

648th Policy Board Meeting
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Chuck	Hendrickson	Moorhead City Council
Rory	Jorgensen	West Fargo City Commission
Denise	Kolpack	Fargo City Commission
Stephanie	Landstrom	Horace City Council
Nicole	Mattson	Moorhead City Council
Sebastian	McDougall	Moorhead City Council
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT Fargo District Engineer (ex-officio)
Brad	Olson	West Fargo City Commission
Dave	Piepkorn	Fargo City Commission
Mike	Reitz	MATBUS Representative
Art	Rosenberg	Fargo Planning Commission
Dave	Steichen	Dilworth City Council
John	Strand	Fargo City Commission
Maranda	Tasa	Fargo Planning Commission
Michelle	Turnberg	Fargo City Commission
Joel	Vettel	Cass County Commission

Members Absent:

Jenny	Mongeau	Clay County Commission
Aaron	Murra	NDDOT Fargo District Engineer (ex-officio)
Thomas	Schmidt	Fargo Planning Commission
Shiloh	Wahl	MnDOT District 4 Engineer (ex-officio)

Others Present:

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

1a. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS, convened

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, on Thursday, October 16, 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 October 16, 2025 Policy Board Meeting.
Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.

- 1c. Past Meeting Minutes, approved**
Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of the Minutes of the September 25, 2025 Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the September 25, 2025 Policy Board Meeting Minutes.
Mr. Jorgenson moved, seconded by Mr. Steichen.
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION: Approve the October 2025 Bills List.
Mr. Hendrickson moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall.
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA**
Vice Chair Olson asked for approval of Items a-c on the Consent Agenda.
a. September 2025 Month End Report
b. Metro COG 3rd Quarter Report
c. Audit Services Contract Addendum

MOTION: Approve Items a-c on the Consent Agenda.
Mr. Strand moved, seconded by Mr. Steichen.
MOTION, passed
Motion carried unanimously.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

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

3b. 2026 Metro COG Public Meeting Schedules

Mr. Griffith stated the Diversion committee meets on the same day as Policy Board in November and December. If the Board would want to change the starting time to 2 p.m. it should give members time to get to the Diversion meeting and make it possible for both committees to have meetings that day.

Metro COG will be required to publish it and make sure TTC committee is aware of the time change.

The question was asked if there have ever been any thoughts to permanently moving the Policy Board meeting times. It was suggested to find out what the preferential time for members and staff.

MOTION: Approval of 2026 Metro COG's Public Meeting Schedules and moving the meeting times for the November 20 and December 18, 2025 meetings to 2:00 p.m. and direct staff to notice, post, and publish the public meeting schedules accordingly.

Mr. Piepkorn moved, seconded by Mr. Strand

MOTION, passed

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Additional Business

Both the UPWP and TIP were submitted to oversight agencies for review and approval. Oversight agencies suggested some revisions to the UPWP for clarity and to expand on project narratives. Some planning projects related to the 2055 MTP may be combined seeking better proposals from consultants, and hopefully a better, more comprehensive product. They also noted that there may be more revisions required as they complete their review. November and December will be busy meetings as projects are completed and brought forward, as well as our usual end-of-year items. Moving the start times for our November and December meetings should be compatible with the Diversion Authority Board's year-end meeting schedule.

5. Adjourn

The 648th Meeting of the FM Metro COG Policy Board held Thursday, October 16, 2025 was adjourned by Vice Chair Olson at 4:18 PM.

THE NEXT FM METRO COG POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, November 20, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Brumbaugh
Office Manager