

Appendix A. Useful Acronyms

Metro COG uses quite a few acronyms in everyday conversation and documents. While this list is somewhat extensive, it is not completely inclusive. This list should provide a basis for most acronyms used by Metro COG. If you don't understand the context, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification!

3C	Continuous – Comprehensive – Cooperative
AADT	Average Annual Daily Traffic
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACS	American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AIP	Area Improvement Program
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (national)
APO	Area Planning Organization
ASC	Automated Stability Control
ATAC	Advanced Traffic Analysis Center (at NDSU)
ATIP	Area Transportation Improvement Program
ATP	Area Transportation Partnership
ATR	Automatic Traffic Recorder
AV	Autonomous Vehicles
BIL	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
BNSF	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit
CAV	Connected and Autonomous Vehicle
CE	Categorical Exclusions
CE/CM	Cost Estimating / Cost Management
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CN	Canadian National Railway
CO	Central Office
COG	Council of Governments
CRP	Carbon Reduction Program
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant
CPKC	Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railroad
CR	Continuing Resolution
CS	Complete Streets (now called: "Safe and Accessible Transportation Options")

CSAH	Minnesota County State Aid Highway
CSAP	Community Safety Action Plan
CSS	Context Sensitive Solutions
CV	Connected Vehicle
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
DOT	Department of Transportation
DTA	Dynamic Traffic Assignment
E+C	Existing-plus-Committed
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAW	Environmental Assessment Worksheet
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EJ	Environmental Justice
EO	Executive Order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EV	Electric Vehicles
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FAUA	Federal Aid Urbanized Area or UZA
FCI	Facilities Condition Index
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIRST	Freeway Incident Response Safety Teams
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HIN	High-Injury Network
HIP	Highway Improvement Plan
HOT	High Occupancy Toll
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HPMS	Highway Performance Monitoring System
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Plan
HSOP	Highway Safety Operation Plan
HSS	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
HUD	U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021
ICE	Intersection Control Evaluation
IRC	Interregional Corridor
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System
LCV	Long Combination Vehicle
LGD	Local Government Division (NDDOT)
LOS	Level of Service
LOTTR	Level of Travel Time Reliability
LPR	Legal Permanent Resident

L RTP	Long-Range Transportation Plan
LRT	Light Rail Transit
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
MaaS	Mobility as a Service
MATBUS	Metro Area Transit of the Fargo-Moorhead region
Metro COG	Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
MnDOT	Minnesota Department of Transportation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Metropolitan Planning Area
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area (includes all of Cass and Clay Counties)
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MSCTC	Minnesota State Community and Technical College
MSUM	Minnesota State University – Moorhead
MUTCD	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
MVMT	Million Vehicle Miles Traveled
MVST	Motor Vehicle Sales Tax
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standard
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NBI	National Bridge Inventory
NDSU	North Dakota State University
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHI	National Highway Institute
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
NHS	National Highway System
NDDOT	North Dakota Department of Transportation
NDSU	North Dakota State University
NTN	National Truck Network
NPMRDS	National Performance Management Research Data Set
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NWI	National Wetlands Inventory
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
PBP	Performance-Based Planning
PCI	Pavement Condition Index
PHED	Peak Hour Excessive Delay
PL (Funds)	Planning Funds
PL	Public Law
PM	Performance Management
PM1	Performance Measure Rule 1 – Safety
PM2	Performance Measure Rule 2 – Pavement and Bridge Conditions
PM3	Performance Measure Rule 3 – System Performance, Freight, and CMAQ

PPP	Public Participation Plan
PSR	Present Serviceability Rating
RDC	Regional Development Commission
RQI	Ride Quality Index
RSL	Remaining Service Life
RTAP	Rural Transit Assistance Program
RTC	Regional Trade Center
RTMC	Regional Transportation Management Center
RTP	Recreational Trails Program
SFY	State Fiscal Year
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SHSO	State Highway Safety Office
SHSP	Strategic Highway Safety Plan
SMART	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SOV	Single-Occupancy Vehicle
SS4A	Safe Streets and Roads For All
SRTS	Safe Routes to Schools
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
STSAC	Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee
TA	Transportation Alternatives Program
TAM	Transit Asset Management
TAMP	Transit Asset Management Plan
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
TDM	Travel Demand Model or Travel Demand Management
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TH	Minnesota Trunk Highway
TIM	Traffic Incident Management
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TMC	Transportation Management Center
TMO	Transportation Management Organization
TNC	Transportation Network Company
TSMO	Transportation System Management and Operations
TTC	Transportation Technical Committee
TOC	Traffic Operation Center
TOCC	Transportation Operation and Communication Center
TPA	Transportation Performance Management
TRB	Transportation Research Board
TTI	Travel Time Index
TTTR	Truck Travel Time Reliability
TZD	Toward Zero Deaths
UGA	Urban Growth Area

UGP	Urban Grant Program
UGPTI	Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (at NDSU)
UP	Union Pacific Railroad
UPA	Urban Partnership Agreement
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
USACE	United States Corps of Engineers
USC	United States Code
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UZA	Urbanized Area or FAUA (Federal Aid Urbanized Area)
V2I	Vehicle-to-Infrastructure
V2V	Vehicle-to-Vehicle
VHT	Vehicle Hours Traveled
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VSS	Valley Senior Services
VZ	Vision Zero
VZN	Vision Zero Network