

Central Dakota MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 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, Brian Billingsley – Alternate for Doug Diedrichsen, Brian Horinka, Lance Meyer, Beth Pietsch, John Van Dyke, Wayne Zacher, Cole Jones - Alternate for Sarah Karhoff

Members Absent:

Dana Larsen, Korby Seward

Others Present:

Stacey Hanson, Kristen Sperry, Stephen Joersz, George Palo, Seng Marohl, Angie Stenson (virtual), Luke Champa (virtual), Scott Harmstead (virtual), Blue Weber (virtual), Nicole Robinson, Dan Falconer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13, 2024 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 meeting as presented by Lance Meyer, seconded by Beth Pietsch, and favored by all.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 2024 UPWP AMENDMENT #1

John Van Dyke summarized the changes made to the 2024 UPWP.

Brian Horinka moved to recommend approval of Amendment #1 to the 2024 UPWP as presented. The motion was seconded by Lance Meyer, and favored by all.

3.2 2025 UPWP FINAL DRAFT

Van Dyke added clarity and specificity to the 2025 UPWP based on comments from Federal Highway. He reviewed those changes with the group.

Lance Meyer moved to recommend approval of the Final Draft of the 2025 UPWP as presented. The motion was seconded by Jesse Berg, and favored by all.

3.3 MTP UPDATE

Angie Stenson, Blue Weber, Scott Harmstead, and Luke Champa each gave brief introductions regarding their respective roles on the MTP. Stenson provided a further overview of the MTP plans, goals, and projects. Harmstead stressed the prioritization of projects through goals, objectives, and policies. He stressed the importance of following federal guidelines, environmental sustainability, increasing mobility and accessibility in all modes of transport. He brought up the possibility of exploring a complete streets policy that is specific to Central Dakota MPO. He presented focus ideas including; system preservation, infrastructure condition, system reliability, congestion relief & system operations, freight movement, partnership & funding, reduced project delivery delays, and social equity.

Wayne Zacher clarified the reasoning for these ideas, goals, and the overall plan. He stressed that there would be more interactive opportunities with the public in the future and the necessity of this information to initiate the process. Stenson, Harmstead, and Van Dyke reiterated and expounded upon this point.

Weber presented the community engagement portion. He shared some of the tools and opportunities for public input that will be used during the 1st phase in accordance with the Public Engagement Plan. He asked TAC Members for media partnership recommendations. Meyer and Van Dyke provided suggestions. Weber gave an overview of the importance of stakeholders and shared some examples. He then asked TAC Members for recommendations to add to the list. Group members discussed various recommendations.

Stenson gave an overview of the process of obtaining preliminary information of existing conditions.

Champa discussed the MTP financial plan and emphasized the importance of staying within federal guidelines. He informed TAC that BMI/SRF would be reaching out to local auditors and engineers to attain historical data as well as project cost data.

Harmstead gave an introduction on the Travel Demand Model and how the MTP plans to use this to predict future network conditions.

Stenson closed the presentation by providing an overview of the upcoming community engagement opportunities and the project next steps.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 NDDOT/FHWA/FTA UPDATE, IF ANY

None

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Van Dyke asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Brian Horinka, seconded by Lance Meyer, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.