

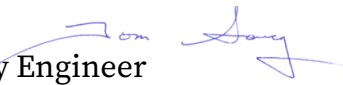


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cass County Commission

FROM: Thomas Soucy, County Engineer 

DATE: December 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Agenda Item for December 16th, 2024 Commission Meeting: Request Approval of Metro 2050 Plan

Metro COG is in the final stages of developing its long range transportation plan update, Metro 2050: Mobility for the Future. Metro 2050 was developed with input from our local, state and federal planning partners and with due consideration of other related planning activities within the metropolitan area.

The Final Draft is being made available to our local planning commissions and city/county commissions/councils in anticipation of each member jurisdiction adopting the plan and to agree to use it as a tool to implement metropolitan goals and objectives, which will complement overall development of the metropolitan transportation system.

Metro 2050 provides a vision that assists in guiding future decisions for the area's transportation system. It is designed to help realize identified outcomes to meet current and future transportation needs and to gauge the success of these efforts with established performance measures. It will provide a guide for the development of multimodal transportation systems throughout the Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) area for the next 25 years. It will be used to prioritize fiscally-constrained transportation spending throughout this period. Given the importance of such a document, it is vitally important that the plan reflect the choices and desires of the majority of the F-M area's residents, workers, and visitors.

Link to the plan: <https://www.fmmetrocog.org/Metro2050>

SUGGESTED MOTION: Resolve to adopt the Fargo Moorhead Area Long Range Transportation Plan, Metro 2050 and authorize the Commission Chairperson to sign the resolution.

Resolution #2024-13

Whereas, the Cass County Board of Commissioners is the duly elected governing body for Cass County and is responsible for the planning and development of a safe and functional transportation system;

Whereas, the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG), is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governors of North Dakota and Minnesota to maintain the metropolitan area's transportation planning process in accordance with federal regulations;

Whereas, Metro COG has undertaken the task of updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Metro Grow, which is a vital element of this planning process, and which documents transportation projects' eligibility for future federal funding;

Whereas, the metropolitan transportation planning process was guided by the Metropolitan Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) composed of a wide cross-section of local multimodal technical experts including engineers, planners, transit directors, and state and federal transportation officials;

Whereas, public and private organizations representing numerous transportation interests, as well as groups and individuals from socially disadvantaged groups were invited, encouraged, and involved in the Plan's preparation, in full compliance with Metro COG's Public Participation Plan;

Whereas, Metro 2050: Transportation Moving Ahead, which covers the time horizon of 2024 to 2050 was prepared using an extensive intermodal planning process;

Whereas, Metro 2050: Transportation Moving Ahead provides a comprehensive, coordinated program of projects and strategies that will improve the urban and extraterritorial transportation system of the Fargo Moorhead metropolitan area;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that Cass County does hereby adopt the Fargo Moorhead Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Metro 2050: Transportation Moving Ahead, and agrees to use it as a tool to implement metropolitan transportation goals and objectives, which will complement overall development of the metropolitan transportation system.;

Approved and adopted this 16th day of December, 2024

Attest:

By:

County Finance Director

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners