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MPO Directors Summer Conference Agenda

July 29 – 30, 2026

Mayo Clinic Event Center, Ellerbe Room
1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001

Day 1: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

	ITEM	PRESENTER
9:00	Sign-in	Coffee Service Available
10:00	Welcome	Mankato Mayor and MAPO Policy Board
10:15	MAPO Area Discussion	Andy Wilke (Greater Mankato Growth)
11:00	Conference Break	
11:10	MN Transportation Alliance	Margaret Donahoe (Transportation Alliance)
11:45	FHWA Update	Scott Mareck (FHWA)
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Senate Update	Josh Ortiz (Senator Klobuchar's Office) Jack Smyth (Senator Smith's Office)
1:20	ARDC SS4A Planning Work	Rondi Watson (MIC)
1:50	Conference Break	
2:00	Transportation Emissions: Impact and How to Offset it the MPO Role	Anna Pierce (MnDOT) Maurice Roers (MnDOT)
2:50	Conference Break	
3:00	EV Public Charging Needs Analysis	Tony Fischer (METC)
3:30	History of the Kern Bridge	Mankato Historic Preservation Committee
4:30	Conference Break	
6:35	Moondogs Game	ISG Field 601 Reed Street, Mankato.

Day 2: Thursday, July 30, 2026

ITEM		PRESENTER
7:30	Continental Breakfast	Coffee Service Available
8:00	MPO Peer-to-Peer Discussion	
8:50	Conference Break	
9:00	MMB Long-Range Planning	Karin Berkholtz (MnDOT)
9:45	Conference Break	
9:50	Greater MN Transit Plan	Nathan Abney (MnDOT)
10:35	Conference Break	
10:40	Performance Measures and Safety Reporting	Eric Devoe (MnDOT)
11:05	Conference Break	
11:10	Evaluation of Forecast Accuracy and Robustness Study	Charles Gorugantula (METC)
11:40	US Bicycle Route 30 Planning and Designation	Ryan Dusil (MnDOT)
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	I94 Traffic Diversion	Jim Henriksen (MnDOT)
2:00	Adjourn	