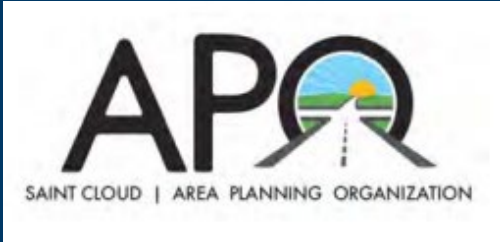




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# Greater Minnesota's Metropolitan Planning Organizations

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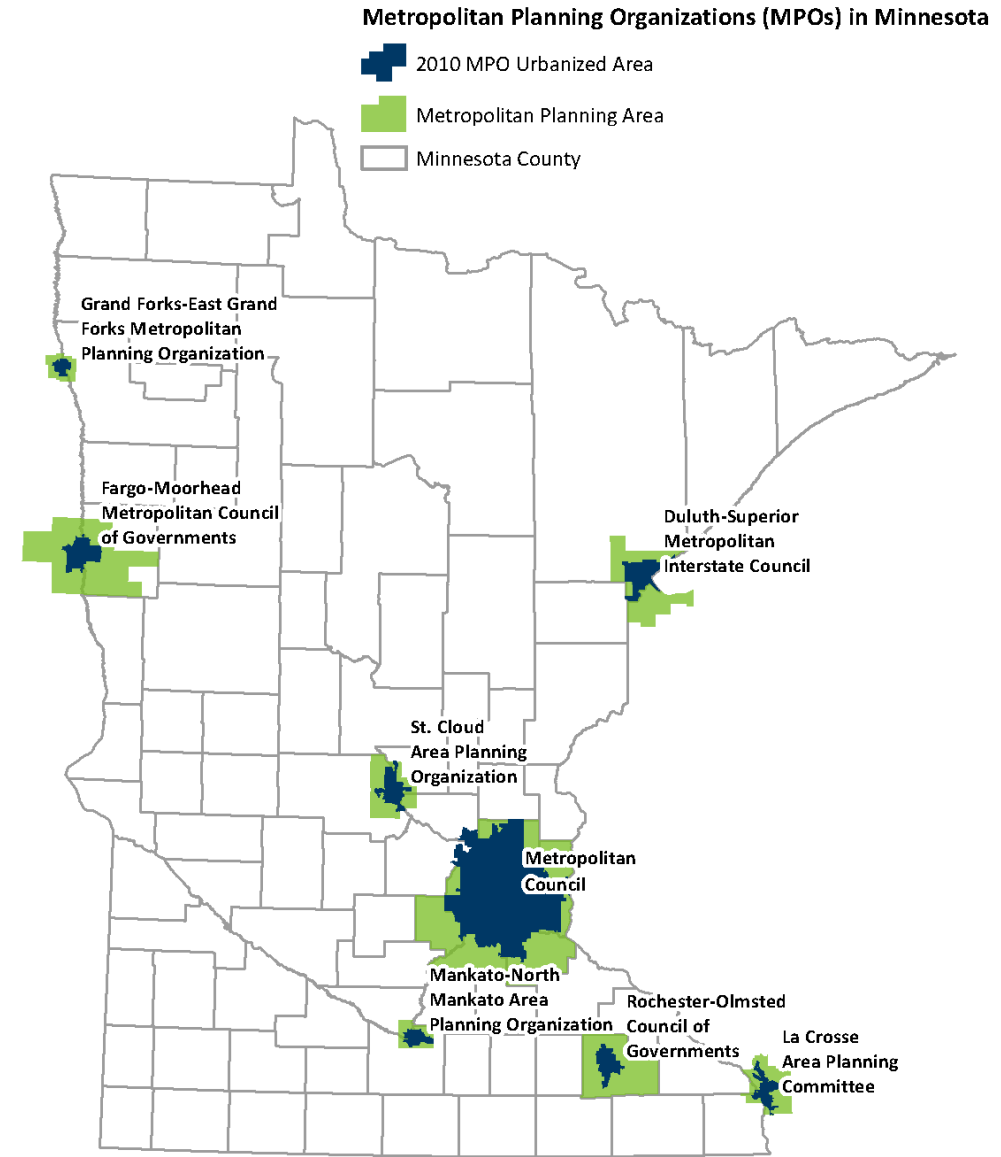
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# Metropolitan Planning Organizations

In urbanized areas of more than 50,000 people, transportation planning is a coordinated, comprehensive and continuous process **led by** a metropolitan planning organization (MPO)

- Develop a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Maintain an annual planning program of studies, etc. (UPWP)



# Transportation Management Areas

- Urbanized areas of more than **200,000** people are designated as Transportation Management Areas (TMA) and the MPO has additional responsibilities:
  - Maintain a congestion management process
  - Receive a direct appropriation of federal funds
  - Board must include public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation including providers of public transportation

# Transportation Management Areas

- Until recently, the Metropolitan Council was the only TMA in Minnesota
- Fargo-Moorhead Council of Governments was designated as a TMA after 2020 census.

**Table 17: Summary of Federal Funding Allocated through the TAB'S Regional Solicitation for Projects in State Fiscal Years 2024-2027 (In millions; Federal Amount only)**

<b>Program Category</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>Total</b>
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$29.8	37.7	43.8	4.4	115.7
Transportation Alternatives (TA)	\$22.5	6.2	2.9	0	31.6
PROTECT	\$5.0	0	0	0	5.0
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	\$8.2	8.5	0	0	16.7
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	\$76.6	94.2	87.1	143.9	401.8
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$16.5	16.1	19.6	24.3	76.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$158.6</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>153.4</b>	<b>172.6</b>	<b>647.3</b>

Example of Metropolitan Council's direct appropriation of federal funds through the Regional Solicitation Process.

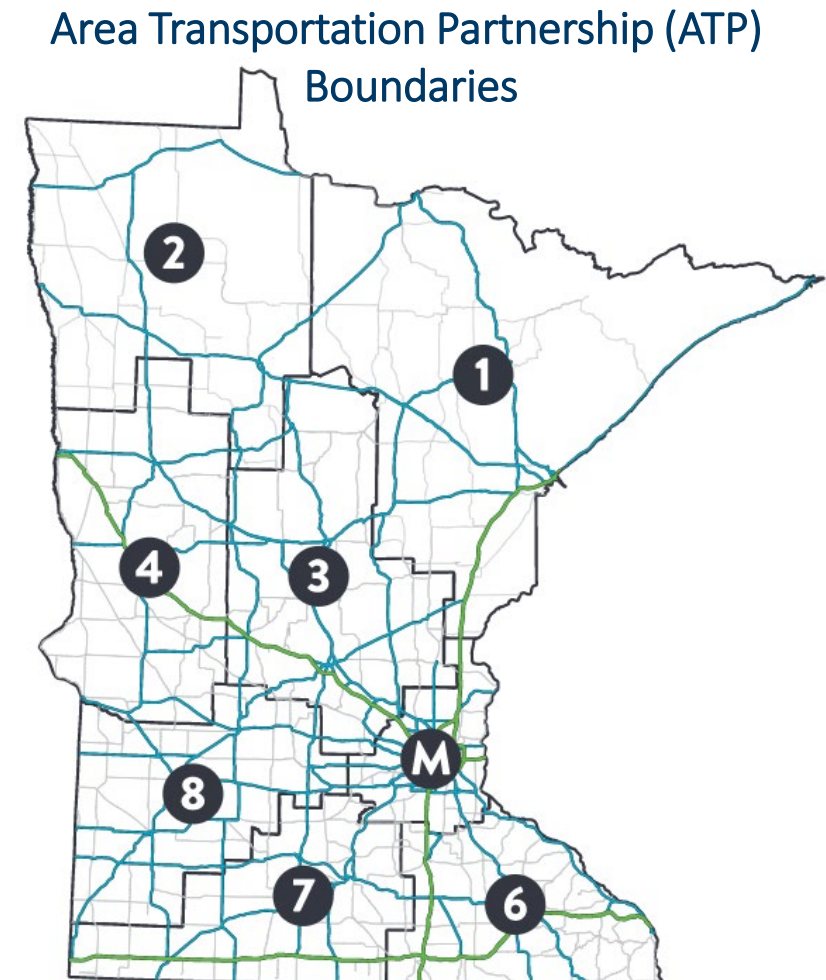
Source: Metropolitan Council 2024-2027 TIP

# Primary responsibilities of an MPO

- Maintain a Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Develop a Transportation Improvement Program
- Develop a Unified Planning Work Program
- Nondiscrimination requirements
- Establish performance targets & integrate into planning process
- Public participation plan

# Project Selection

- Greater MN MPOs play a coordinating role in selecting projects
  - They do not receive direct appropriations like the Met Council or Metro COG
- Projects within MPO planning boundaries must be included in the TIP and consistent the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- The Greater MN MPOs are members of the Area Transportation Partnerships



# Greater MN MPOs

MPO Name	Population Estimate	Type of Organization	Bi-State?
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments	216,214	Council of Governments	Yes – ND lead state
Rochester-Olmstead Council of Governments	121,587	Council of Governments	No
St. Cloud Area Planning Organization	117,638	Area Planning Organization	No
La Crosse Area Planning Committee	98,872	Metropolitan Planning Organization	Yes – WI lead state
Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council	119,411	Joint agreement between two Regional Development Commissions	Yes – MN lead state
Grand Forks/E. Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization	68,160	Metropolitan Planning Organization	Yes – ND lead state
Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization	60,206	Metropolitan Planning Organization	No

# Greater MN MPOs

MPO Name	Board Composition	Board Appointment
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments	<b>16</b> voting members (at least 11 elected officials)	Appointed by the mayor of the jurisdiction or county administrator
Rochester-Olmstead Council of Governments	<b>16</b> voting members (13 elected officials)	Appointed by jurisdiction or by virtue of position
St. Cloud Area Planning Organization	<b>12</b> voting members (11 elected officials)	Appointed by jurisdiction or by virtue of position
La Crosse Area Planning Committee	<b>10</b> voting members (all elected officials)	Specific positions are listed as the members (e.g. mayor)
Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council	<b>18</b> voting members (14 elected officials)	Appointed by jurisdiction
Grand Forks/E. Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization	<b>8</b> voting members (all elected officials)	Appointed by jurisdiction
Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization	<b>6</b> voting members (all elected officials)	Appointed by jurisdiction



# CY 2023 Funding Situation / CPG allocation

MPO	Available FHWA Appropriations	Available FTA Appropriations		Consolidated Planning Grant Total	State Planning Grant Total
	2022 FHWA Appropriations	2022 FTA Appropriations	2021 FTA Appropriations Carry Forward		
APO	\$ 507,869	\$ 186,440	\$ 1,567	\$ 695,876	\$62,815
MIC	\$ 442,231	\$ 167,076	\$ 31,184	\$ 640,491	\$60,524
ROCOG	\$ 496,691	\$ 187,142	-	\$ 683,833	\$61,143
MAPO	\$ 270,855	\$ 78,408*	\$ 58,968	\$ 329,823	\$32,698
LAPC	\$ 34,988	\$ 10,153	-	\$ 45,141	\$11,000
Met Council	\$ 4,021,234	\$ 1,470,287	-	\$ 5,109,512	N/A
GFEGF	\$ 64,029	\$ 12,612	-	\$	\$11,000
FMCOG	\$ 176,108	\$ 64,029	-	\$	\$26,820

# CY 2024 Funding Situation / CPG allocation

MPO	Available FHWA Appropriations	Available FTA Appropriations		Consolidated Planning Grant Total	State Planning Grant Total
	2023 FHWA Appropriations	2023 FTA Appropriations	2022 FTA Appropriations Carry Forward		
APO	\$ 491,414	\$ 181,941	\$ 4	\$ 673,359	\$61,520
MIC	\$ 416,882	\$ 182,920	\$ 29,283	\$ 629,085	\$50,600
ROCOG	\$ 502,993	\$ 186,545	-	\$ 689,538	\$63,210
MAPO	\$ 323,010	\$ 95,074	\$ 114,055	\$ 532,137	\$36,850
LAPC	\$ 52,631	\$ 17,322	-	\$ 69,953	\$11,000
Met Council	\$ 4,101,659	\$ 1,498,938	\$ 382,009	\$ 5,982,606	N/A
GFEGF	\$ 63,181	\$ 18,821	-	\$ 82,002	\$11,000
FMCOG	\$ 200,717	\$ 66,846	-	\$ 267,563	\$31,820



## Questions

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