



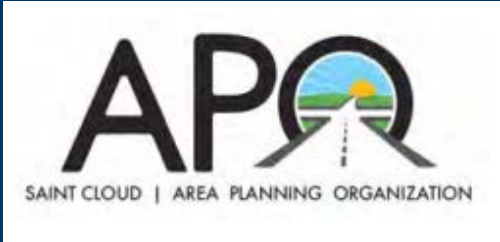
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Greater Minnesota's Metropolitan Planning Organizations

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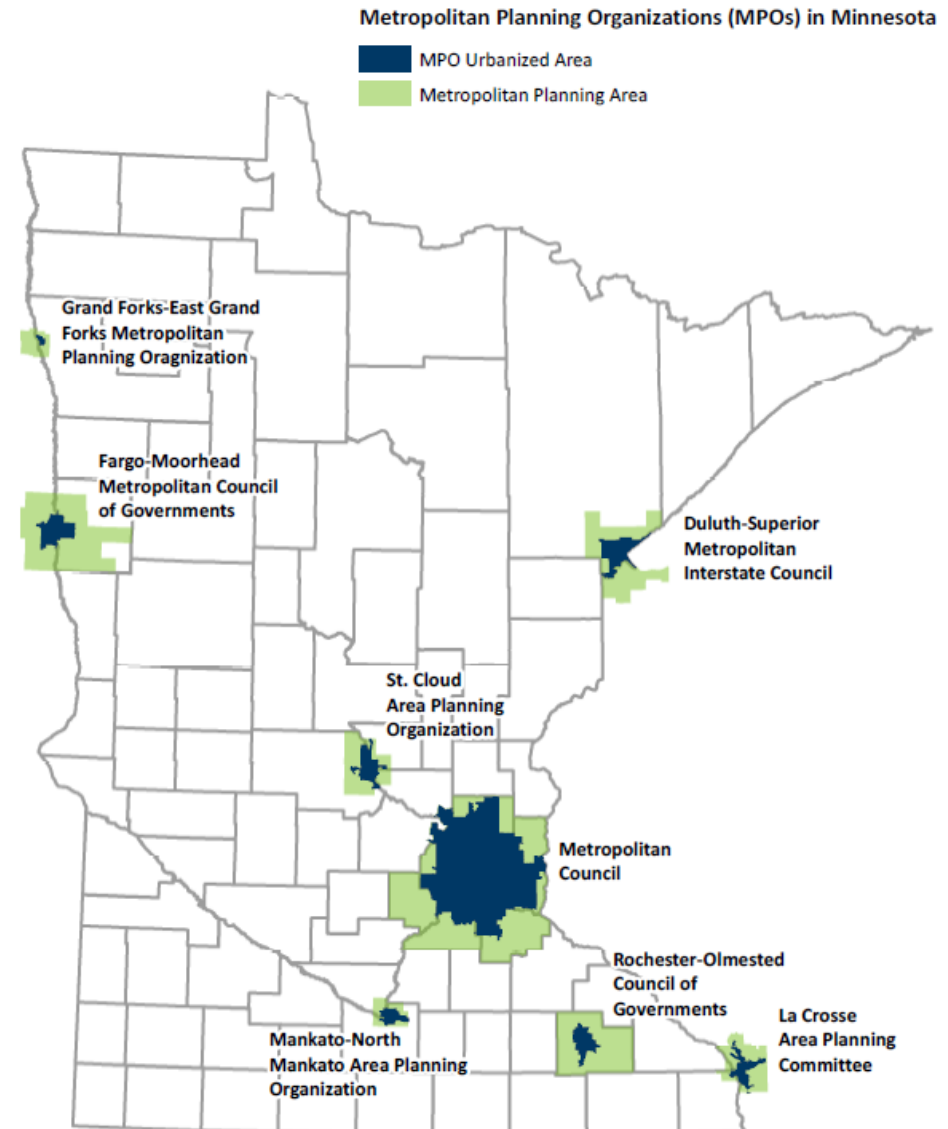
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Metropolitan Planning Organizations

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

- The Metropolitan Council is currently the only TMA in Minnesota
- Fargo-Moorhead Council of Governments is expected to be designated as a TMA after 2020 census.

Greater MN MPOs

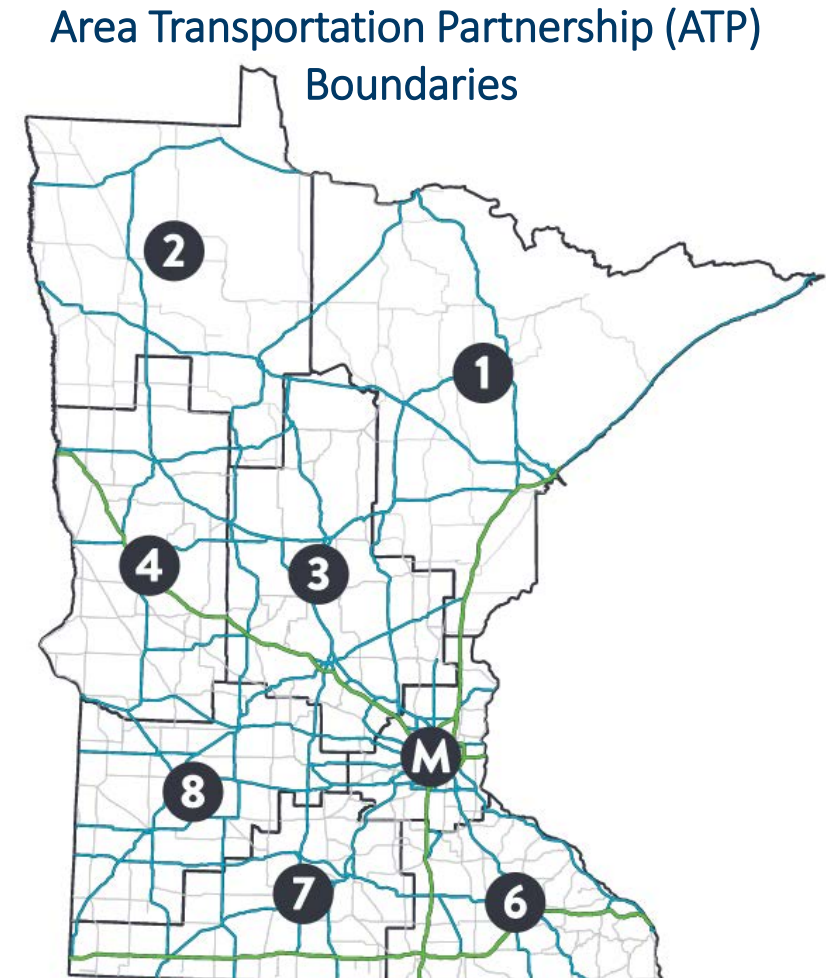
MPO Name	Population Estimate	Type of Organization	Bi-State?
Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments	235,939	Council of Governments	Yes – ND lead state
Rochester-Olmstead Council of Governments	153,065	Council of Governments	No
St. Cloud Area Planning Organization	138,542	Area Planning Organization	No
La Crosse Area Planning Committee	117,851	Metropolitan Planning Organization	Yes – WI lead state
Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council	115,719	Joint agreement between two Regional Development Commissions	Yes – MN lead state
Grand Forks/E. Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization	70,000	Metropolitan Planning Organization	Yes – ND lead state
Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization	61,807	Metropolitan Planning Organization	No

Greater MN MPOs

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

Project Selection

- Greater MN MPOs play a coordinating role in selecting projects
 - They do not receive direct appropriations like the Met Council
- 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





Questions

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