

Central Dakota MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 10:30 AM

Public Works Conference Room 3, Public Works (1025 31st St SE)

1. ROLL CALL

John Van Dyke called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

Members Present:

Jesse Berg, Dan Falconer – Alternate for Doug Diedrichsen, Dana Larsen, Lance Meyer, Elizabeth Pietsch, Korby Seward, John Van Dyke, Wayne Zacher (virtual), Cole Jones - Alternate for Sarah Karhoff

Members Absent:

Brian Horinka

Others Present:

Stacey Hanson (virtual), Kristen Sperry (virtual), Paul Benning (virtual), Stephen Joersz, Nicole Robinson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2024 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting as presented by Dana Larsen, seconded by Lance Meyer, and favored by all.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 MTP UPDATE

Van Dyke met with the consultant on Thursday, August 8 for an initial kick-off meeting. He will be meeting with the consultant team every other week for updates. Rather than having a steering committee for the MTP process, Van Dyke suggested having TAC act as that committee. He expressed the importance of TAC members being involved in the entire process with the possibility of breaking down into smaller groups for projects where certain members take more interest. The September 10th TAC meeting will be the first meeting with the consultants present.

Initial public engagement for the MTP will be happening in October. Throughout the month of September Van Dyke will be doing member jurisdiction tours to introduce himself and the MPO. He will also be highlighting public engagement opportunities that will begin in October.

Van Dyke asked for volunteers to be included in discussion regarding TAZ Boundaries, etc. Stephen Joersz, Korby Seward, and Dana Larsen volunteered. Jesse Berg and Cole Jones said they would get back to him.

Wayne Zacher notified TAC that he would be bringing a few people from the DOT to the September TAC Meeting and stressed the importance of completing the UPWP as soon as possible.

Van Dyke presented an MTP data request list and asked TAC members to help in providing some of the required information.

3.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

Van Dyke gave an update regarding upcoming engagement events, including a 45-day time frame for public comment, a press release, and an interview with KX News. He encouraged TAC members to review the Public Participation Plan and provide any feedback they may have.

3.3 UPDATE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION AND QUARTERLY REPORT

Van Dyke specified some budget changes made in lieu of an office location change, association fees, and membership dues. This did not affect the total amount budgeted. Dana Larsen asked if it was a bigger issue to move money between sections rather than between line items. Wayne Zacher clarified that money being moved within the same section would not need to be amended for approval.

Zacher gave a short explanation of the requirements regarding UPWP reporting. Van Dyke informed TAC that he submitted the UPWP to the DOT for approval.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 2026/2027 PLANNING PROJECTS DISCUSSION

Van Dyke encouraged members to be thinking about projects to be accomplished in 2026 and 2027. The Transit Development Plan will be addressed in 2025 with some of the costs being rolled over into 2026. Dana Larsen suggested looking into pavement assessment for the entire MPA area. Wayne Zacher confirmed that was a common MPO study and clarified funding sources. Group discussion ensued.

Jesse Berg suggested pursuing re-certifying quiet zones in Surrey every three years. Dana Larsen and Lance Meyer provided feedback.

4.2 SW CONNECTOR CORRIDOR PHASE I AND II DISCUSSION – DANA LARSEN

Dana Larsen reported that they were not successful in obtaining a grant after applying twice. He gave a brief description of the connector corridor phases and implied interest in obtaining help from the MPO. Van Dyke suggested following the debrief to occur in the coming months, bringing the item back to TAC to strategize and discuss options.

4.3 NDDOT/FHWA/FTA UPDATE, IF ANY

Wayne Zacher informed TAC members of Paul Benning's forthcoming retirement and that a new local government director would be starting Friday, August 16. The group offered congratulations to Benning and Benning in turn expressed his gratitude.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Van Dyke asked for public comment and explained that this offer would continue being extended to the public. No members of the public were present.

5.2 SPECIAL ROAD FUND PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Van Dyke shared a letter from the Director of the NDDOT regarding special road funding to bring awareness to members. Stacey Hanson clarified that this particular funding does not require MPO submission but recommended good coordination between MPO's and member jurisdictions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Van Dyke asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Jesse Berg, seconded by Elizabeth Pietsch, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.