

638th Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Rory	Jorgensen	West Fargo City Commission
Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Stephanie	Landstrom	Horace City Council
Sebastian	McDougall	Moorhead City Council
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission
Julie	Nash	Dilworth City Council (Alt. for Dave Steichen)
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Michelle	Turnberg	Fargo City Commission
Joel	Vettel	Cass County Commission

Members Absent:

Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council
Mike	Reitz	MATBUS Representative
Art	Rosenberg	Fargo Planning Commission
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Dave	Steichen	Dilworth City Council (Alternate present)
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Paul	Bervik	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Kristen	Sperry	FHWA-ND

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, on January 16, 2025 by Chair Mongeau, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

1b. Election of Metro COG Chair and Vice Chair.

Based on the rotation, Ms. Mongeau with Clay County would be the Chair and Mr. Olson with the City of West Fargo would be the Vice Chair.

MOTION: Nominate and elect Clay County Commissioner Jenny Mongeau as Policy Board Chair and West Fargo City Commissioner Brad Olson as Vice Chair for 2025, based on the rotation schedule in the Policy Board Bylaws.

Ms. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Peipkorn.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Approve Order and Contents of Overall Agenda, approved

Chair Mongeau asked for approval for the overall agenda, as amended. 1b. was changed to an action item and 2b. had annual report added.

MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Amended Agenda of the January 16, 2025 Policy Board Meeting.

Ms. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Olson.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1d. Past Meeting Minutes, approved

Chair Mongeau asked for approval of the Minutes of the December 19, 2024 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the December 19, 2024 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Ms. Nash.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1e. Monthly Bills, approved

Chair Mongeau asked for approval of the January 16, 2025 bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

MOTION: Approve the January 2025 Bills List.

Ms. Kolpack moved, seconded by Ms. Nash.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. December 2024 Month End Report

b. Metro COG Q4 Report/Annual Report

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

Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Peipkorn.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3a. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were provided or received.

3b. 2025-2028 TIP Amendment 3

Mr. Bervik presented Amendment 3 regarding the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public notice was published on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and comments accepted until 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 9, 2025. No written comments were received.

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

1. **Modification of Project 4220019:** Fargo rehabilitation of bridge on 36th Street South at Rose Coulee (2025). Updated project cost.
2. **Modification of Project 9240029:** NDDOT deck overlay and approach slabs of I-29 North bound at Rose Coulee (2025). Updated project cost. And moving project year from 2027 to 2025.
3. **Modification of Project 9240030:** NDDOT deck overlay and approach slabs of I-29 South bound at Rose Coulee (2025). Updated project cost. And moving project year from 2027 to 2025.
4. **Modification of Project 9240051:** NDDOT safety improvements at I-29 and ND 46 (2025). Updated project cost and breakdown.
5. **New Project 3253045:** West Fargo Railroad overpass for 9th Street NE (2025).
6. **New Project 4253046:** Fargo removing negative left turn offsets at the intersection of 19th Avenue North and University Drive (2025).
7. **New Project 9253047:** NDDOT installation of cameras, Dynamic Message Signs, and other Intelligent Transportation Systems (2026).

MOTION: Approve Amendment 3 to the Metro COG 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Strand.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3c. Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan

Mr. Farnsworth presented information on the completed Moorhead Safe Routes to School. The study was conducted with cooperation from Moorhead School District, City of Moorhead, and PartnerSHIP 4 Health. Parents, students, and public involvement helped to inform and guide the study.

The study identifies challenges, safety concerns, policies, and recommended improvements to improve walking and biking to and from Moorhead's public schools.

MOTION: Approve the Moorhead Safe Routes to School Plan

Ms. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Additional Business

Executive Director Ben Griffith provided the following updates:

- Metro COG staff is working on closing out the 2024 UPWP Budget, hopefully in February since they were still waiting on end-of-year invoices.
- Provided a brief technology update regarding server replacement, laptop and computer replacements, upsizing of the smaller monitors in the conference room, and plotter replacement.
- Informed the Policy Board of a FHWA finding regarding adoption of the 2050 MTP and that Metro COG is taking corrective action, planning for adoption at the March 20 Policy Board meeting.
- Reported that annual dues and local match invoices would be sent out in the coming days.
- Reminded the Policy Board of the 2025 meeting schedule and invites sent out for their calendars.

5. Adjourn

Chairperson Mongeau adjourned the meeting

The 638th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, January 16, 2025 was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2025, 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager