

640th Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Stephanie	Landstrom	Horace City Council
Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council
Sebastian	McDougall	Moorhead City Council
Paul	Krabbenhoft	Clay County Commission (Alt. for J. Mongeau)
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Art	Rosenberg	Fargo Planning Commission
Dave	Steichen	Dilworth City Council
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission
Joel	Vettel	Cass County Commission

Members Absent:

Rory	Jorgensen	West Fargo City Commission
Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission (Alternate Present)
Mike	Reitz	MATBUS Representative
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Michelle	Turnberg	Fargo City Commission
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT Fargo District Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT District 4 Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavsek	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
Mackenzie	Mueller	Metro COG
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT - Local Government Division

- 1a. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS, convened**
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, on Thursday, March 20, 2025 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 March 20, 2025 Policy Board Meeting.

Mr. Hendrickson moved, seconded by Mr. Piepkorn.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1c. Past Meeting Minutes, approved**
Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the February 20, 2025 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the February 20, 2025 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Vettel moved, seconded by Ms. Mattson.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1d. Monthly Bills, approved**
Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of the March 2025 Bills as listed on Attachment 1d.

MOTION: Approve the March 2025 Bills List.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Strand.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA**
Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of Items a-b on the Consent Agenda.

a. February 2025 Month End Report

b. Revised Metro COG 2024 Annual Report

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

Mr. Vettel moved, seconded by Ms. Landstrom.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

- 3a. Public Comment Opportunity**
No public comments were made or received.

3b. 2024 UPWP End-of-Year Budget Close-Out

Mr. Griffith provided background information on how previous years budgets had been addressed at year-end and that no "carryover" of funds was now allowed. He stated that we have been working closely with NDDOT staff on year-end closeout, focusing primarily on ensuring that bills and consultant invoices for 2024 were being paid with 2024 funds and that 2025 bills and consultant invoices were being paid with 2025 funds. Mr. Hutchings from NDDOT reminded everyone that CFR requirements allow 90 days to close out the previous year's budget. Mr. Griffith provided a description of the work efforts undertaken and provided explanations for the three spreadsheet summaries included with the Policy Board packet. He stated that the numbers were accurate but there may be a need to make minor adjustments when submitted to NDDOT, due to such things as direct vs. indirect costs and depreciation on some items.

Mr. Piepkorn asked if current transportation funding would be increased since the new Governor strongly supports transportation. Mr. Griffith answered that he hoped so and that there had been recent talk about North Dakota implementing some type of "bonding bill" similar to what Minnesota does for transportation and infrastructure projects.

Mr. Olson asked if we had the ability to transfer funds in areas where we were over budget to areas where we were under budget. Mr. Hutchings answered that it would be up to NDDOT to decide.

MOTION: Approval of the Revised Metro COG 2024 Annual Report.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Additional Business

- Mr. Griffith reported that an amendment would be needed for the 2025 UPWP and would like to have it ready for the May 15 Policy Board meeting. He also reported that work was continuing on the adoption of the updated 2050 MTP and that a new public comment period would be opening which would end the day before the April 17 Policy Board meeting when the 2050 MTP was now scheduled for consideration.
- Mr. Strand asked what other areas were doing about transit, particularly in providing door-to-door service someday.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Adjourn the 640th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg.

MOTION, passed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The 640th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, March 20, 2025 was adjourned at 4:42 PM.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 17, 2025, 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager