

# Agenda Item 1c, Attachment 1

**569th Policy Board Meeting  
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments  
Thursday, September 19, 2019 – 4:00 pm  
Metro COG Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
Tony	Grindberg	Fargo City Commission
John	Gunkelman	Fargo Planning Commission
Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Steve	Jesme	Dilworth City Council
Johnathan	Judd	Moorhead City Council
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Scott	Stofferahn	Fargo Planning Commission (alt for Rocky Schneider)
Sara	Watson Curry	Moorhead City Council

**Members Absent:**

Tony	Gehrig	Fargo City Commission
Eric	Gjerdevig	West Fargo City Commission
John	Koerselman	Horace City Commission
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Rocky	Schneider	Fargo Planning Commission

**Others Present:**

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Luke	Champa	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Cindy	Gray	Metro COG
Josh	Hinds	Houston Engineering
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council
Anna	Pierce	Metro COG
Bob	Walton	NDDOT – Fargo District

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm, on September 19, 2019 by Vice Chair Olson, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

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

Vice Chair Olson asked for approval for the overall agenda.

**MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the 569th Policy Board Meeting.**

**Mr. Gunkelman moved, seconded by Ms. Watson Curry**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**1c. Past Meeting Minutes, approved**

Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the July 18, 2019 Meeting.

**MOTION: Approve the July 18, 2019 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Mr. Breitling moved, seconded by Mr. Jesme**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**1d. Monthly Bills, approved**

Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of the September 2019 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

**MOTION: Approve the September 2019 Bills List.**

**Mr. Grindberg moved, seconded by Mr. Jesme**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of Items a-g on the Consent Agenda.**

- a. August Month End Report
- b. Horace Comprehensive and & Transportation Plan Contract Extension
- c. US10/75 Corridor Study Contract Amendment
- d. ATAC Work Orders – Intersection Data Collection/ATSPM Setup Fargo
- e. 2019-2022 TIP Amendment #4
- f. 2019-2020 UPWP Amendment #4
- g. 2018 Financial Audit

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

**Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. REGULAR AGENDA**

**3a. Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comments were made or received.

**No MOTION**

**3b. Consolidated Planning Grant Funding Scenarios**

Ms. Gray presented the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Funding Scenarios, as suggested by the NDDOT. Currently, each North Dakota MPO gets a base amount of \$120,000 with the remainder of the funds divided between MPOs based on approximately a 50% - 30% - 20% population percentage (Metro COG – BisMan – Forks MPO respectively). Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MPO has been requesting review of the funding formula with the objective of increasing funds for the Forms MPO. There are some complex reasons for this, dating back to years when both Metro COG and BisMan were not using their CPG funds in a

timely manner, resulting in difficulty for the Forks MPO. However, this situation has been resolved, and unused CPG funds have been obligated and projects using those funds are underway. The BisMan MPO Policy Board has recommended a scenario where the base amount for each MPO is changed to \$160,000. Under that scenario, BisMan's funding would increase by \$3,448. The Forks MPO would gain an extra \$16,384, and Metro COG's share of CPG funding would decrease by nearly \$20,000 in funding. BisMan has stated that, under that scenario, they would transfer their increase to the Forks MPO, making the change neutral for them.

Ms. Gray stated that the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) recommendation is to eliminate the base amount and strictly go with the population percentages (Scenario E). She stated that the FM area's population is over 51 percent, so it is still favorable for the other MPOs to go with the 50-30-20 (approximately) split, since it represents a smaller percentage for Metro COG than what the FM area's population currently is.

She stated that her original recommendation to the TTC was to stay with the current funding formula, but the TTC was uncomfortable with it due to the increased responsibilities that Metro COG will experience, and the need for future planning work. They also expressed concern over setting a trend for a gradual increase in the base amount, and thus recommended to Policy Board that Metro COG's position on the CPG formula be based strictly on population (Scenario E).

Discussion about current population, population increase and the potential for a trend in the direction of increasing the base amount was discussed by the Policy Board. Ultimately, board members expressed that losing any funding was not in Metro COG's best interest.

**MOTION: Endorse the TTC recommendation of using Scenario E as the funding formula recommended to NDDOT.**

**Mr. Grindberg moved, seconded by Mr. Judd.**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3c. Cass County Road 18 Extension Study**

Mr. Farnsworth and Mr. Hinds presented the Cass County Road 18 Extension Study Report.

**MOTION: Approve the Cass County Road 18 Extension Study Report**

**Mr. Grindberg moved, seconded by Mr. Judd.**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3d. Final Draft Metro COG 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Champa presented the final draft of the Metro COG 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**MOTION: Approve the Final Draft Metro COG 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

**Mr. Stofferahn moved, seconded by Ms. Watson Curry.**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3e. All Aboard Minnesota**

Ms. Gray presented the All Aboard Minnesota campaign to bring a second passenger train to the FM area during daytime hours. She stated that according to an All Aboard representative who contacted her, most of the delays to the existing train service are due to train traffic and track issues west of the FM area. An open house is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hjemkomst Center consisting of a roundtable forum for business, civic and community leaders from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., and a public open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. as shown in the flyer within the packet.

Mr. Strand asked that Metro COG stay apprised of this initiative and keep the board current with any new information. Several members expressed strong interest in another passenger train that reliably arrives and departs during daytime hours.

**MOTION: Have a Metro COG representative stay apprised of the initiative and report back with any developments.**

**Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson.**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Additional Business**

Ms. Gray mentioned that Stan Thurlow, the planner from Dilworth, and long-time member of our Transportation Technical Committee passed away last week, and his funeral is scheduled for September 30.

**5. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Adjourn the 569th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board**

**Mr. Grindberg moved, seconded by Mr. Jesme**

**MOTION, passed. 10-0.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

The 569th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, September 19, 2019 was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

**THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD October 17, 2019,  
4:00 P.M. AT THE FM METRO COG CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE NORTH 2ND STREET, CASE  
PLAZA SUITE 232, FARGO, ND.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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