

652nd Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Duane	Breitling	Cass County Commission
Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council (Left at 4:30 back by 4:45)
Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Stephanie	Landstrom	Horace City Council
Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council
Sebastian	McDougall	Moorhead City Council
Jenny	Mongeau	Clay Co. Commission
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Mike	Reitz	MATBUS Representative
Dave	Steichen	Dilworth City Council
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission

Members Absent:

Rory	Jorgensen	West Fargo City Commission
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT Fargo District Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)
Art	Rosenberg	Fargo Planning Commission
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission
Michelle	Turnberg	Fargo City Commission
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT District 4 Engineer (<i>ex-officio</i>)

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Karissa	Beierle Pavek	Metro COG
Angela	Brumbaugh	Metro COG
Ben	Griffith	Metro COG
Aiden	Jung	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Will	Hutchings	NDDOT - Local Government Division
Matthew	Huettle	HDR

- 1a. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS, convened**
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, on February 19, 2026 by Chair Olson, noting a quorum was present.
- 1b. Election of Metro COG Chair and Vice Chair.**
This item was pulled from the agenda.

1c. Approve Order and Contents of Overall Agenda, striking 1b. Election of Metro COG Chair and Vice Chair, approved

Chair Olson asked for approval for the overall amended agenda.

MOTION: Approve the contents of the Overall Agenda of the February 19, 2026 Policy Board Meeting, striking 1b.

Ms. Mongeau moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1d. Past Meeting Minutes, approved

Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the January 15, 2026 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the January 15, 2026 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

1e. Monthly Account Payables (bills), approved

Chair Olson asked for approval of the February 19, 2026 Accounts Payable as listed on Attachment 1e.

MOTION: Approve the February 2026 Accounts Payable List.

Mr. Hendrickson moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Olson asked for approval of Items a-d on the Consent Agenda.

a. January 2026 Month End Report

b. Traffic Count Consultant Selection

c. Socioeconomic Forecast Consultant Selection

d. Regional Freight Plan Consultant Selection

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

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3a. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were provided or received.

3b. Solicitation of ND & MN STBG Projects

Mr. Altenburg presented Amendment 1 regarding the North Dakota and Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) projects.

The following list was analyzed and proposed by the Prioritization Committee and approved recommendation by the Transportation Technical Committee:

North Dakota STBG FY26

- City of Fargo: Reconstruction of 32nd Avenue from 15th Street to near University Drive S/Red River
 - Funds Requested: \$1,224,124

North Dakota STBG FY27

- City of West Fargo: Construction of shared use path and box culvert extension along Beaton Drive (currently programmed for FY29)
 - Funds Requested: \$1,440,000

North Dakota STBG FY30

- City of West Fargo: Reconstruction of 13th Avenue from Sheyenne Street to 9th Street E, including pedestrian underpass between 3rd and 6th Street E
 - Funds Requested: \$5,773,728
- City of West Fargo: Construction administration for 13th Avenue reconstruction project
 - Funds Requested: \$1,501,300
- City of Fargo: Reconstruction of 17th Avenue from 25th Street to 38th Street S, including reconstructing one sidewalk to a shared use path, two mini roundabouts (32nd and 34th Streets), and one traffic signal (38th Street)
 - Funds Requested: \$3,854,899

Minnesota STBG FY30

- City of Moorhead: Reconstruction of 34th Street from 12th to 24th Avenue S, including reconstruction of existing shared use path.

- Funds Requested: \$1,171,980

MOTION: Approve projects to be funded by North Dakota Surface Transportation Block Grant (ND STBG) and Minnesota Surface Transportation Block Grant (MN STBG) program funding in FY26, FY27, and FY30.

Ms. Mongeau moved, seconded by Ms. Mattson.

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3c. Solicitation of ND & MN TA Projects

Mr. Altenburg stated the Transportation Alternatives program provides federal funding dedicated to smaller-scale transportation projects that expand travel options and enhance community livability.

The following list was analyzed and proposed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on January 7, 2026 and analyzed by the Prioritization Committee on February 5, 2026. The Transportation Technical Committee approved recommendation to the Policy Board on February 12, 2026:

North Dakota TA FY26

- Cass County: Reconstruction of shared use path along CR81/University Drive between 54th and 88th Avenue S

- Funds Requested: \$119,751

North Dakota TA FY30

- City of Fargo: Construction of low-level crossing over Drain 53 between 27th and 31st Street S

- Funds Requested: \$937,420 (Funds Available: \$890,000)

Minnesota TA FY30

- City of Moorhead: Reconstruction of 34th Street from 12th to 24th Avenue S, including reconstruction of existing shared use path.

- Funds Requested: \$450,000

MOTION: Approve projects to be funded by North Dakota Transportation Alternatives (ND TA) and Minnesota Transportation Alternatives (MN TA) program funding in FY26 and FY30.

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3d. North Dakota CRP Projects

Mr. Altenburg stated the Carbon Reduction Program is a federal initiative established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) providing federal funding over a five-year period to reduce transportation-related emissions.

The following list was analyzed and proposed by the Prioritization Committee and approved recommendation by the Transportation Technical Committee:

North Dakota CRP FY26

- City of West Fargo: Construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and pedestrian refuge island on 32nd Avenue W west of 5th Street W
 - Funds Requested: \$184,448
- Cass County: Reconstruction of shared use path along Cass Highway 81/University Drive S between 54th and 88th Avenue S
 - Additional Funds Requested: \$154,604

MOTION: Approve projects to be funded by North Dakota Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding in FY26.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Ms. Landstrom

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3e. 2026-2029 TIP Amendment 2

Mr. Altenburg presented Amendment 2 regarding the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The proposed amendment to the 2026-2029 TIP is as follows:

1. New Project 9260064: NDDOT District-Wide Pavement Markings – Various Highways (2026).
2. Modification of Project 4240010: Fargo reconstruction of 32nd Avenue S (2026). Adding additional redistributed STBG funding.

MOTION: Approve Amendment 2 to Metro COG's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Ms. Mongeau

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3f. 2026 UPWP Amendment 1

Mr. Griffith presented information stating the 2025 MNFTA funding allocation transfer was completed by NDDOT. A portion of the funds were applied towards the 2025 UPWP for year-end closeout and the balance of \$42,215 to be added to the 2026 UPWP. Most of the funds will be used to update Metro COG's Regional ITS Architecture, detailed in Agenda Item 3h. There needed to be a slight adjustment in staff hours due to the addition of the proposed Regional ITS Architecture project and some additional text added to the Casselton ND Hwy 18 Corridor Study.

The remaining funds will be applied to various CPG-eligible overhead expenses which have increased in recent years.

MOTION: Approval of Metro COG's 2026 Unified Planning Work Program & Budget Amendment 1 as presented, with the inclusion of any minor revisions required by oversight agencies.

Ms. Kolpack moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3g. 2026 NDDOT CPG Contract Amendment

Mr. Griffith stated Metro COG was notified in December by NDDOT that the MNFTA funding allocation transfer was completed. Metro COG opted to apply \$42,215 towards the 2026 UPWP.

With this increase, our funding will be \$1,557,712.31 for 2026. An amendment to the UPWP needed to be made first and then a contract amendment. The UPWP must be amended before the CPG Contract may be amended.

MOTION: Approval of the 2026 NDDOT CPG Contract Amendment and authorization for the Policy Board Chair and Executive Director to execute said document when it is made available for signature.

Ms. Kolpack moved, seconded by Ms. Mattson

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3h. ATAC-Regional ITS Architecture Update Addendum

Mr. Griffith stated the Advanced Traffic Analysis Center (ATAC) at NDSU updates Metro COG's Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) every 4-5 years. It was last updated in 2022 but with the receipt of additional funds, it would be good to complete earlier in preparation for

the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He noted that both the UPWP and CPG Contract must be amended before Metro COG could execute the ATAC contract addendum for the Regional ITS Architecture Project could begin.

Metro COG has budgeted \$36,200 for the project.

MOTION: Approval of the Regional ITS Architecture Update Contract Addendum to the ATAC-Metro COG Master Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Agreement, when appropriate.

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Ms. Landstrom

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

3i. MN Safety Performance Measure (PM1)

Ms. Pavek presented information regarding the MN Safety Performance Measure stating targets are established annually to assess the safety of users on public roadways. A five-year rolling average is used to form a trend.

There are five safety performance measures: Number of Fatalities, Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled, Number of Serious Injuries, Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled, and Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

The performance is built into our STBG project scoring and how it impacts safety.

MOTION: Approval of support of MNDOT's PM1-Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2026.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

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Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled, and Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

Fatalities have stayed consistent but serious injuries have increased.

MOTION: Approval of support of MNDOT's PM1-Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2026.

Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Breitling

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Additional Business

Executive Director Ben Griffith provided the following updates:

- Working on 2025 year-end close-out
- 2026 annual dues invoices were sent out last week
- Local match for planning projects related to the 2055 MTP will be sent out next week

NDDOT MPO Coordinator Will Hutchings reminded everyone of the 2026 Transportation Conference in Bismarck on March 10-11.

5. Adjourn

The 652nd Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, February 19, 2026 was adjourned by Chair Olson at 4:53 PM.

Ms. Mattson moved, seconded by Ms. Landstrom

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 19, 2026, 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager