



Central Dakota MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 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, Doug Diedrichsen, Cole Jones – Alternate for Sarah Karhoff, Brian Horinka, Lance Meyer, Dana Larsen, Korby Seward (virtual), John Van Dyke, Wayne Zacher

Members Absent:

Beth Pietsch

Others Present:

Will Hutchings, Kristen Sperry, Stephen Joersz, Angie Stenson (virtual), Blue Weber (virtual), Jim Mertz (virtual), Scott Harmstead (virtual), Luke Champa (virtual), Mike Bittner (virtual), Renae Tunison (virtual), and Nicole Robinson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE October 8, 2024 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting as presented by Doug Diedrichsen, seconded by Lance Meyer, and favored by all.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – CONSULTANT UPDATE

After brief introductions, Angie Stenson gave an overview of the overall presentation. Blue Weber began with a more in-depth overview of the public engagement opportunities by the MTP. He shared some key points from the survey results, mentioned 7 upcoming focus groups and discussed some of the representative organizations. Lance Meyer stressed the importance of tracking areas where feedback is being received specific to each jurisdiction. Weber reported 20-22 attendees at the Minot City Hall Open House, 8 attendees at Surrey Senior Center Open House, and 1 attendee at the Burlington Open House.





Stenson discussed the emerging themes based on public feedback received. She reported bike and ped, safety, and economic ties to the transportation system being brought up the most. Members discussed their thoughts on the findings and meeting attendance.

Jim Mertz presented the draft of the Existing Conditions Memo. He provided an overview of the existing plans being used to create the MTP. He then presented the following topics:

- Minot population density
- Income and Employment throughout the MPO Area
- Travel by Mode
- Transit – Fixed Route & Souris Basin curb-to-curb paratransit service. Group discussion around transit ensued.
- Safety Review – Roadway Segments, Intersections, Bridge Safety, Rail Crossing Crashes. Mertz discussed crash rates and specific areas with higher crash rates.
- Bike Network

Luke Champa gave a Financial Plan Update and reviewed the next steps.

A Future Network Conditions Update was presented by Scott Harmstead.

Topics included:

- “Allocating” Socioeconomic Data to Traffic Analysis Zones. He asked members for feedback.
- The Travel Demand Model. An outline of the review process was given. Members provided input on the model.

Mike Bittner gave an issues identification preview. He provided an overview of the layers of analysis used in evaluation. He identified four priority areas with existing conditions. He encouraged members to begin thinking of the issues and possible solutions to discuss at the meeting in February.

Stenson asked members to provide feedback on the Draft Existing Conditions Memo by Tuesday, November 19th and provided the timeline of next steps.





4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 NDDOT/FHWA/FTA UPDATE, IF ANY

Wayne Zacher introduced Will Hutchings as the new DOT MPO Coordinator and will be the voting member beginning in December. Kristen Sperry noted there is the new Team Lead for Engineering Services and there will be a Structural Engineer Position Open.

4.2 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Van Dyke asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Jesse Berg, seconded by Brian Horinka, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.

