

2027 and 2030 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 and 2030.

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

State	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2030
North Dakota	\$1,440,000	\$11,129,927
Minnesota		\$1,171,980

Applications must be received by Metro COG by **12:00 PM on January 23, 2026**. To apply for funding, please submit a project application to Adam Altenburg at altenburg@fmmetrocog.org.

Process

The 2050 MTP laid out the process for solicitation of Metro COG funding. The Prioritization Committee will meet to analyze and prioritize projects to be considered for funding. These prioritized projects will have applications submitted to Metro COG staff for review. This review will take into account eligibility, ability to fund, need, conformance with plans, scoring in the MTP, and factors from the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) plan as well as other factors. Staff may complete site visits for all appropriate applications and will complete a thorough evaluation of each project. This information will be presented to Metro COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). The TTC will review received projects, technical material from applications, the Prioritization Committee's priority list and submitted projects to 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.

Questions

If you have any questions about the STBG and/or the solicitation, or specific local questions about prospective projects, please contact Adam Altenburg at (701)532-5105 or altenburg@fmmetrocog.org. Metro COG will consult with MnDOT or NDDOT for questions we are unable to answer regarding eligibility.

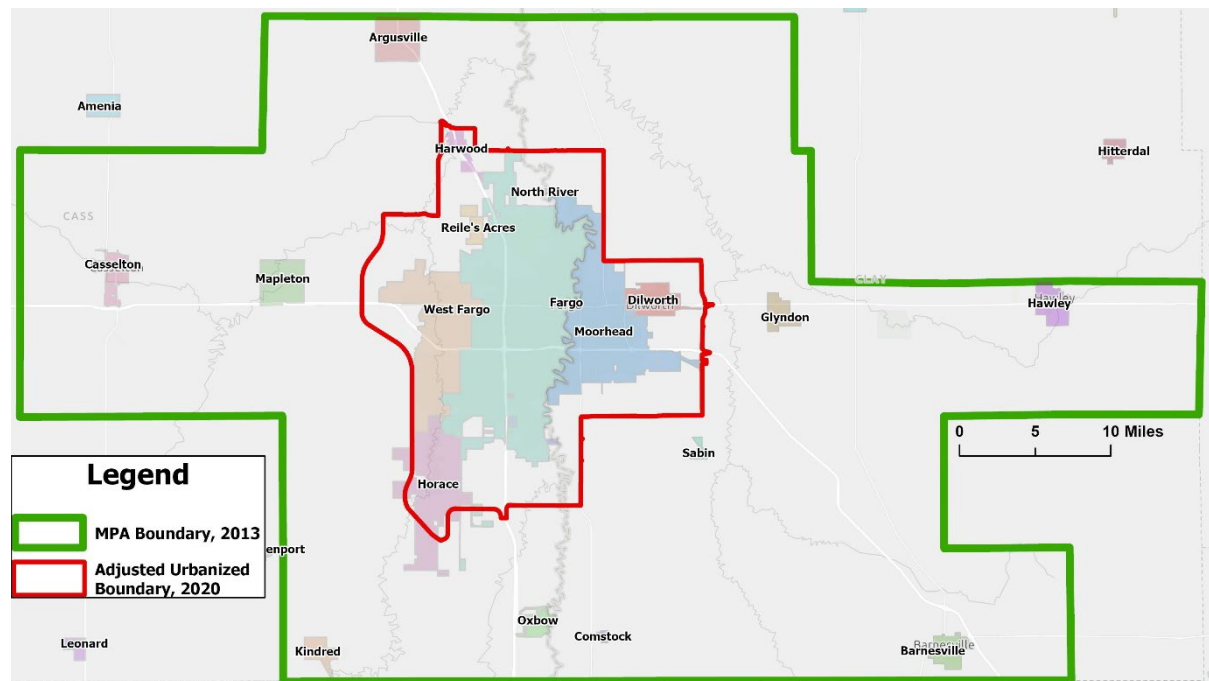


Figure 1: Metro COG's Urbanized Area (UZA) and Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

Eligible Projects

Projects eligible for STBG funding must be within the Metro COG Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), be consistent with 2050 FM Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 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

November 14, 2025	First Prioritization Committee Meeting Review the solicitation process
December 4, 2025	Second Prioritization Committee Meeting Committee prioritized received projects
January 23, 2026	Application due date. Metro COG staff begin reviewing projects.
February 12, 2026	The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) reviews projects, technical material, and Prioritization Committee's priority list and submits projects to Policy Board for consideration.
February 19, 2026	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.