public engagement meetings scheduled in the area in the coming days at the Red River Market on Sunday and at the DoubleTree Hotel at the West Fargo Convention Center on Monday.

# 5. Adjourn

***Chair Mongeau a*djourned the 645th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held on Friday, July 18, 2025 at 8:38 AM.**

# THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager