

**499th Meeting of the
FM Metro COG Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
Metro COG Conference Room**

Members Present:

Jonathan	Atkins	City of Moorhead Traffic Engineering
Julie	Bommelman	City of Fargo, MATBUS
Jeremy	Gorden	City of Fargo Transportation Engineering
Cindy	Gray	Metro COG
Robin	Huston	City of Moorhead Planning
Michael	Johnson	NDDOT – Local Government Division
Kim	Lipetsky	Fargo Cass Public Health
Jaclynn	Maahs	Concordia College
Aaron	Nelson	Fargo City Planning
Russ	Sahr	City of Horace Planning
Jordan	Smith	MATBUS/City of Moorhead (alternate for Lori Van Beek)
Tim	Solberg	City of West Fargo Planning
Justin	Sorum	Clay County Engineering (alternate for David Overbo)
Tom	Soucy	Cass County Highway (alternate for Jason Benson)
Stan	Thurlow	City of Dilworth Planning
Mark	Wolter	Freight Representative, Midnite Express

Members Absent:

Jason	Benson	Cass County Highway Engineering
Mary	Safgren	MnDOT – District 4
Dustin	Scott	City of West Fargo Engineering
Brit	Stevens	NDSU – Transportation Manager
David	Overbo	Clay County Engineering
Lori	Van Beek	City of Moorhead, MATBUS
Barrett	Voigt	Cass County Planning

Others Present:

Adam	Altenburg	Metro COG
Luke	Champa	Metro COG
Brenda	Derrig	City of Fargo
James	Dahlman	City of Horace/Interstate Engineering
Dan	Farnsworth	Metro COG
Ryan	Frolek	Moore Engineering
Joni	Giese	SRF
Peggy	Harter	Stantec
Philip	Humann	Moorhead Citizen
Brian	King	HDR
Ryan	Kota	Great Rides Fargo
Jeff	Lansink	Houston Engineering
Savanna	Leach	Metro COG
Michael	Maddox	Metro COG
Joel	Paulsen	Stantec
Anna	Pierce	Metro COG
Bob	Walton	NDDOT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on July 11, 2019 by Chair Gray. A quorum was present.

2. Approve the 499th TTC Meeting Agenda

Chair Gray asked if there were any questions or changes to the 499th TTC Meeting Agenda.

**Motion: Approve the 499th TTC Meeting Agenda.
Mr. Sahr moved, seconded by Ms. Bommelman
MOTION, PASSED. 15-0
Motion carried unanimously.**

3. APPROVE June 13, 2019 TTC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Gray asked if there were any questions or changes to the June 13, 2019 TTC Meeting Minutes.

**Motion: Approve the June 13, 2019 TTC Minutes.
Mr. Atkins moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter.
MOTION, PASSED. 15-0
Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comments were made or received.

No MOTION

****Mr. Solberg joined the meeting at 10:19 a.m.**

5. Draft 2020-2023 TIP

Mr. Champa presented the Draft 2020-2023 Metro COG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), highlighting the changes and updates from the previous (2019-2022) TIPs. The final TIP document will be released with the passing of the NDDOT TIP and MnDOT STIP.

Mr. Johnson asked if a larger map including projects outside of the UZA will be provided with the final document. Mr. Champa affirmed that the map will be provided.

A public hearing was opened. No comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion: Favorable recommendation to the Policy Board for approval of the Draft Metro COG 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Soucy
MOTION, PASSED. 16-0
Motion carried unanimously.**

6. 76th Avenue Mid-Project Update

Mr. Maddox stated that the 76th Avenue Project is at approximately 50% completion. Ms. Harter provided a presentation on the project and public input findings to date.

No Motion

****Mr. Thurlow left the meeting at 11:09 a.m.**

7. 76th Avenue Scope of Work Amendment

Mr. Maddox presented Amendment #1 to the 76th Avenue South Corridor Study. Amendment #1 to the study is a revision to the scope of work originally contracted. The revised scope of work would include the preparation of traffic forecasts for 76th Avenue S with the addition of a full interchange at 64th Avenue S, based on a recent decision by the City of Fargo to a) ensure that construction of an I-29 overpass at 64th Avenue S does not preclude conversion of the overpass to an interchange, and b) include the interchange in the project list of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The scope of work revision would include analysis of future traffic volume changes to 76th Avenue S brought about by this change in the regional network, in the event that it were to become reality. The regional travel demand model will be used for the analysis. Scenarios will include an I-29 overpass at 64th Avenue S, a full interchange of 64th Avenue S at I-29 with a collector distributor system along I-29, and a third scenario, which remains to be determined after the results of the first two scenarios are completed. Funding for this amendment comes from unused CPG and local funds from the 52nd Avenue South Corridor Study (2017), which was approved by both the TTC and Policy Board during discussions on 2019-2020 UPWP Amendment #3 and the 2020 budget.

Motion: Favorable recommendation to the Policy Board for approval of Amendment #1 to the 76th Avenue South Corridor Study contract.
Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Mr. Sahr
MOTION, PASSED. 15-0
Motion carried unanimously.

8. FM Diversion Rec Plan – Project Introduction and Kick-off

Mr. Altenburg and Ms. Giese introduced the FM Diversion Recreation Plan and kick-off for the project, including the scope of work, goals, and timeline.

****Mr. Atkins left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.**

9. Agency Updates

No updates.

10. Additional Business

No additional business.

11. Adjourn

Motion: Adjourn the 499th Transportation Technical Committee Meeting.
Mr. Gorden moved, seconded by Ms. Huston.
MOTION, PASSED. 14-0
Motion carried unanimously.

The 499th Regular Meeting of the TTC was adjourned on July 11, 2019 at 11:54 a.m.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD August 8, 2019, 10:00 a.m. AT THE RIVER ROOM, FARGO CIVIC CENTER OFFICES (207 4TH STREET NORTH).

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Leach
Executive Secretary