

109th Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting
December 11th, 2019 – 3:00pm
Metro COG Conference Room

Members Present

Dan Farnsworth, Chair, Metro COG
Maegin Elshaug, City of Fargo Planning
Kim Citrowske, City of Moorhead Planning
Peyton Mastera, City of Dilworth
Malachi Peterson, City of West Fargo Planning (proxy for Tim Solberg)
Jane Butzer, MnDOT
Kim Lipetzky, Fargo Cass Public Health
Jason Gates, Citizen Representative
Joe Anderson, Fargo Police Department
Jeremy Gorden, City of Fargo Engineering

Others Present:

Katie Kitowski, MN Green Corps
Luke Morman, City of Fargo Planning
Maggie Squyer, City of Fargo Planning

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 3:05 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.
A quorum was not present throughout the entirety of the meeting.

2. Approve minutes from October 16th, 2019 meeting

The minutes were reviewed by the Committee and no corrections/edits were noted. A quorum was not present so no motion or approval was made on the minutes. The minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting.

3. Public input opportunity

No public was present at the meeting.

4. New Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee citizen representative

With the current citizen representative's term expiring December 31st, solicitation for a new citizen rep has occurred and applications have been received, reviewed and ranked. Applications were reviewed and ranked by a selection committee comprised of four members, one representing the jurisdictions of Dilworth, Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo.

The top rank candidate was Chris Garty of Fargo. D. Farnsworth noted that he has reached out to Mr. Garty via email twice without response. Farnsworth will try reaching the candidate via phone as a phone number was provided. If for whatever reason Mr. Garty is unreachable or chooses to not be on the Committee, Metro COG will reach out to the second ranked candidate, Kirsten Theye.

5. Thank you to outgoing citizen representative

With this being the last meeting for the Committee's current citizen representative, Jason Gates, D. Farnsworth thanked Mr. Gates for his time and effort with the Committee. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr. Gates. Mr. Gates expressed his thanks for being able to participate on the Committee for his two-year term.

6. New Transportation Alternatives scoring criteria

The Committee discussed the new Transportation Alternatives scoring criteria developed by the subgroup. At the last Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee meeting a subgroup was recommended that would develop new TA scoring criteria that would reflect the recently-adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The subgroup consisted of one representative from Barnesville, Dilworth, Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo.

There was discussion about the Travel Efficiency and Reliability goal pertaining to 3-plexes or greater land uses. Ultimately it was the decision to keep the language of the criteria as-is.

There was also discussion about if the criteria should include criteria regarding environmental sustainability. Ultimately it was decided to include the following criteria:

- Is the project located within one of Metro COG's environmental justice areas? (5 pts)
- Does the project make a systematic effort to conserve and/or enhance natural resources. (3 pts)

7. Score/rank Transportation Alternatives applications

The Committee then scored and rank the TA applications based on the newly-revised TA scoring criteria. The scores and rankings were as follows:

North Dakota TA

- Priority 1 (55 pts) - City of West Fargo Drain 45 Multiuse Path Phase II
- Priority 2 – tie (30 pts) – City of Fargo Deer Creek/Drain 27 Shared Use Path
- Priority 2 – tie (30 pts) – City of Horace – CR 17 Shared Use Path Phase II

Minnesota TA

Priority 1 (25 pts) – City of Moorhead CR 12/60th Ave S Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge Crossing

The priorities and scores will be forwarded to the TTC and Metro COG Policy Board for consideration prior to submittal to the respective state DOTs.

8. Other business

No additional business was brought up.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm.