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MPO Directors Summer Workshop Draft 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	Registration	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	(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	Emissions Impact Assessment and Offset Plan	Anna Pierce (MnDOT)
2:50	Conference Break	
3:00	History of the Kern Bridge	Mankato Historic Preservation Committee
4:30	Conference Break	
6:35	Moondogs Game	ISG Field 601 Reed Street, Mankato.

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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	Small Communities Planning Assistance	(MnDOT)
9:50	Conference Break	
10:00	Greater MN Transit Plan	Nathan Abney
10:50	Conference Break	
11:00	Evaluation of Forecast Accuracy and Robustness Study	Charles Gorgantula (MET Council)
11:30	MN Bicycle Route 30 Planning and Designation	Ryan Dunsil (MnDOT)
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Presentations	TBD
2:00	Adjourn	