

**99rd Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting
December 6th, 2017 – 3:00pm
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present

Dan Farnsworth, Chair, Metro COG
Jason Gates, Citizen member
Erik Hove, Clay County
Peyton Mastera, City of Dilworth - proxy
Tim Solberg, City of West Fargo Planning
Kim Citrowske, City of Moorhead Planning
Jonathan Atkins, City of Moorhead Engineering
Dylan Ramstad Skoyles, Great Rides
Kim Lipetzky, Fargo Cass Public Health
Patrick Hollister, PartnerSHIP 4 Health
Brit Stevens, NDSU
Bob Walton, NDDOT
Christine Holland, River Keepers
Jeremy Gorden, City of Fargo Engineering
Maegin Elshaug, City of Fargo Planning

Others Present:

Luke M., City of Fargo Planning
Spencer McCombs, City of Moorhead GIS

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 3:01 pm. D. Farnsworth welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approve minutes from September 20th meeting

A motion to approve the September 20th minutes was made by T. Solberg and seconded by J. Atkins. The minutes were passed unanimously with no edits.

3. Consider citizen voting member for Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

The group went over the seven Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant applications that were submitted to Metro COG on the North Dakota side. The group scored each project based on the pre-approved TA evaluation form. Once scored the rankings were as follows:

1. Shared Use Path Bridge over 2nd St N, Fargo
2. Armour Park Sheyenne River Bridge, West Fargo
3. Deer Creek/Drain 27 Shared Use Path, Fargo
4. Drain 45 Multiuse Path Phase I, West Fargo

5. River's Bend Bridge and Path, West Fargo
6. CR 17 Shared Use Path, Horace
7. Coulee's Crossing/Drain 53 Shared Use Path, Fargo

A motion to recommend these above rankings to Metro COG's Policy Board was made by J. Gorden and Seconded by J. Gates. The motion was pass unanimously.

Due to time constraints the Committee was not able to score the MN TA projects. D. Farnsworth noted that while NDDOT utilized Metro COG's scoring and ranking in deciding projects, MnDOT historically hasn't. It was decided by the Committee that Metro COG could fill out the MN TA evaluation form and email it to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee for their review and comments. Once vetted by the Committee, the scores and rankings would be brought forward to the TTC and Policy Board for approval (as with the ND TA scores and rankings).

As the group was scoring the TA projects, a number of 'grey areas' became noticeable in the evaluation criteria. These 'grey areas' made it hard to provide definitive scores to some of the criteria. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee asked Metro COG to improve the evaluation form so that the certain criteria could be more 'black and white' and less ambiguous. Metro COG will plan to bring a revised evaluation for to the next Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee meeting. The following 'grey areas' and concerns with the criteria were identified:

- Should we keep the criteria about wayfinding signage/safety signage in the criteria?
- How do we define a 'major recreational trail'?
- We might need more clarification about what is considered a 'complete streets project'

4. Other business and citizen comments

S. McCombs mentioned that Strava came out with a new rider map current as of 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.