

**571<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the  
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee  
Thursday, November 13, 2025 – 10:00 AM  
Metro COG Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Paul	Bervik	West Fargo Engineering
Julie	Bommelman	MATBUS
Maegin	Elshaug	City of Fargo Planning (Alt. for N. Crutchfield)
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Engineering
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Luke	Grittner	MATBUS
Cole	Hansen	Cass County Planning Director
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Matthew	Jacobson	Clay County Planning
Kyle	Litchy	Cass County Highway Department
Don	Lorsung	City of Dilworth Community Development
Nathaniel	McHaffie	Horace Planning (Alt. for J. Dahlman)
Aaron	Nelson	West Fargo City Planning
Joey	Ness	GFMEDC (Alt. for Joe Raso)
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – Dist. 4 Planning Director
Forrest	Steinhoff	Moorhead Planning (Alt. for R. Huston)
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
Tom	Trowbridge	Moorhead Engineering

**Members Absent:**

Nicole	Crutchfield	City of Fargo Planning (Alternate present)
James	Dahlman	City of Horace - Planning/Engineering (Alt. present)
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning (Alt. present)
Kelly	Krapu	Freight
Joe	Raso	GFMEDC (Alt. present)
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Cody	Christianson	Bolton and Menk
John	Forman	Ulteig Engineering
Jason	Gottfried	MNDOT - MPO Coordinator
Wade	Kline	KLJ Engineering
Brent	Muscha	Apex Engineering
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA-ND

Zachary	Taylor	Fargo ND - Strong Towns Representative
Dan	Triller	SEH Engineering

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, on November 13, 2025 by Chair Griffith. A quorum was present.

**2. Approve the 571<sup>st</sup> TTC Meeting Agenda**

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the November 13, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda.

**Motion: Approve the September 11, 2025 TTC Meeting Agenda**

**Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman**

**MOTION, PASSED.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Approve September 11, 2025 TTC MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Griffith asked if there were any questions or changes to the September 11, 2025 TTC Meeting Minutes. He stated that the place of employment for one attendee had been corrected.

**Motion: Approve the September 11, 2025 TTC Minutes.**

**Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were received or provided.

**5. 2025 Metro Profile Report**

Mr. Jung and Ms. Pavek presented information on the Metro Profile stating there are six chapters: Community Profile, Roadways, Freight, Bike and Pedestrian, Transit, and System Performance. The Metro area is experiencing faster growth than the country as a whole and is ranked #2 lowest unemployment rate.

Other areas discussed:

- The TIP document has 41 projects listed in 2024
- Air cargo decreased by 14% with 349.3 million pounds landed in 2024

- There are approximately 300 miles of trails and bike paths
- MATBUS served over 1.3 million passengers in 2024

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2025 Metropolitan Profile**

**Mr. Bervig moved, seconded by Ms. Elshaug**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. West Metro Perimeter Route Amendment 1**

Mr. Maddox presented information on the West Metro Perimeter Route Project. It was started in 2023 and later paused to re-evaluate the study approach. The study was restarted in August of 2025 and will be completed in 2026.

Original intent was to use additional land along the Diversion corridor for potential roadways but that wasn't feasible. The City of Horace wasn't comfortable with higher speeds through their community. The new focus is on a north-south alignment and need to look at where the connections should be. The 2026-2027 UPWP programmed \$25,000 in 2026 to complete the study.

**Motion: Recommend approval of Amendment #1 to the West Perimeter Route Study contract to the Metro COG Policy Board**

**Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Litchy**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. University Drive & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Final**

Mr. Maddox presented the final report regarding the University Drive and 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study stating it first started in February 2022. The study was split into two phases: analyzing the feasibility of conversion scenarios and analyzing solutions to issues, such as speeding and bicycle and pedestrian access.

The corridor has 2-3 times more walking and biking than most areas due to there being 36,000 students enrolled in nine different schools in the area. The University Drive corridor has high bike and pedestrian use and is also one of the largest crash areas in the region. There are many mature trees at intersections and within the boulevards which make it difficult to see.

In Phase II, addressing the issues such as speeding and crossing alternatives were investigated. Two-way conversion, bulb outs, reducing to two lanes and enhanced bike facilities. As this area has a significant amount of speeding after 10 PM. "Rest in Red" was considered where there is a radar device installed and if a car is going faster than a certain speed all the lights would stay red until the driver stops. The cost is approximately \$1.125 million. Fargo is looking at submitting an HSIP grant for the corridor to make safety improvements.

**Motion: Recommend approval to the Policy Board of University & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study Final Report**

**Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. 2055 Socioeconomic and Demographic Forecasts RFP**

Mr. Altenburg stated demographic forecast data is an important element to the Metropolitan planning program. The data is essential to maintain and update the regional travel demand model (TDM).

The maximum amount budgeted for this forecast is \$120,000 with \$96,000 in CPG funds to be used.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2055 Socioeconomic and Demographic Forecasts RFP**

**Mr. Lorsung moved, seconded by Mr. Bommelman**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. 2026 Metro Area-wide Traffic Counts RFP**

Mr. Farnsworth stated every five years a consultant is used to collect area-wide traffic counts. The traffic counts are used to assist with plans such as corridor studies, jurisdictional needs, traffic requests, etc.

The budgeted amount is \$150,000 with a start time of April 2026 and completion of October 2026. NDSU ATAC has put together systems that uses cameras to loop traffic and receive data which should save money. MnDOT is doing counts at approximately 60 locations next year. NDDOT conducts counts every three years. The 2024 counts will be used, applying an adjusting factor in the large growth areas.

**Motion: Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2026 Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area-wide Traffic Counts RFP.**

**Mr. Trowbridge moved, seconded by Mr. Bervik**

**MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **10. Agency Updates**

- a. City of Fargo Engineering – Construction across 27<sup>th</sup> tying in Milwaukee Path and wrapping up this fall. Public hearing on the Pedestrian bridge on 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue soon.
- b. City of Fargo Planning – Nothing to report
- c. City of Moorhead Engineering – The Bluestem Pedestrian Bridge information will be on the website. Underpass is fully open to traffic. Main Ave on south side should be open about Thanksgiving.
- d. City of Moorhead Planning – Partnership for Health seeking potential uses for settlement funding from MPCA. Looking at bike and walking projects.
- e. MATBUS – Transition from contracted drivers to city employees. A lot of agencies around the country are going the same route.
- f. City of West Fargo Engineering – Construction with 9<sup>th</sup> Street overpass and maintenance projects.
- g. City of Dilworth – Public hearing on comp plan update in December. Looking at bidding for Community Center in April 2026.
- h. City of Horace – Discussing predevelopment on residential backing up to 57<sup>th</sup>.
- i. Cass County Highway – Wrapping up projects and working on designs for next year.
- j. Cass County Planning – Nothing to report
- k. Clay County Planning – Nothing to report
- l. GFMEDC – Nothing to report

m. NDSU – Nothing to report

n. MnDOT District 4 West Central – STIP has been approved

o. NDDOT Central Office – Close to getting all contracts in place, comments back from TIPs and STIPs

p. Federal Highway – Nothing to share

q. MnDOT Central Office – Nothing to report

**11. Additional Business**

No additional business was brought forward for discussion.

**12. Adjourn**

The 571<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on November 13, 2025 at 11:16 AM.

**Mr. Hutchings moved to Adjourn; Ms. Bommelman seconded  
MOTION, PASSED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 11, 2025, 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh  
Office Manager