

The Forks MPO

What is an MPO?



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METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION



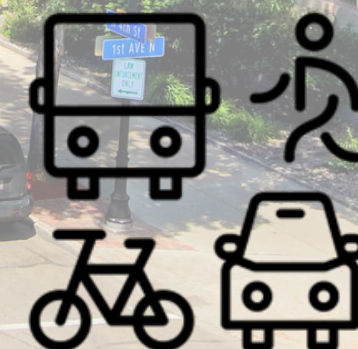
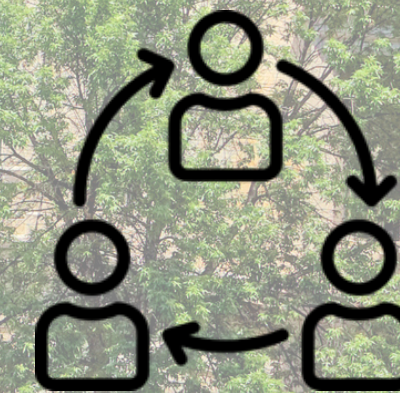


ROLE OF THE MPO

A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) IS THE POLICY BOARD OF AN ORGANIZATION CREATED AND DESIGNATED TO CARRY OUT THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS. MPOS ARE REQUIRED TO REPRESENT LOCALITIES IN ALL URBANIZED AREAS (UZAS) WITH POPULATIONS OVER 50,000, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. CENSUS.

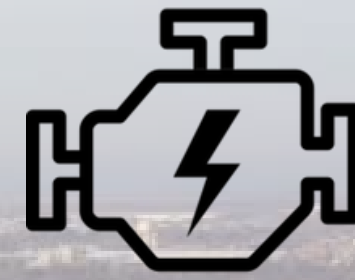
What do we mean by the 3Cs?

- **Continuing** - ongoing, bringing forward the work of the past and re-evaluating as more is known, to continuously plan for the future.
- **Cooperative** - working in cooperation with the public, local agencies, state agencies, and federal agencies. Sometimes delaying the needs of one jurisdiction for the needs of the greater good.
- **Comprehensive** - thorough, studying all modes of transportation, all transportation needs, and all potential scenarios in a multi-disciplinary approach.



The MPO is the required "forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for the metropolitan area".

23CFR 450.104



The MPO is the engine driving regional collaboration and coordination.

Why do MPOs exist?

The MPO must plan for regional transportation needs while being responsive to community interests and local policies.



MPO planning involves many contributing agencies and must involve the public.



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Our MPO History

1. January 26, 1981 meeting.

i. we are now a Designated Urbanized Area

2. Letters dated October 5, 1982 and November 24, 1982

i. designating the area as an MPO

3. Bylaws adopted June 23, 1982

i. amended:

1. June 25, 1992

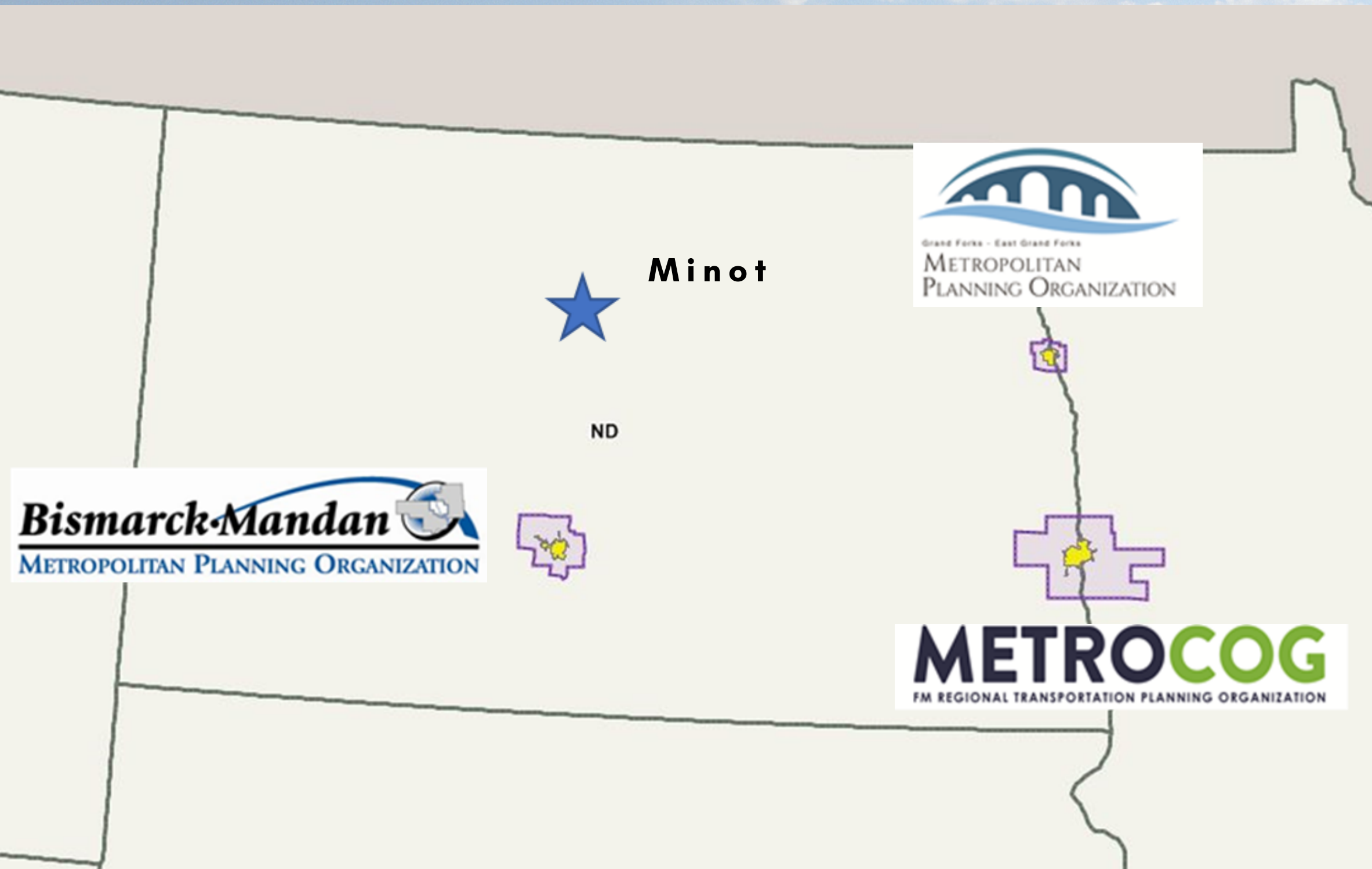
2. March 9, 1993

3. June 26, 1994

4. August 17, 1998

5. December 9, 1999

Where do Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) exist in ND?



Bismarck-Mandan

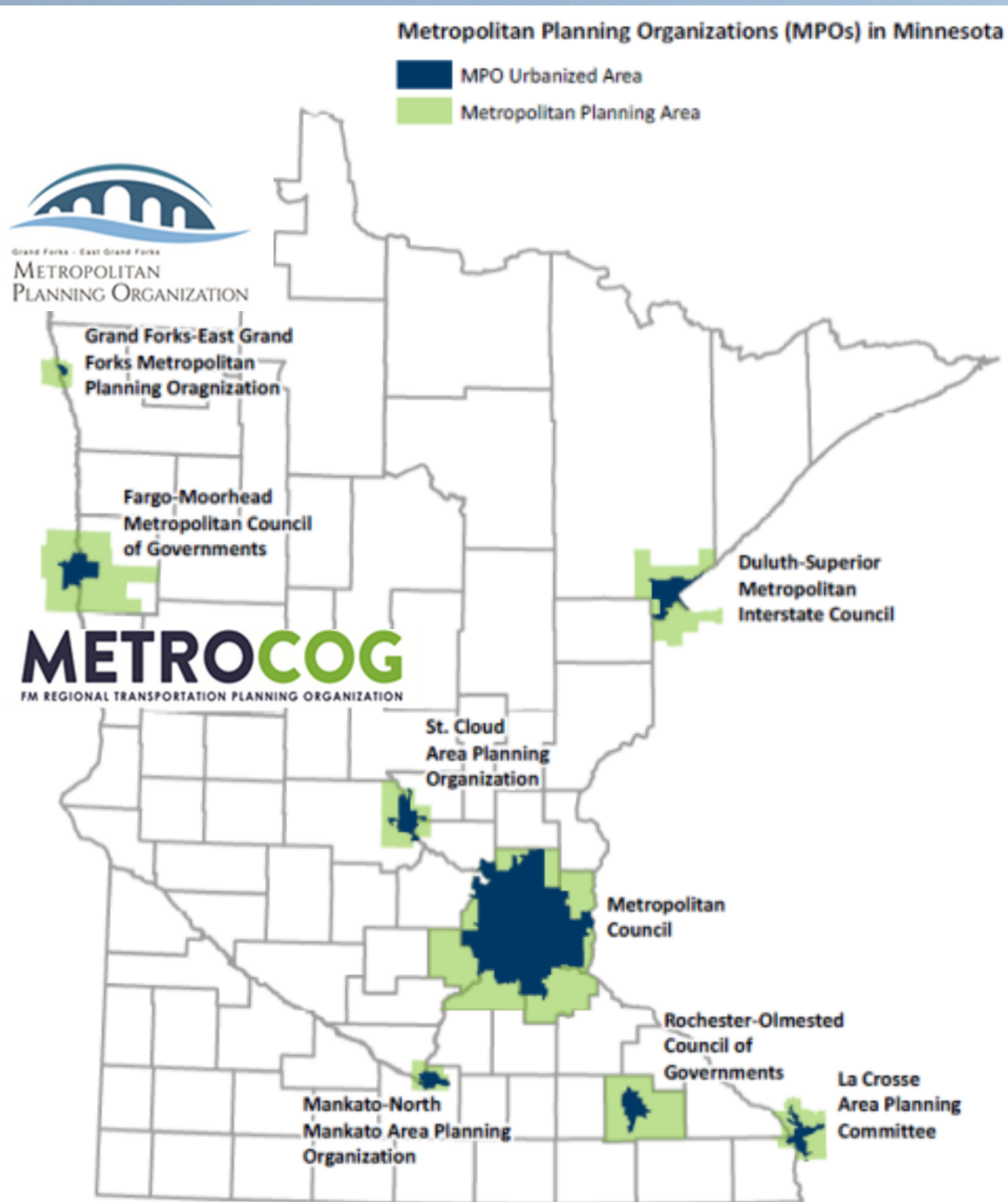
Fargo-Moorhead

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Minot - Coming soon



Where do Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) exist in MN?



Rochester

Fargo-Moorhead

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Mankato/North Mankato

St. Cloud

La Crosse

Duluth - Superior



MPO Required Planning Activities:

1. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

- i. Tasks to accomplish planning activities

2. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

- i. Projects to implement the LRTP

3. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

- i. Goals, objectives, actions

4. Public Participation Plan

- i. Communication with the public and key affected groups

An aerial photograph of a winter landscape. A wide river flows through the center, with snow-covered banks. Several bridges cross the river. In the background, a town or city is visible, surrounded by snow-covered fields and some evergreen trees. The sky is a pale blue.

MPO Structure

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

FHWA - Kristen Sperry

FTA - Ranea Tunison

NDDOT - Wayne Zacher/Michael Johnson

MNDOT - Erika Shepard

GF Engineering - David Kuharenko/Carter Hunter

EGF Engineering - Steve Emery/Dustin Fanfulik

GF County - Lane Magnuson/Tom Ford/Nick West

MNDOT District 2 - Jon Mason/Troy Schroeder

Polk County - Rich Sanders

GF Planning - Ryan Brooks/Andrea Edwardson

EGF Planning - Nancy Ellis

GF Transit - Dale Bergman

BNSF - Nels Christianson

GF Airport - Ryan Riesinger



An aerial photograph of a winter landscape. A wide river flows through the center, with snow-covered banks and bridges crossing it. The surrounding area is a mix of snow-covered fields, some trees, and small clusters of buildings. The sky is a pale blue.

MPO Structure

Executive Policy Board

GF County - Mark Rustad

Polk County - Warren Strandell

EGF City Council - Brian Larson

EGF Planning & Zoning - Mike Powers

GF Planning & Zoning - Al Graser

GF City Council - Tricia Lunski

EGF City Council - Clarence Vetter

GF City Council - Ken Vein



Looking at it differently

Asking the question

"WHY THIS WAY?"





**I-29 and TMC
Joint Application**



**Internship
Partnership**



**MPO area
Joint Application**



**"A CITY IS NOT AN ACCIDENT BUT THE
RESULT OF COHERENT VISIONS AND AIMS."**

Leon Krier



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