

## REPORT OF ACTION

### PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Project No.: QR-25-B0

Type: CatEx

Location: 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N & Red River

Date of Hearing: 5/18/2026

| <u>Routing</u>  | <u>Date</u>         |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| City Commission | <u>5/26/2026</u>    |
| PWPEC File      | <u>X</u>            |
| Project File    | <u>Eric Hodgson</u> |

The Committee reviewed the accompanying correspondence from Civil Engineer, Eric Hodgson, regarding the approval of the environmental document for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Bridge Reconstruction Project No. QR-25-B0.

City Commission approved the alternatives for the project on February 2, 2026. Staff is now seeking approval of the CatEx.

On a motion by Susan Thompson, seconded by Tim Mahoney, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the CatEx for Project QR-25-B0.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION

Concur with the recommendations of PWPEC and approve the CatEx for Project QR-25-B0.

#### PROJECT FINANCING INFORMATION:

Recommended source of funding for project: 2022 RAISE Grant

|                                                                | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Developer meets City policy for payment of delinquent specials | <u>N/A</u> |           |
| Agreement for payment of specials required of developer        | <u>N/A</u> |           |
| Letter of Credit required (per policy approved 5-28-13)        | <u>N/A</u> |           |

#### COMMITTEE

|                                          | <u>Present</u>                      | <u>Yes</u>                          | <u>No</u>                | <u>Unanimous</u>                           |
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|                                          |                                     |                                     |                          | <u><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></u> |
| Tim Mahoney, Mayor                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                            |
| Nicole Crutchfield, Director of Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                            |
| Gary Lorenz, Fire Chief                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                            |
| Brenda Derrig, City Administrator        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                            |
| Ben Dow, Director of Operations          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                            |
| Tom Knakmuhs, City Engineer              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                            |
| Susan Thompson, Finance Director         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                            |

ATTEST:

  
Tom Knakmuhs, P.E.  
City Engineer

# Memorandum

**To:** Members of PWPEC  
**From:** Eric Hodgson, Civil Engineer II  
**Date:** May 18, 2026  
**Re:** Project No. QR-25-B0 - Decision Document for Reconstruction  
12th Avenue North Bridge over the Red River

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## **Background**

On 9/26/2024, the City of Fargo and the U.S. Department of Transportation formalized an Agreement for Engineering and NEPA work, which authorizes the City to utilize \$1.5M worth of Federal Funds in the form of a 2022 RAISE Grant. A consulting engineering team, led by Houston Engineering, was selected by our Selection Committee, and a final scope and fee for the proposed work was approved at City Commission on 3/17/2025.

On 2/2/2026, Commission concurred with the Committee's recommendation for the following alternative and option for the project:

Alternatives:

- "Build - Off Existing Bridge Alignment"
- With Option 1 - Mini Roundabout at the Elm Street intersection

This alternative and option moved forward in the NEPA document.

## **Recommended Motion**

Concur with the project concepts as proposed and approve the environmental document. This approval is contingent on the approval of the impacts to the Section 4(f) properties by the Fargo Park District.

EBH/klb

Attachments:

- Environmental Document – Cat Ex



# BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

## Project No.

City of Fargo Project No. QR-25-B0

12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Fargo, ND & 15th Avenue North  
Moorhead, MN

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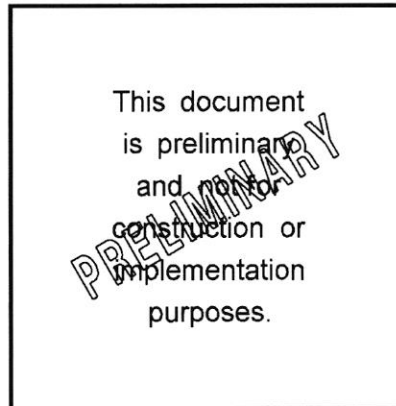
**Environmental Reviewer:** Kristen Sperry, Federal Highway Administration

**April 2026**

# **Red River Bridge Replacement – 12th Avenue Fargo/15th Avenue Moorhead**

12th Avenue North Fargo, ND & 15th Avenue North Moorhead, MN

## ***CERTIFICATION***



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## Supporting Documents

Public Involvement Report, November 2025

Aquatic Resources Delineation Report, July 2025

Noise Report, March 2026

Traffic Operations Report, September 2025

Cultural Resources Reports:

MN Phase I Archeological report, **PENDING**

MN Phase I Architectural/Visual report, **PENDING**

ND Class III report: January 2026; Addendum March 2026

Geotechnical Evaluation Report, **PENDING**

Hydraulic Analysis & Scour Analysis, **PENDING**

Decision Document, January 2026



## A. Project Description

Roadway: 12th Avenue North Fargo, ND & 15th Avenue North Moorhead, MN

Limits: West of the Elm Street/12<sup>th</sup> Avenue N intersection to east of Bridgeview Street/15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North intersection



Figure 1 – Project Location Map



**Table 1 – Traffic Data**

|          | Year | Totals |
|----------|------|--------|
| Current  | 2025 | 9,661  |
| Forecast | 2050 | 10,180 |

**B. Project Schedule**

Project: City of Fargo Project No. QR-25-B0

Bid Ready: 1/1/2027

**C. Purpose of Project**

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a two-state river crossing of the Red River of the North at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North/15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North that maintains a continuous, year-round connection, meeting current design standards and the identified transportation goals of the Cities of Fargo & Moorhead. The project will raise the bridge above the post Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion (FM Diversion) Project 100-year floodplain. The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. The bridge was originally opened to traffic in 1988 as a privately operated toll bridge and is currently jointly owned by the cities of Fargo and Moorhead.

**D. Need for Project**

The need for the project is driven by operational deficiencies of the bridge in times of high-water events in which the river crossing needs to be closed. Currently, the bridge is operationally impacted during less than 10-year flood events on the Red River. Deficiencies within the project limits also include pavement condition and pedestrian facilities that do not comply with current ADA standards. While not a primary need for the project, opportunities exist to improve bicycle facilities across the bridge and also at the intersection of Elm Street North/12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North if roadway reconstruction occurs.

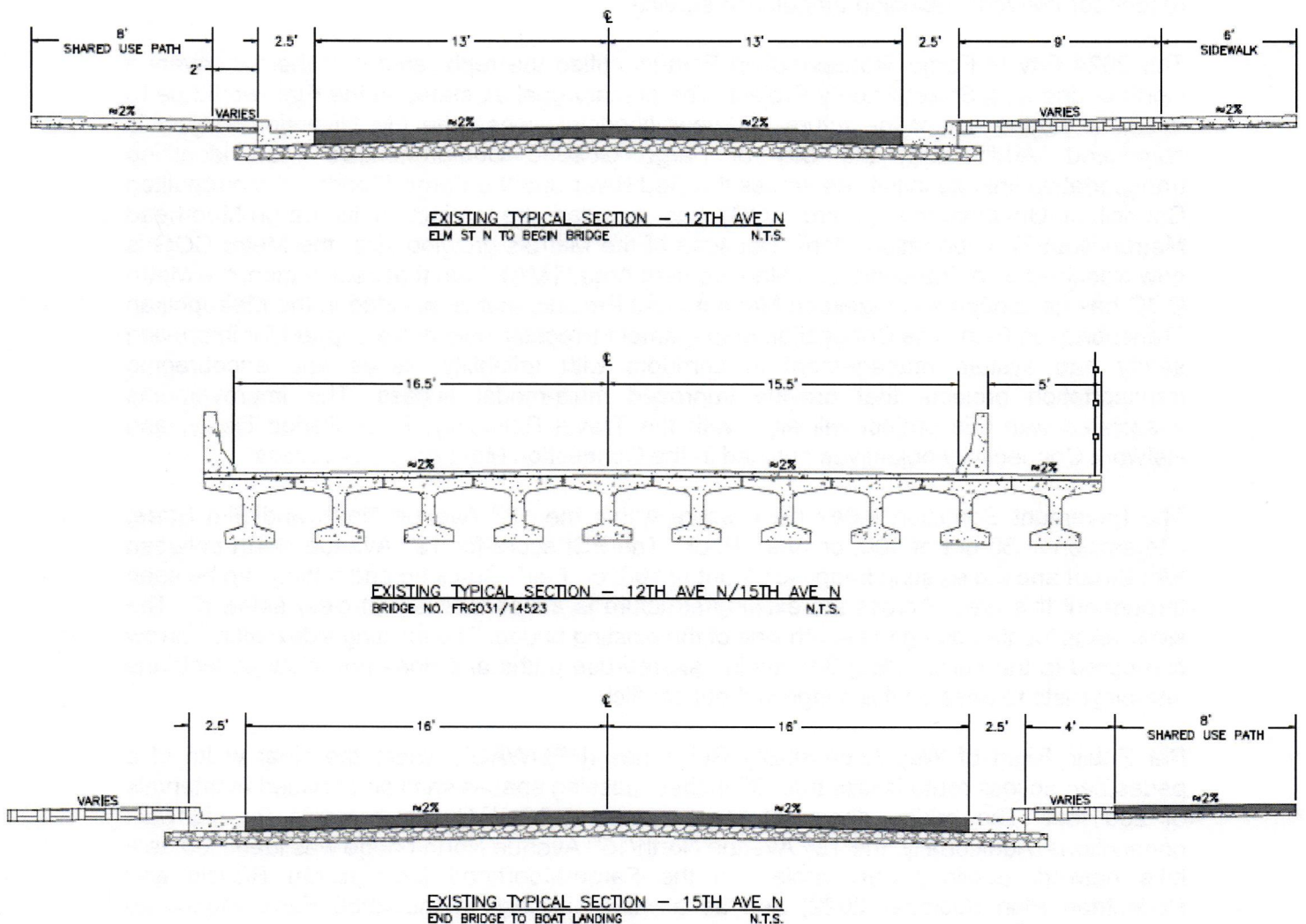
**Existing Conditions:**

The proposed project area is located along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, North Dakota, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Minnesota, along the Red River. Residential developments, parking lots, transportation, pedestrian facilities, and recreation are the primary land uses within and directly adjacent to the project area. Recreational facilities nearby include Jack Williams Stadium and Mickelson Park and Softball Fields, Mickelson-Tricorn Bike Path, Trefoil Park, and Original Homestead Park.

The existing structure, National Bridge Inventory Structure No. FRGO31 (MN Bridge 14523), is an approximately 500-foot-long prestressed concrete bulb tee bridge that was built in 1987-1988. It is 40 feet wide and consists of two driving lanes, concrete curbs/barriers, metal railings, guardrail, a pedestrian sidewalk less than 5-feet clear width, lighting, and a chain link safety fence. The Mickelson-Tricorn shared-use path is present underneath the bridge running parallel to the west bank of the Red River.

12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo is a two-lane, urban collector with asphalt surfacing 12-foot driving lanes, pavement marking, curb and gutter, and a 100-foot westbound right turn lane at the Elm Street intersection. Utilities present in the area include sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer. A shared-use path (as designated by the Metro COG Bike Map) is present along the north side of the roadway and a sidewalk is located on the south side of the roadway. A dedicated on-street bike lane is located west of Elm Street North. The intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North with Elm Street North has existing all-way stop control, and pedestrian crossings on all legs.

15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead is a two-lane, urban collector roadway, with asphalt surfacing and a width of 37 feet, pavement marking, curb and gutter, and storm sewer. A physically separated shared-use path (as designated by the Metro COG Bike Map) is present on the south side of the roadway. On-street bicycle facilities are not present.



**Figure 2 - Existing Typical Sections (Looking East)**



## Deficiencies:

Within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area, there are only seven Red River crossings for vehicles. The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North bridge is currently in satisfactory structural condition. However, the existing bridge elevation is within the 100-year FEMA floodplain and has been closed seven times for a duration of up to 6 weeks each time during the last 16 years. Closures of the bridge due to flooding have occurred in both the spring and summer months. When the bridge closes, up to 10,000 vehicles per day must be detoured through downtown Fargo and Moorhead to either the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, NP Avenue, or Main Avenue crossings, an approximate 3-mile detour, adding approximately 10-15 minutes to one-way travel times. This detour must also be utilized by the first responders and emergency service vehicles of the Red River Regional Dispatch Center, a joint venture of first responders that serve both Fargo and Moorhead. This detour greatly reduces the efficiency and effectiveness of the shared first responder network, including ambulance service.

The 2024 City of Fargo Transportation Plan identified the replacement of the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North bridge as a Street Priority Project. The primary goal as stated in the Plan would be to raise the bridge out of the future 100-year floodplain when the FM Diversion Project is completed. Additionally, the City of Fargo Go2030 Comprehensive Plan identified transportation linkage initiatives across the Red River and the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) has included the project in its Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Transportation Plan<sup>1</sup>. Because of the Metro's growing size, the Metro COG is now classified as a Transportation Management Area (TMA). With that designation, the Metro COG has developed a Congestion Management Process that is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Congestion Management Process indicates a support for improving safety and system management in corridors with reliability issues and encouraging transportation projects that provide improved multi-modal access. The improvements associated with this project will align with the Travel Reliability, Peak Period Delay, and Network Connectivity objectives outlined in the Congestion Management Process.

The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score within the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Elm Street intersection is 35 out of 100, or "Very Poor". The PCI score for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North between Elm Street and the existing bridge is 61 out of 100, or "Fair". Cracking and rutting can be seen throughout this area. Across the existing structure is a less than 5-foot clear sidewalk. The sidewalk is located along the south side of the existing bridge. The existing sidewalk is narrow compared to the surrounding 8-foot-wide shared-use paths and does not allow pedestrians and bicyclists to pass on the bridge without conflict.

Per Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), where the clear width of a pedestrian access route is less than 60 inches, passing spaces shall be provided at intervals of 200 feet. The bridge does not meet current PROWAG requirements for sidewalk connections. Additionally, the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North/15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North bridge was identified as a bike network public priority project in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (October 2022) and as a 'vision project' in the 2050 Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. April 2025. Hyperlink: [Metro2050\\_no\\_Appendix\\_r\\_202504.pdf](#). Accessed October 2025.

A traffic operations report was completed for the project. The report indicated the current roadway geometry does not provide the capacity needed to meet the existing traffic demands, specifically at the intersection of 12th Avenue North and Elm Street North. The average daily traffic (ADT) volumes along the corridor are projected to increase from 9,661 to 10,180 vehicles per day by 2045. Under current conditions, the corridor operates at acceptable levels during the morning peak hour; however, there are deficiencies that appear in the operations during the evening peak hour at the intersection of 12th Avenue North and Elm Street North. These operational deficiencies are expected to worsen as the traffic within the corridor continues to grow and the capacity of the present intersection is inadequate to accommodate projected traffic volumes. While not a primary need for the project, if bridge improvements occur, there is an opportunity to improve the intersection of 12th Avenue North and Elm Street North concurrently with bridge improvements.

#### E. Scope of Work

2026 Documented CATEX: \$ 26.4 million (funding source not yet identified)

Please refer to **Appendix I**.

#### F. Description of Alternatives

##### a. Alternative A: No Build

Alternative A, the No Build Alternative, would leave existing conditions as-is, with the continuation of current maintenance practices. Under this alternative, the structure would not be replaced. Alternative A would not meet the purpose and need of the project.

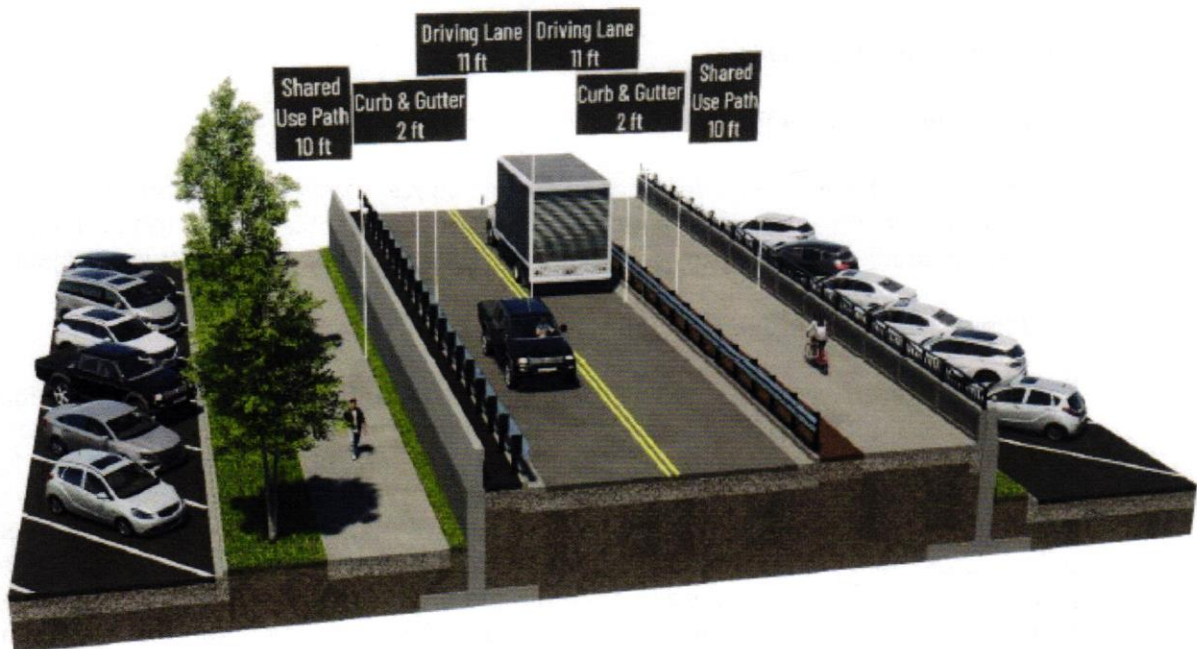
##### b. Alternative B: Build Alternative

The Build Alternative would consist of the removal and replacement of the bridge on a new alignment that would be approximately 100 feet north of the existing alignment. The new bridge would be approximately 675 to 680 feet long and would consist of two 12-foot-wide driving lanes, 4-foot-wide shoulders, and a 12-foot-wide shared-use path on the south side of the bridge. Measured at the center of the bridge, the new bridge would be built approximately 18.5 feet higher in elevation compared to the existing bridge. The increase in elevation is required to maintain the proposed bridge low member elevation 1 foot above the post FM Diversion operation 100-year water surface elevation. The proposed structure would meet the requirements outlined in North Dakota Administrative Code Article 89-14 *Public Highway Stream Crossings*.

The horizontal and vertical geometry of 12th Avenue N/15th Avenue N will be designed to meet current City of Fargo, City of Moorhead, NDDOT and Minnesota Municipal State Aid standards. West of the Red River, 12th Avenue N will generally maintain its current existing alignment to minimize impacts on the adjacent recreational properties immediately north and south of the roadway. East of the Red River, the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue N alignment will be shifted north within a lot owned by the City of Moorhead. The profile adjustment is anticipated to begin approximately 150 feet east of the 12th Avenue N and Elm Street intersection and continue east for approximately 1,400 feet to tie into high ground in Moorhead just east of Bridgeview Street. Due to the height of fill required to raise the roadway east of the Red River, settlement mitigation will be incorporated into

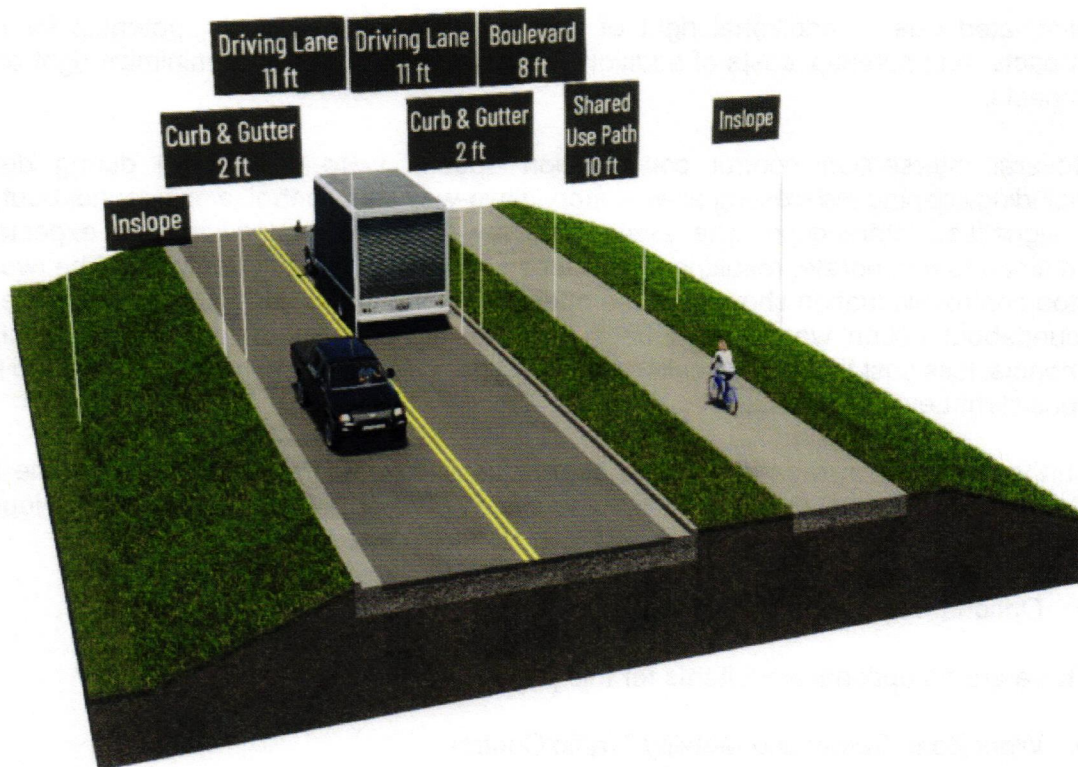
the design. The existing roadway and adjacent shared use path along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Bridgeview Street will be obliterated and re-seeded.

The Build Alternative would include reconstructing the roadways, sidewalks, and paths, grading, and construction of retaining walls near the Jack Williams Stadium and Fargo Park District parking lots. Existing sidewalks and paths would be widened and/or realigned in some areas to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). The driving lane widths will vary from 11 feet in Fargo and Moorhead outside of the bridge limits and 12 feet across the bridge. A shared-use path will be constructed along the south side of the roadway connecting the existing shared-use path network at Elm Street to the existing path system in Moorhead. The path would vary in width from 10 feet in Fargo and Moorhead outside of the bridge limits to 12 feet across the bridge. Within the City of Fargo, the existing shared-use path along the north side of the roadway will be reconstructed from Elm Street to the existing shared use path that runs north/south along the Red River. A portion of the Red River shared-use path will also be reconstructed under the bridge on the west side of the river.



**Figure 3a – Alternative B Proposed Typical Section – City of Fargo 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North (Looking East)**





**Figure 3b – Alternative B Proposed Typical Section – City of Moorhead 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North (Looking East)**

At the Elm Street/12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North intersection, a mini roundabout is proposed. Compared to a traditional single lane roundabout, a mini roundabout footprint is significantly decreased as the geometry is developed to align with the turning movement needs of passenger vehicles. Significant volumes of large vehicles are not anticipated within the intersection as 12th Avenue N is currently designated as a no truck route within the City of Fargo. The proposed roundabout would consist of an approximate 70 to 75-foot inscribed circle diameter with an 11 to 12-foot-wide driving surface and approximate 50-foot-wide center island. Compared to the existing 4-way stop intersection, the roundabout would provide a capacity benefit and added safety benefits of reducing conflict points and reducing the severity of crashes due to low entry and circulatory speeds. See **Appendix J**.

The Jack Williams Stadium parking lot entrance would be relocated from 12th Ave North to Elm Street North to avoid future traffic operation impacts. Parking reconfiguration to parking lots both north and south of 12th Avenue North would be required. The total number of combined parking spaces between the two lots would be maintained or increased. The addition of an ADA-compliant route from the shared use path to the main entrance of the Stadium is also included.

**c. Alternatives and Options Considered but Discarded**

An alternative that raised the bridge above the 100-year water surface elevation along the existing alignment was also considered. However, after further consideration it was

eliminated due to additional right of way needed, traffic impacts, potential for noise impacts, and potential costs of additional retaining walls needed to minimize right of way impacts.

Several intersection control configuration options were considered during design, including keeping the existing all-way stop, a two-way stop control, a mini roundabout, and a signalized intersection. The existing all-way stop traffic conditions are expected to continue to deteriorate, resulting in a reduced Level of Service in the future. The two-way stop control evaluation showed worse operations than the existing all-way stop. The mini roundabout option was chosen because it results in fewer delays, less right-of-way impacts, less cost than the signalized intersection option, and maintains a better and more consistent Level of Service.

Further information regarding these alternatives and options can be found in the *Final Decision Document, QR-25-B0, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N/15<sup>th</sup> Ave N Bridge Replacement* (Houston, 2026).

d. Optional Work Items

There are no optional work items for this project.

e. Work Zone Safety and Mobility Traffic Control

This project is considered a "significant project." A traffic control work plan will be prepared for the project. Construction is expected to occur over two construction seasons. It is anticipated one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on the existing roadway bridge for as long as possible before closing the roadway. Access to the Jack Williams Stadium will be maintained during construction; however, parking availability may be limited. A detour is planned for periods where the existing bridge will require full closure. The detour is anticipated to route traffic west on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to University Drive/10<sup>th</sup> Street (southbound traffic on South University, northbound traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Street) south to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, then proceed east, crossing the river and turning north on 11<sup>th</sup> Street North in Moorhead, reconnecting with 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, east of the project. The detour would be approximately four miles long. Additional travel time along the detour route is anticipated to be 15 minutes. All roadways used along the detour route are classified as major collectors or minor arterials. The detour route was planned so traffic remains on the same roadway functional classifications (major collector) or better and a similar level of service maintained.

f. Maintenance Responsibility Discussion

The City of Fargo (North Dakota side) and City of Moorhead (Minnesota side) would continue to be responsible for future maintenance of the new bridge and roadways.

g. Summary of Engineering Issues

- Public and private utilities are located within the corridor. Utility providers identified in and adjacent to the project area consist of Midcontinent Communications, Xcel Gas, Xcel Power, Lumen/Century Link, Dakota Carrier Network, American Crystal Sugar, 702 Communications, and Sparklight. Coordination with private utilities will occur to



address utility conflicts, plan for necessary relocations and adjustments, and integrate replacement work into the schedule. Required utility adjustments are anticipated and will be further refined as design progresses.

- Most of the project area is located within a floodplain or floodway Zone AE. A no-rise determination will be obtained during final design. A hydraulic analysis has been completed. Refer to the *Hydraulic Analysis & Scour Analysis* (Houston, 2026).
- The Fargo Marathon occurs annually in late May. The route occurs along Oak Street North, just one block west of the project. Coordination with the Race Director would be necessary prior to the event, as parts of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North near the project, as well as parts of the planned detour route, are closed during the event.
- Baseball games at Jack Williams stadium occur during the summer season when American Legion Post 2 hosts games. Several annual tournaments are also held at the stadium. According to 2025 schedules, games and/or tournaments were held from June 5 to August 2. Coordination with the Fargo Park District is recommended prior to construction start to identify events and reduce impacts.
- Construction near the Red River presents several unique challenges due to poor soil conditions. Due to the height of fill required to raise the roadway east of the Red River, long-term settlement of the roadway is a concern. Settlement mitigation solutions are incorporated into the project. Refer to the *Geotechnical Evaluation Report* (Houston, 2026).

#### h. Summary of Environmental Issues

Environmental issues identified for the project after completion of the Solicitation of Views process and environmental impact checklist are as follows:

- **Floodplain/Floodway**  
The project is in Special Flood Hazard Areas designated as Floodplain Zone AE and Floodway Zone AE. Non-building floodplain permits will be required from the City of Fargo and the City of Moorhead (local floodplain administrators). A floodway review and authorization will be required from the North Dakota Department of Water Resources. See **Appendix H**.
- **Aquatic Resources**  
A field aquatic resources delineation was completed for the project in June 2025, and one wetland was identified in the MN side of the project and one other water (the Red River of the North) were delineated. No wetlands were identified within the ND side of the project. Unavoidable temporary and permanent impacts to the aquatic resources include 0.059 acres of permanent impacts to wetlands and 0.729 acres of temporary impacts (0.027 acres of wetland and 0.702 acres of other waters). Impacts will require Clean Water Act Section 404 & Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permits from the USACE Omaha and St Paul District, Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act permit, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) Public Waters Work Permit. A Wetland Conservation Act Decision for impacts and mitigation would be obtained from the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Local Government Unit (LGU) for the wetland



impacts, which are anticipated to be mitigated through the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources' Local Government Wetland Replacement Program (LGWRP). US Coast Guard indicated the project would not require a bridge permit, but requested as-built drawings and photographs be submitted and their office contacted at least 30 days prior to construction. See **Appendix E**.

- **Fish and Aquatic Organisms**

The project would maintain existing stream beds to facilitate movements of fish and aquatic organisms. MnDNR Public Waters Work Permit commitments require an unobstructed opening be maintained in the river throughout construction and demolition activities to maintain fish/aquatic organism movement and normal river flow. No stream diversion/bypass would occur. To minimize impacts on fisheries, work would not occur within the Red River from March 15 to June 15, per MnDNR. To minimize the risk of introducing aquatic nuisance species (ANS), the contractor would be required to adhere to the NDGFD ANS rules and Minnesota invasive species statutes and regulations at Chapter 84D – Invasive Species and Minnesota Rule 6216 – Invasive Species.

- **Threatened and Endangered Species**

Federally-listed Species: The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool identified the monarch butterfly (proposed threatened), Suckley's cuckoo bumble bee (proposed endangered), and western regal fritillary (proposed threatened) as potentially occurring within the project area. Ground and vegetation disturbing activities are not expected to appreciably diminish the quality or extent of available suitable habitat within the project's Action Area. The proposed action is not anticipated to jeopardize the continued existence of the proposed-listed species. See **Appendix C**.

State-listed Species: The MnDNR maintains a list of state-listed endangered species. A MnDNR State Endangered Species Review was completed through a Natural Heritage Review, where the black sandshell (species of special concern) and lake sturgeon (species of special concern) were identified as occurring in the Red River in the vicinity of the project. Both species are vulnerable to deterioration of water quality. Erosion prevention and sediment control, and containment measures for other debris and pollutants, will be implemented to ensure minimal effects to water quality. Additionally, as bat species can be found throughout Minnesota, the MnDNR recommends tree removals be avoided from June 1 through August 15<sup>2</sup> to avoid the pup rearing season. Per coordination with the MnDNR, a commitment will be added that if the project has not been initiated within one year of the Natural Heritage review, an updated review must be submitted.

North Dakota does not have a state endangered or threatened species list.

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<sup>2</sup> NDGFD indicated no in-river work should be completed between April 15-June 1 and fall within the timeframes specified by MnDNR.

- **Migratory birds**  
There is potential that migratory bird nests could occur in areas associated with the bridge. NDDOT Standard Special Provision 2 Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act would be included in the project plans.
- **Vegetation**
  - **Tree impacts** – Approximately 0.73 acres of trees are anticipated to be removed, including 0.32 acres in Fargo and 0.41 in Moorhead. Trees with a diameter of 4" and larger will be replaced at a 2:1 ratio per the City of Fargo tree replacement policy. The City of Moorhead does not have a tree mitigation policy; therefore, the City of Fargo policy will be used for tree mitigation on both sides of the river. All tree removals will be marked and measured prior to removal. Per MnDNR, trees in Moorhead will not be removed from June 1 to August 15 to avoid the pup rearing season of Minnesota bat species.
- **Sovereign Lands** – The project crosses the Red River of the North, which the State of ND considers to be part of its sovereign waters program. A permit application (Authorization to Construct a Project Within Sovereign Lands of North Dakota) will be required through the North Dakota Department of Water Resources.
- **Public Waters** – The project crosses the Red River of the North, a public water in the State of Minnesota. A permit application (Public Waters Work Permit) will be required through the MnDNR Permitting and Reporting System (MPARS).
- **MS4** – The City of Fargo and the City of Moorhead are designated as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) and are currently authorized under permit numbers NDR04-0000 and MNR040000 to discharge stormwater to the Red River of the North. Stormwater discharges are generated by runoff from land and impervious surface areas, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, during rainfall and snow events. Final design will account for stormwater management and include drainage features that will meet City of Fargo and City of Moorhead MS4 regulations.
- **Airports** – The project is located approximately 2 miles southeast of the Hector International Airport property. The project is not anticipated to include construction or alterations 200 feet above ground level, nor is the proposed work anticipated to exceed the slope ratios listed in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 14 Part 77.9. A commitment will be added to the project plans requiring the contractor to notify the Federal Aviation Administration through their online system prior to construction.

The project is not located within 5 miles of the Moorhead Municipal Airport and no commitments are needed for the MN side of the project.

- **Asbestos** – Removal of a bridge requires an inspection by state-certified asbestos inspectors for presence of asbestos-containing materials prior to demolition. In North Dakota, the Notification of Demolition and Renovation form (SFN 17987) must be submitted to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ten days prior to beginning any demolition activity, whether or not asbestos is present. In Minnesota, the Deconstruction, Renovation, or Demolition Notification Form must be submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ten days prior to beginning any demolition

activity, whether or not asbestos is present. Demolition waste must be disposed of at a facility permitted to handle hazardous waste.

- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) – Coordination with the ND Department of Environmental Quality indicated PCBs may be present if the project requires removal of electrical equipment older than 1980. A commitment will be added to the plans that any material potentially containing PCBs must be handled, stored, and disposed of in accordance with state requirements at a facility permitted to handle hazardous waste.
- Wildlife Accommodations – On both sides of the proposed bridge, there would be a wide surface underneath the bridge consisting of both earthen material and riprap close to the riverbank for wildlife to use. Riprap placed in the river channel would be placed in a manner to allow natural substrates to develop, facilitating fish and aquatic organisms movement. No additional wildlife accommodations are proposed. See **Appendix D**.
- Cultural Resources  
Due to the project occurring within two states, consultation under Section 106 is required for both states. In North Dakota, a Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Report was completed in January 2026, and concurrence with a 'No Historic Properties Affected' from the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (ND SHPO) was received on March 4, 2026. An addendum report was submitted and concurrence received on April 2, 2026.

In Minnesota, a Phase I Archaeological Investigation Report was completed in March 2026, and concurrence with a 'No Historic Properties Affected' from the Minnesota Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Unit (MnDOT CRU) was obtained on XX/XX/XX. A Phase I Architectural History Inventory and Visual Impact Assessment report was completed in April 2026 and concurrence from MnDOT CRU obtained on XX/XX/XX.

- Section 4(f)  
There are several potential Section 4(f) properties within the project area that would be impacted and were evaluated for Section 4(f).
  - City of Moorhead Open Space Property
    - The City of Moorhead open space property on the north site of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue was determined not to be a Section 4(f) property. A Section 4(f) Applicability Determination was completed and the City of Moorhead determined that the property is not a park, does not function as a park, and is mostly unused by the public. FHWA concurred with this determination.
  - City of Moorhead 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Bridgeview Street Shared Use Path
    - The Shared Use Path along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Bridgeview Shared Use Path would be relocated to the north along the new bridge and roadway alignment. The existing path would be reclaimed following construction. Impacts to this resource are anticipated to fall under the exception to the requirements of Section 4(f) under 23 CFR



774.13(f)(3), *trails, paths, bikeways, and sidewalks that occupy a transportation facility right-of-way.*

- Fargo Mickelson/Tricorn Bike Path
  - The existing Fargo Mickelson/Tricorn Bike Path would be realigned upslope underneath the proposed bridge to cross at a higher elevation, improving the accessibility of the path during high water conditions. Approximately 10 to 15 feet of vertical clearance would be maintained due to the new bridge being built at a higher elevation.
- Jack Williams Stadium Park
  - Jack Williams Stadium impacts would include relocating the parking lot entrance from 12<sup>th</sup> Ave North to Elm Street North to avoid future traffic operation impacts. Parking reconfiguration to parking lots both north and south of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North would be required. The north parking lot would be expanded in the northeast corner to accommodate parking. Ultimately, parking spaces between the two lots would be the maintained or increased compared to the current configuration. Traffic flow would be altered in both parking lots compared to current traffic operations. The addition of an ADA-compliant route from the shared use path to the main entrance of the stadium is also included, benefiting the Fargo Park District properties by improving accessibility to the stadium from the parking lots and shared use paths.
- Impacts to the Fargo Mickelson/Tricorn Bike Path, Jack Williams Stadium Park, and Trefoil park are anticipated to be considered a temporary occupancy. Impacts to the shared use path at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Bridgeview Street are anticipated to fall under the exception identified at 23 CFR 774.13(f)(3) for *trails, paths, bikeways, and sidewalks that occupy a transportation facility right-of-way*. Coordination is being completed with the Fargo Parks District and with the City of Moorhead. Please see **Appendix F** for documentation pertaining to the Section 4(f) evaluation.
- Section 6(f)

In North Dakota, Land and Water Conservation funds are administered by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD). According to the NDPRD solicitation of views response letter, a LWCF property named the Fargo Boat/Canoe Access (Site No. 38-01127) is present. The boundaries of this property include the Jack Williams Stadium. The property would be temporarily impacted by the project during construction. However, the project would not result in a permanent conversion of the property to non-recreational use and no permanent right of way would be acquired. It is anticipated the project would have a positive impact on recreation resources in the area. Coordination with NDPRD is located in **Appendix G**.
- Traffic Noise
  - Due to the vertical alteration of the proposed bridge, the project qualifies as a Type 1 project. A Traffic Noise analysis was completed in accordance with 23 CFR Part 772 Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise. Results from the noise analysis indicated that no noise mitigation is required.

A list of environmental commitments for the project and required permits is included in **Appendix L**.

- Right of Way – The project would encroach on Fargo Parks District property. A memorandum of agreement would be developed with Fargo Parks for construction and future maintenance occurring within the Parks properties. No permanent or temporary acquisition would be required.

**Table 2 - Right of Way Summary**

| Alternatives  | Temporary ROW Needed | Permanent ROW Needed | US Fish & Wildlife Property Interest? | US Forest Service Property Interest? |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alternative A | 0 Acres              | 0 Acres              | No                                    | No                                   |
| Alternative B | 0 Acres              | 0 Acres              | No                                    | No                                   |

**Table 3 – Summary of Estimated Costs**

| Alternatives  | Cost            |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Alternative A | \$ 0            |
| Alternative B | \$ 26.4 million |

#### G. Comments from the Documented CATEX

Comments from the draft Documented CATEX are pending and will be included in **Appendix K**.

#### H. Public Concerns / Need for Public Input

Solicitation of views emails and letters were sent to various local, state, and federal agencies with interests within or adjacent to the project area on May 02, 2025. Solicitation of Views emails and letters and responses can be found in **Appendix A**. Documentation related to the MN State Aid review can be found in **Appendix B**.

Two public input meetings were held in September 2025. One public input meeting was held at the Horace Mann Elementary School in Fargo, North Dakota on September 16, 2025. Approximately 33 members of the public attended the meeting. The second public input meeting was held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Moorhead, Minnesota on September 18, 2025. Approximately 23 members of the public attended the meeting. Both meetings were held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CT and utilized open house formats with formal presentations beginning at 5:30 PM. Comments and responses provided during the Public Input meetings are summarized in **Table 4, Summary of Comments/Responses**. The Public Involvement Report contains a complete table of comments and responses received.

**Table 4 – Summary of Comments/Responses**

| Topic                                 | Comments                                                                                                                   | Responses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Funding                               | Concern on where funding would come from for the construction of the bridge, residents wondering about special assessments | Construction funding has not been identified and it is the intent of the cities to first go after federal grant money to cover the construction portion of the project.                                                                                                                         |
| Bike/Ped access                       | Need for wider, safer bike and pedestrian facilities on and around the bridge.                                             | The project would include updates to the pedestrian shared-use paths on the bridge and allow for better connections to area paths.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Preservation of Jack Williams Stadium | Desire to maintain facility and parking                                                                                    | This is part of our environmental work and the intent is to minimize impacts to the stadium parking lots and mitigate parking if required.                                                                                                                                                      |
| Need for new bridge                   | Is the construction of a new bridge needed or warranted?                                                                   | The current bridge is “middle-age” meaning it is not in need of replacement in terms of age. However, the bridge serves as a critical connection for north Fargo/Moorhead, and is necessary for emergency response. When the bridge is closed, it is deeply impactful for emergency responders. |
| Truck traffic                         | Will the bridge see increased truck traffic.                                                                               | The route is not a designated truck route. The intent with the new bridge construction is to not change that designation, so truck traffic is not anticipated to increase.                                                                                                                      |



**Table 5 – Comparison of Alternatives**

| Alternative   | Advantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Disadvantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alternative A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No direct environmental impacts.</li> <li>• No project costs.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not meet the purpose and need for the project, including:</li> <li>• Existing bridge operationally impacted during less than 10-year floods.</li> <li>• Continued deficiencies within the project limits.</li> </ul>                |
| Alternative B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets purpose and need for the project, including:</li> <li>• Provides continuous, year-round connection between Fargo and Moorhead, including during up to 100-year floods.</li> <li>• Addresses deficiencies within the project limits.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential erosion and sedimentation. Temporary ground disturbance</li> <li>• Project cost.</li> <li>• 0.059 acres permanent wetland impacts</li> <li>• 0.73 acres of tree removals</li> <li>• Section 4(f) &amp; 6(f) impacts</li> </ul> |

**Table 6 – Recommendations**

|                  | 1. Do you concur with the project concepts as proposed? | 2. Which alternative(s) should proceed with the project? |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| City of Fargo    |                                                         |                                                          |
| City of Moorhead |                                                         |                                                          |
| FHWA             |                                                         |                                                          |

I. City Decisions

1. Do you concur with the project concepts as proposed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Which alternative should proceed with the project?

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternative A – No-Build Alternative (\$0)

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternative B – Bridge Replacement on Realignment Alignment (\$ 26.4 million)

Amendments/Comments for Project No. QR-25-B0:

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Dr. Tim Mahoney, City of Fargo Mayor

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Date

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Shelly Carlson, City of Moorhead Mayor

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Date

## II. Environmental Impact Checklist



| Environmental Impact Checklist                            |                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   | Build Alternative |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|------|
|                                                           |                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   | Y/NA              | N/NA |
| Right of Way                                              | 1.1                                                       | Will the action require permanent right of way?                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                   | X    |
|                                                           | <b>If yes:</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 1.1.1                                                     | Number of parcels: 0      Number of Acres: 0                                                                                                                                                                                              |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 1.1.2                                                     | Will the action involve the acquisition of the following: 10 acres or more per linear mile (not an average); or more than 3 acres per bridge, intersection, or interchange?                                                               |   |                   | X    |
|                                                           | 1.1.3                                                     | Will the action involve the acquisition of land for hardship or protective purposes, or early acquisition pursuant to Federal acquisition project (23 U.S.C. 108(d))?                                                                     |   |                   | X    |
|                                                           | 1.1.4                                                     | Will the action require permanent acquisition of Federal fee-title land or trust lands?                                                                                                                                                   |   |                   | X    |
|                                                           | 1.1.5                                                     | Will the action require relocation of owners or tenants?                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |                   | X    |
|                                                           | <b>If yes:</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 1.1.5.1                                                   | Number of Homes to be Relocated: N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 1.1.5.2                                                   | Number of Business to be Relocated: N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 1.2                                                       | Are there any special property interests such as U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Tribal Lands, Railroad, or State School Lands?                                                        |   |                   | X    |
|                                                           | <b>If yes:</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 1.2.1                                                     | List the type(s): N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 1.3                                                       | Will the action require temporary construction easements?                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                   | X    |
|                                                           | <b>If yes:</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                   |      |
| 1.3.1                                                     | Number of parcels: 0      Number of Acres: 0              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                   |      |
| 1.4                                                       | Will the action require any access changes?               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | X |                   |      |
| 1.5                                                       | Will the action require any access changes on Interstate? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   | X                 |      |
| Historical and Archaeological Preservation (North Dakota) | 2.1                                                       | Will the action involve disturbance off the roadway surface?                                                                                                                                                                              |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.2                                                       | Will the action involve disturbance to a bridge or bridge rail?                                                                                                                                                                           |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | <b>If no to both questions:</b>                           | <i>The proposed action is the type of actions or activities that have No Potential to Affect Historic Properties; no further Section 106 consideration is required. Skip to Resource Category #3.</i>                                     |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | <b>If yes to either of the two questions above:</b>       | <i>Please contact the Cultural Resources Section to complete the following information prior to submittal of the checklist and append by reference the Cultural Resources Report and related correspondence; has this been completed?</i> |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.3                                                       | Was a Class I File Search completed?                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.4                                                       | Was a Class III Survey completed?                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.1                                                     | Were Sites identified within the Area of Potential Effect (APE)?                                                                                                                                                                          |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.2                                                     | SHPO Reference #: 26-5283                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.3                                                     | Did SHPO/THPO concur in a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected?                                                                                                                                                                     |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.4                                                     | Did SHPO/THPO concur in a No Adverse Effect Determination?                                                                                                                                                                                |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                                           | 2.4.5                                                     | Did SHPO/THPO concur in an Adverse Effect Determination?                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                                           | 2.5                                                       | If the action results in an Adverse Effect, the Adverse Effect documentation to FHWA was provided to the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation (ACHP) on: N/A                                                                         |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.5.1                                                     | Did the ACHP accept the opportunity to participate?                                                                                                                                                                                       |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                                           | 2.5.2                                                     | Resolution of Adverse Effect thru a Memorandum of Agreement was completed on: N/A                                                                                                                                                         |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.5.3                                                     | Were commitments included in the coordination with SHPO/THPO?                                                                                                                                                                             |   |                   | N/A  |
| 2.6                                                       | Commitments: N/A                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                   |      |
| Historical and Archaeological Preservation (Minnesota)    | 2.1                                                       | Will the action involve disturbance off the roadway surface?                                                                                                                                                                              |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.2                                                       | Will the action involve disturbance to a bridge or bridge rail?                                                                                                                                                                           |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | <b>If no to both questions:</b>                           | <i>The proposed action is the type of actions or activities that have No Potential to Affect Historic Properties; no further Section 106 consideration is required. Skip to Resource Category #3.</i>                                     |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | <b>If yes to either of the two questions above:</b>       | <i>Please contact the Cultural Resources Section to complete the following information prior to submittal of the checklist and append by reference the Cultural Resources Report and related correspondence; has this been completed?</i> |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.3                                                       | Was a Class I File Search completed?                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.4                                                       | Was a Class III Survey completed?                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.1                                                     | Were Sites identified within the Area of Potential Effect (APE)?                                                                                                                                                                          |   | X                 |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.2                                                     | SHPO Reference #: [Enter SHPO Reference Number(s)]                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.3                                                     | Did SHPO/THPO concur in a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected?                                                                                                                                                                     |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.4                                                     | Did SHPO/THPO concur in a No Adverse Effect Determination?                                                                                                                                                                                |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.4.5                                                     | Did SHPO/THPO concur in an Adverse Effect Determination?                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.5                                                       | If the action results in an Adverse Effect, the Adverse Effect documentation to FHWA was provided to the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation (ACHP) on: N/A                                                                         |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.5.1                                                     | Did the ACHP accept the opportunity to participate?                                                                                                                                                                                       |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                                           | 2.5.2                                                     | Resolution of Adverse Effect thru a Memorandum of Agreement was completed on: N/A                                                                                                                                                         |   |                   |      |
|                                                           | 2.5.3                                                     | Were commitments included in the coordination with SHPO/THPO?                                                                                                                                                                             |   |                   | N/A  |



II. Environmental Impact Checklist

| Environmental Impact Checklist |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Build Alternative |      |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|
|                                |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Y/NA              | N/NA |
|                                | 2.6     | Commitments: [Enter Commitments]                                                                                                                                                                                        |                   |      |
| Section 4(f)                   | 3.1     | Are there any Section 4(f) properties within and/or adjacent to the action area?                                                                                                                                        | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: | For the following property types, indicate the name of the 4(f) property or NA:                                                                                                                                         |                   |      |
|                                | 3.1.1   | Publicly owned parks? Mickelson Park; Trefoil Park                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |      |
|                                | 3.1.2   | Publicly owned recreation lands and/or facilities? Jack Williams Stadium; Mickelson-Tricorn Bike Path; Trefoil Park, 15th Avenue Shared Use Path                                                                        |                   |      |
|                                | 3.1.3   | Wildlife or waterfowl refuges? N/A                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |      |
|                                | 3.1.4   | Historic sites (included on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places)? N/A                                                                                                                   |                   |      |
|                                | 3.2     | Will the action result in a temporary impact?                                                                                                                                                                           | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: | Please complete the following questions to determine if there is a temporary occupancy of land which may constitute a use under Section 4(f):                                                                           |                   |      |
|                                | 3.2.1   | Will the duration of the occupancy of the Section 4(f) resource be temporary, i.e. less than the time needed for construction of the action and there will be no change in ownership of the land?                       | X                 |      |
|                                | 3.2.2   | Will the scope of work be minor, i.e., both the nature and magnitude of the changes to the Section 4(f) resource is minimal?                                                                                            | X                 |      |
|                                | 3.2.3   | Will there be no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts, nor will there be interference with the activities or purpose of the resource, on either a temporary or permanent basis?                               | X                 |      |
|                                | 3.2.4   | Will the land being used be fully restored, i.e., the resource must be returned to a condition which is at least as good as that which existed prior to the proposed action?                                            | X                 |      |
|                                | 3.2.5   | Has the documented agreement from the appropriate Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction over the resource been included?                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | 3.3     | Will the action result in a permanent impact?                                                                                                                                                                           |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes: | A Section 4(f) use will occur; please select from the following documentation types that may be used:                                                                                                                   |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.1   | De Minimis Impact documentation completed and attached?                                                                                                                                                                 |                   | X    |
|                                | 3.3.1.1 | Public Involvement was completed on?                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.2   | Nationwide Programmatic Section 4(f) documentation completed and attached:                                                                                                                                              |                   |      |
|                                | If yes: | Select the type(s) of Nationwide Programmatic that was used below.                                                                                                                                                      |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.2.1 | Public Parks, Recreation Lands, and Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges?                                                                                                                                                     |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.2.2 | Historic Sites?                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.2.3 | Historic Bridges?                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.2.4 | Net Benefit to a Section 4(f) Property?                                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |      |
|                                | If yes: | Public Involvement was completed on? [Enter Data]                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.2.5 | Negative Declaration for Independent Bikeway or Walkway* documentation completed and attached?                                                                                                                          |                   |      |
|                                | 3.3.3   | *A negative declaration Section 4(f) (May 23, 1977) is only applicable for independent bikeway or walkway construction projects that require use of publicly Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation completed and attached? |                   |      |
| Section 6(f)                   | 4.1     | Does the action affect any recreational property that is encumbered by Land and Water Conservation Funds?                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: | Indicate the name of the 6(f) property: Jack Williams Stadium Park                                                                                                                                                      |                   |      |
|                                | 4.1.1   | Are there temporary impacts?                                                                                                                                                                                            | X                 |      |
|                                | 4.1.2   | Are there permanent impacts?                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   | X    |
|                                | 4.1.3   | Consultation with official with jurisdiction required; has the correspondence, impact map, and mitigation plan been approved and attached?                                                                              | X                 |      |
| Permits                        | 5.1     | Will the action require any permits from regulatory agencies?                                                                                                                                                           | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: | Will the action require a Coast Guard or USACE Individual Permit?                                                                                                                                                       |                   | X    |
|                                | 5.1.1   | USACE Nationwide Permit - ND Regulatory Office USACE (Omaha District)                                                                                                                                                   |                   |      |
|                                | 5.1.2   | USACE Regional General Permit - Minnesota USACE (St Paul District)                                                                                                                                                      |                   |      |
|                                |         | Floodway authorization - NDDWR for ND; Conditional Use Permit for MN                                                                                                                                                    |                   |      |
|                                |         | Floodplain Permit - City of Fargo and City of Moorhead                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |      |
|                                |         | Public Waters Work Permit - MnDNR                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |      |
|                                |         | Wetland Conservation Act Permit - Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District                                                                                                                                        |                   |      |
|                                |         | Watershed Permit - Buffalo-Red River Watershed                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |      |
| Highway Traffic                | 6.1     | Will the action include construction of a highway on new location?                                                                                                                                                      |                   | X    |



| Environmental Impact Checklist  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | Build Alternative |      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|------|
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | Y/NA              | N/NA |
| Noise                           | 6.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Substantial Horizontal Alteration— Will the action reduce the distance between the traffic noise source and the closest receptor by half, between the existing condition to the future build condition?                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                   | X    |
|                                 | 6.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Substantial Vertical Alteration—Will the action remove shielding, therefore exposing the line-of-sight between the receptor and the traffic noise source? This is done by either altering the vertical alignment of the highway or by altering the topography between the highway traffic noise source and the receptor. Projects that incorporate overpasses meet this definition in accordance with 23 CFR 772 . | X |                   |      |
|                                 | 6.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will the action include the addition of a through-traffic lane(s)? This includes the addition of a through-traffic lane that functions as a High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane, High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane, bus lane, or truck climbing lane.                                                                                                                                                                   |   |                   | X    |
|                                 | 6.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will the action include the addition of an auxiliary lane, except for when the auxiliary lane is a turn lane? If the additional lane does not increase the number of through-traffic lanes, the definition in accordance with 23 CFR 772 is not met and an analysis is not required. <b>[Auxiliary lanes 2,500 feet or longer meet Type I.]</b>                                                                    |   |                   | X    |
|                                 | 6.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will the action include the addition or relocation of interchange lanes or ramps added to a quadrant to complete an existing partial interchange?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |                   | X    |
|                                 | 6.7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will the action restripe existing pavement for the purpose of adding a through-traffic lane or an auxiliary lane?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |                   | X    |
|                                 | 6.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will the action include the addition of a new or substantial alteration of a weigh station, rest stop, ride-share lot or toll plaza?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   |                   | X    |
|                                 | If yes to any of the above questions:                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | X                 |      |
|                                 | The action meets the definition of a Type 1 Project per 23 CFR 772.5 and a noise analysis is required for the entire project area as defined in the environmental document; has the Noise Report been completed and appended by reference? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |                   |      |
| Threatened / Endangered Species | 7.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Please refer to the Design Manual Reference and Forms for the Section 7 ESA (Endangered Species Act) Guidance. Complete the NDDOT Affect Determination Table. Has the Affect Determination Table been completed?                                                                                                                                                                                                   | X |                   |      |
|                                 | 7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Based on the Affect Determination Table, was USFWS review required?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |   |                   | X    |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Attach the NDDOT Affect Determination Table and no further action is required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |   |                   |      |
|                                 | 7.2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NDDOT Biologist concurred with no effect (excluding the Northern Long Eared Bat [NLEB] in certain situations); has the signed Section 7 Affect Determination Package, NDDOT Affect Determination Table, and NLEB documentation (if required) been attached?                                                                                                                                                        |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                 | 7.2.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Programmatic Biological Assessment (PBA) warranted; has the PBA and PBA USFWS Concurrence letter been appended by reference and PBA Project Submittal page been attached?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                 | 7.2.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Project-specific Biological Assessment (BA) warranted; has the project specific BA been appended by reference and project-specific USFWS Concurrence Letter been attached?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                 | 7.2.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Will the action may affect, likely to adversely affect federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species or proposed or designated critical habitat pursuant to the Endangered Species Act?                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                   | N/A  |
| Bald & Golden Eagles            | 8.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will the action occur within 0.5 mile of a known nest location? See Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act Compliance Flowchart for more information. If no, no further action required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |                   | X    |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | If yes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                   |      |
|                                 | 8.1.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Based on NDDOT Biologist Review and USFWS coordination (if necessary) are any avoidance or minimization measures (AMMs) or special provisions (SPs) required to avoid impacts to eagles? If no, no further action required.                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | If yes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                   |      |
|                                 | 8.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Based on NDDOT Biologist Review and USFWS coordination (if AMMs or SPs cannot be applied to project), will a take permit be needed for project impacts to bald or golden eagles?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |                   |      |
| Wildlife Accommodation          | 9.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will the project require any of the below work activities?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | X |                   |      |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | •Removal/replacement of a bridge, box culvert, cattle pass, structural plate pipe/large diameter culvert (>60 inches)<br>•Slope/erosion/scour repair underneath a bridge<br>•Permanent installation of wildlife-specific exclusionary fencing<br>•Permanent installation of concrete median barriers                                                                                                               |   |                   |      |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | NDDOT Biologist review required. Has project information been sent to NDDOT Biologist for review and has Biologist response (email/memo) been received?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                   | N/A  |
|                                 | 9.1.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Based on NDDOT Biologist Review and Agency SOV responses, are any accommodations for wildlife recommended to be incorporated into the project?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |   |                   | X    |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | If yes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                   |      |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Include recommended wildlife accommodations as Decision Item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   |                   |      |
| Migratory Birds                 | 10.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Will the action require a structure replacement or any of the following activities on a bridge, box culvert, structural plate pipe, cattle pass, or other large diameter culvert where migratory birds are prone to nest?                                                                                                                                                                                          | X |                   |      |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | • Work done entirely on the deck that would result in perforation of the deck or create strong vibrations that could dislodge nests underneath or on the sides of the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |   |                   |      |



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|                                |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Y/NA              | N/NA |
|                                |         | structure<br>• Below deck work (including scour/slope repair underneath/adjacent to bridge)<br>• Any work on a box culvert, structural plate pipe, cattle pass, large diameter culvert<br><b>NOTE - Work done entirely on the bridge deck that does not require the contractor to access areas where birds are nesting (e.g. set up debris containment, etc.) and that would not result in disturbance of nesting adults or eggs or young due to vibrations from equipment or other construction activity, will not require that SSP 2 be added to the plans. If unsure whether or not project would cause disturbance to migratory birds, contact NDDOT Biologist.</b> |  |                   |      |
|                                | If yes: | Standard Special Provision required. Include SSP 2 -Are Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act or other identified avoidance/minimization measures in plan set.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                   |      |
| Floodplain / Floodway          | 11.1    | Will the action occur within a 100 year floodplain?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                   |      |
|                                | 11.1.1  | A floodplain permit will be required. Has the floodplain determination from the ND Department of Water Resources (DWR) and FIRM maps been attached?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | X                 |      |
|                                | 11.2    | Will the action occur within a regulatory floodway?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: | A floodway authorization is required from the ND Department of Water Resources (DWR).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                   |      |
|                                | 11.2.1  | Will the action cause any measurable decrease in the hydraulic conveyance in the affected area?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes: | A permit will NOT be granted and the alternative will NOT be approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                   |      |
| Clean Water Act                | 12.1    | Please refer to the Design Manual Reference and Forms for the Wetland/OW Impact Table Template and attach a completed table for the action. Has a completed Wetland/OW Impact Table been attached?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | X                 |      |
|                                | 12.2    | Based on the Wetland/OW Impact Table, is wetland mitigation required?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                   |      |
|                                | 12.2.1  | Wetland mitigation proposed onsite requires a conceptual mitigation plan (aerial photo with site boundary). If onsite wetland mitigation is proposed, has the conceptual mitigation plan been attached?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                   | X    |
|                                | 12.3    | Will the action disturb a contiguous area equal to one acre or greater, or disturb multiple sites of activity, that cumulatively have an area of disturbance of one acre or greater?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: | A Construction Stormwater Permit is required: please ensure that the Special Provision 3(14) regarding Temporary Erosion and Sediment Best Management Practices is included in the plan set.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                   |      |
|                                | 12.3.1  | Will the action occur in part or entirely on reservation land?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes: | The NPDES Sign will need to be used in the plan set.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                   |      |
|                                | 12.4    | Is the action within a small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulated community?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                   |      |
|                                | 12.4.1  | Does the action implement Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment? PENDING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                   |      |
| Temporary Construction         | 13.1    | Will the action require a roadway, bridge, or ramp closure?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | X                 |      |
|                                | 13.2    | Will the action include a temporary bridge or roadway (i.e. temporary bypass)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                   | X    |
|                                | 13.3    | Will the action require a detour?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                   |      |
|                                | 13.3.1  | Distance (miles): Approx. 4 miles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                   |      |
|                                |         | Route: Traffic would travel west along 12th Avenue north until Broadway North, south along Broadway North until 1st Avenue North, then east until the intersection with 11th Street North in Moorhead. Along 11th Street North, traffic would travel north until re-connecting with 15th Avenue North in Moorhead east of the project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                   |      |
|                                | 13.4    | Has a description of any of the below been provided in the Work Zone Traffic Control section of the PCE/DCE?<br><br>Through traffic dependent businesses.<br>Provisions made to accommodate any local special events or festivals.<br>MOT (Maintenance of Traffic) substantially impacts to environmentally sensitive resources.<br>Any substantial controversy associated with the proposed MOT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | X                 |      |
|                                | 13.5    | Coordination has been completed with local emergency services, schools, and transit?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | X                 |      |
| Public Involvement             | 14.1    | Were any Public Meetings conducted or scheduled?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: | Identify which type(s):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                   |      |
|                                | 14.1.1  | Public Information Meeting N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                   |      |



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|                                |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                               | Y/NA              | N/NA |
|                                | 14.1.2              | Public Input Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                 | September 16, 2025 (Fargo, North Dakota) and September 18, 2025 (Moorhead, Minnesota)                                                                                                         |                   |      |
|                                | 14.1.3              | Public Hearing                                                                                                                                                                                       | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |      |
| Early Coordination             | 15.1                | Have the Master SOV List, SOV emails (PCE level)/letters, and Responses been attached in an Appendix titled Solicitation of Views?                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
| Environmental Commitments      | 16.1                | List Environmental Commitments beyond what is included in the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction:<br><br>See Environmental Commitments sheet located in Appendix L of the DCE. |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |      |
| Air Quality                    | 17.1                | Project is not located within or adjacent to USEPA-defined Non-Attainment Area and complies with the State Implementation Plan.                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |      |
| Economic                       | 18.1                | Will the action result in a decrease in business or economic activity along the project corridor?                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | X    |
| Farmland                       | 19.1                | Will the action convert farmland (prime, unique, other than prime or unique that is of statewide importance or local importance) to nonagricultural use?                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes:<br>19.1.1   | Does the action involve land disturbance of 10 acres or less per linear mile or 3 acres per bridge, intersection, or interchange outside of the existing right of way or within city limits?         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | N/A  |
|                                | 19.1.2              | Pursuant to Section 310 of the General Manual, Subpart A, 403.4(b) (4), the project is exempt from FPPA; no further action is required.                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |      |
|                                | 19.1.2              | Does the action involve land disturbance of 10 acres or more per linear mile or greater than 3 acres per bridge, intersection, or interchange outside of the existing right of way?                  |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | N/A  |
|                                | If yes:<br>19.1.2.1 | NRCS Consultation is required; has the Farmland Conversion Form been attached?                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | N/A  |
| Hazardous Waste Sites          | 20.1                | Will the action require purchase of right of way or easement that may involve or affect hazardous materials?                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes:<br>20.1.1   | NDDEQ Consultation required; has the Environmental Site Assessment been completed and appended by reference?                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | N/A  |
|                                | 20.2                | Will the action involve construction in an area that contains hazardous materials and/or hazardous waste?                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes:<br>20.2.1   | NDDEQ Consultation required; has the Environmental Site Assessment been completed and appended by reference?                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | N/A  |
| Land Use                       | 21.1                | Will the action be consistent with plans and policies on land use and growth in the area?                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes:<br>21.1.1   | List the planning documents consulted.                                                                                                                                                               | City of Fargo Transportation Plan; City of Fargo Comprehensive Plan; City of Moorhead Comprehensive Plan; City of Moorhead; Metro COG Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan |                   |      |
| Pedestrians / Bicyclists       | 22.1                | Are existing pedestrian/bicycle facilities in the study area?                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes:<br>22.1.1   | Are the existing pedestrian/bicycle facilities included in the local plan?                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes:             | List the name of the plan consulted:                                                                                                                                                                 | City of Fargo Transportation Plan; City of Fargo Comprehensive Plan; City of Moorhead Comprehensive Plan; City of Moorhead; Metro COG Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan |                   |      |
|                                | 22.1.2              | Will the action affect existing pedestrian/bicycle facilities?                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes:             | Temporary                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,000 ft                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |      |
|                                |                     | Permanent                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |      |
|                                | 22.2                | Will the action include proposed pedestrian/bicycle facilities?                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes:<br>22.2.1   | Is the proposed pedestrian/bicycle facility included in the local plan?                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes:             | List the name of the plan consulted:                                                                                                                                                                 | City of Fargo Transportation Plan; City of Fargo Comprehensive Plan; City of Moorhead Comprehensive Plan; City of Moorhead; Metro COG Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan |                   |      |
| Social                         | 23.1                | Will the action cause a change in neighborhood or community cohesion?                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes:<br>23.1.1   | Temporary                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | 23.1.2              | Permanent                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | X    |
|                                | 23.2                | Will the action cause a change in travel patterns or accessibility?                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes:<br>23.2.1   | Temporary                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                 |      |

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|                                | 23.2.2  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Permanent |                   | X    |
|                                | 23.3    | Will the action cause an impact (mobility/safety) to the emergency services, schools (bus routes), or transit?                                                                                                     |           | X                 |      |
|                                | If yes: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |                   |      |
|                                | 23.3.1  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Temporary | X                 |      |
|                                | 23.3.2  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Permanent |                   | X    |
| State Scenic Rivers            | 24.1    | Will the action impact the Little Missouri River within the area designated as a State Scenic River, which starts from the ND-SD border and terminates at its juncture with Lake Sakakawea? (-NDCC, Chapter 61-29) |           |                   | X    |
|                                | If yes: | Coordination with State Scenic River Commission is required, attach documentation.                                                                                                                                 |           |                   |      |
| Visual                         | 25.1    | Will the action fit within the existing visual environment; i.e. transportation corridor?                                                                                                                          |           | X                 |      |



## APPENDICES

## **Appendix A**

### **Solicitation of Views**

FARGO 12TH AVE / MOORHEAD 15TH AVE SOV LIST

| Type     | Letter | Notes                                                                                                | CTitle   | First    | Last        | Title                                   | Agency                                    | Email                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Address                               | City          | State | Zip        | Phone        |
|----------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|--------------|
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Brad     | Hawk        | Executive Director                      | Department                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                       |               |       |            |              |
| STATE    |        | To be sent by the MN State Aid Environmental Review process                                          | Ms.      | Shannon  | Geshick     | Executive Director                      | Indian Affairs Commission                 | bhaw@nd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 600 E. Blvd. Ave. 1st Floor, Judicial | Bismarck      | ND    | 58505-0300 |              |
| STATE    |        | To be sent by the MN State Aid Environmental Review process                                          | Ms.      | Amy      | Spong       | MN SHPO                                 | Indian Affairs Council                    | shannon.geshick@state.mn.us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 161 St. Anthony Ave. Ste 919          | St. Paul      | MN    | 55103      |              |
| STATE    |        | ND SHPO Request for Concurrence Form to be sent separately.                                          | Dr.      | William  | Peterson    | ND SHPO                                 | MN State Historic Preservation Office     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 50 Sherburne Avenue                   | St. Paul      | MN    | 55155      |              |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | MG       | Alan     | Dohrmann    | Adjutant General                        | ND National Guard                         | alan.s.dohrmann.mil@army.mil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 612 East Boulevard Avenue             | Bismarck      | ND    | 58505      |              |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Justin   | Messner     | Disaster Recovery Chief                 | Department of Homeland Security           | messner@nd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PO Box 5511                           | Bismarck      | ND    | 58505-5511 | 701-333-2065 |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Buce     | Kreif       | Supervisor                              | Conservation Section                      | bkr@nd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | PO Box 5511                           | Bismarck      | ND    | 58505      | 701-328-8107 |
| STATE    |        | To be sent by the MN State Aid Environmental Review process                                          | Mr.      | Owen     | Baird       | Regional Environmental Assessment       | Region 1 (Northwest Region)               | owen.baird@state.mn.us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 100 Bismarck Expressway               | Bismarck      | ND    | 58501-5095 | 701-328-6224 |
| STATE    |        | To be sent by the MN State Aid Environmental Review process                                          | Ms.      | Kelly    | Straka      | Director                                | Fish and Wildlife Division                | Kelly.straka@state.mn.us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1601 Minnesota Drive                  | Brainerd      | MN    | 56401      |              |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Jill     | Townley     | Environmental Review Unit Supervisor    | Ecological and Water Resources            | jill.townley@state.mn.us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                       |               |       |            |              |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Cody     | Schulz      | Director                                | ND Parks & Recreation Dept.               | parkrec@nd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 3         | Bismarck      | ND    | 58503-0649 | 701-328-5357 |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Ben      | Bergey      | Regional Director                       | State Parks and Trails Division           | Ben.Bergey@state.mn.us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                       |               |       |            |              |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Matthew  | Schlauder   | Soil Conservation Program Director and  | NDSU Extension                            | ndsu.ssc@ndsu.edu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | NDSU Dept. 7350, PO Box 6050          | Fargo         | ND    | 58108-6050 | 701-231-1861 |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | John     | Jaschke     | Executive Director                      | Buffalo Red River Watershed District      | mschlauder@brrwd.org                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1303 4th Avenue NE                    | Barnesville   | MN    | 56514      | 218-789-3100 |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Katrina  | Kessler     | Commissioner                            | MN Bureau of Water and Soil Resources     | john.jaschke@state.mn.us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 520 Lafayette Road North              | St. Paul      | MN    | 55155      |              |
| STATE    | 4      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | David    | Glat        | Director                                | MN Pollution Control Agency               | donya.dawson@state.mn.us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 520 Lafayette Road N                  | St. Paul      | MN    | 55155      |              |
| STATE    | 6      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | David    | Glat        | Director                                | ND Department of Environmental Quality    | dglatt@nd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4201 Normandy St.                     | Bismarck      | ND    | 58503-1324 | 701-328-5150 |
| FEDERAL  | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Timothy  | LaPointe    | Regional Director                       | Department of Water Resources             | dwprojectreview@nd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 900 E. Blvd. Ave.                     | Bismarck      | ND    | 58505-0650 | 701-328-4940 |
| FEDERAL  | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Tammie   | Potra       | Regional Director                       | Bureau of Indian Affairs                  | timothy.lapointe@bia.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 115 4th Ave. SE, Suite 400            | Aberdeen      | SD    | 57401      |              |
| FEDERAL  | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Mark     | Posc        | North Dakota Maintenance Manager        | Bureau of Indian Affairs                  | tammie.potra@bia.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5600 W. American Blvd., Suite 500     | Bloomington   | MN    | 55437      |              |
| FEDERAL  | 7      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Marissa  | Kirby       | Valley City Wetland Management District | US Department of Energy                   | Kress@wapa.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PO Box 1173                           | Bismarck      | ND    | 58502-1173 |              |
| FEDERAL  | 7      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Marissa  | Kirby       | Valley City Wetland Management District | US Fish & Wildlife Service                | Marissa_Kirby@fws.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11515 River Road                      | Valley City   | ND    | 58072      |              |
| FEDERAL  | 7      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Ryan     | Frohling    | Project Leader                          | Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District | ryan.frohling@fws.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1732 North Tower Road                 | Detroit Lakes | MN    | 55501      |              |
| FEDERAL  |        | To be sent by the MN State Aid Environmental Review process                                          | Mr.      | Rob      | Tawes       | Field Supervisor                        | Minnesota-Wisconsin Ecological Services   | twincities@fws.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3818 American Blvd East               | Bloomington   | MN    | 55425      |              |
| TRANSIT  | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Julie    | Bommelman   | Transit Administrator                   | Fargo Metro Area Transit                  | jommelman@cityoffargo.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6502 23rd St N                        | Fargo         | ND    | 58102      | 701-730-8778 |
| TRANSIT  | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Kerri    | Spiering    | Interim Director                        | Handi-Wheels Transportation               | kerri.spiering@gmail.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2525 Broadway N #002                  | Fargo         | ND    | 58102      | 701-232-3231 |
| TRANSIT  | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Cem      | Onbas       | Accountant                              | Jefferson Lines                           | Conbas@jeffersonlines.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2100 East 26th St                     | Minneapolis   | MN    | 55404      | 612-359-3408 |
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| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Michelle | Turnberg    | Commissioner                            | City of Fargo                             | mturnberg@fargond.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 225 4th St N                          | Fargo         | ND    | 58102      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | John     | Strand      | Commissioner                            | City of Fargo                             | jstrand@fargond.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 225 4th St N                          | Fargo         | ND    | 58102      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Michael  | Redlinger   | City Administrator                      | City of Fargo                             | mredlinger@fargond.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 225 4th St N                          | Fargo         | ND    | 58102      |              |
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| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Nicole   | Crutchfield | Director                                | Park Board                                | Vicki.Dawson@fargoparks.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 6100 38th Street S                    | Fargo         | ND    | 58104      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Ben      | Dow         | Director of Operations                  | Planning & Development Department         | nrcrutchfield@fargond.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 225 4th St N                          | Fargo         | ND    | 58102      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Dr.      | Cory     | Steiner     | Superintendent                          | Public Works Department                   | bdow@fargond.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2401 3rd Avenue N                     | Fargo         | ND    | 58102      |              |
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| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Nicole   | Mattison    | Council Member                          | City Council                              | Ryan.w.nelson@moorheadmn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 403 Center Avenue                     | Moorhead      | MN    | 56561      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Chris    | Helmic      | Police Chief                            | City Council                              | Nicole.mattison@moorheadmn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 403 Center Avenue                     | Moorhead      | MN    | 56562      |              |
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| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Bob      | Zimmerman   | Engineering Director                    | Parks and Recreation                      | Sean.brandenburg@moorheadmn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1300 15th Avenue N                    | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Jeff     | Wallin      | Fire Chief                              | Engineering Department                    | bob.zimmerman@moorheadmn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 403 Center Avenue                     | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Ms.      | Kristie  | Leshovsky   | Director                                | Fire Department                           | jeff.wallin@moorheadmn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 111 12 Street N                       | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Paul     | Fechter     | Public Works Director                   | Community Development                     | Kristie.leshovsky@moorheadmn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 403 Center Avenue                     | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
| CITY     | 1      |                                                                                                      | Dr.      | Brandon  | Lunak       | Superintendent                          | Public Works                              | Paul.fechter@moorheadmn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1300 15th Avenue N                    | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
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| COUNTY   | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Kyle     | Litchy      | County Engineer                         | Cass County Administration                | wilsonro@casscountynd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 211 9th Street South                  | Fargo         | ND    | 58103      |              |
| COUNTY   | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Kevin    | Kassenborg  | District Manager                        | Cass County Highway                       | LitchyK@casscountynd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1201 Main Avenue W                    | West Fargo    | ND    | 58078      |              |
| COUNTY   | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Kevin    | Campbell    | District 4 Commissioner                 | Soil and Water Conservation District      | kevin.kassenborg@clay.mnswcd.org                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1615 30th Avenue S                    | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
| COUNTY   | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Justin   | Scrum       | County Engineer                         | County Commission                         | Kevin.Campbell@claycountymn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2961 41 1/2 Street S                  | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
| COUNTY   | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Stephen  | Larson      | County Administrator                    | City Highway Department                   | justin.scrum@claycountymn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3510 12th Avenue S                    | Moorhead      | MN    | 56560      |              |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Aaron    | Mura        | District Engineer                       | Administration                            | Steve.Larson@claycountymn.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 503 38th Street South                 | Fargo         | ND    | 58103      |              |
| STATE    | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Nathan   | Gannon      | District State Aid Engineer - D4        | North Dakota Department of Transportation | amura@nd.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                       |               |       |            |              |
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| FEDERAL  | 1      |                                                                                                      | Mr.      | Nathan   | Wallerstedt | Chief, Project Management & Development | US Coast Guard                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1240 E. 9th St                        | Cleveland     | OH    | 44199      |              |
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**Subject:** Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

Hello,

Please find the attached solicitation of views letter for the proposed replacement of the bridge crossing over the Red River of the North connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota. The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area.

It is requested that any comments or information be forwarded to our office on or before June 6, 2025.

Thanks,

Scott Middaugh PE  
KLJ - West Fargo  
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701-799-5639 Cell



May 2, 2025

PROJECT NO. City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0  
Red River Bridge Replacement – 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
FARGO, CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA &  
MOORHEAD, CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The City of Fargo, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to replace the bridge crossing over the Red River of the North (Red River) connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota. The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. Alternatives to maintain the existing bridge alignment along with potential realignments connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue on both sides of the Red River will be evaluated. The proposed bridge alternatives will be developed to raise the bridge from its existing elevation to address closures during flood events by raising the structure out of the future, post-FM Diversion 100-year FEMA floodplain. Please refer to the enclosed **Project Location Map**.

Currently, there is no construction schedule for the project, but it is anticipated that environmental documentation and final plan approvals will be completed prior to Spring 2027.

The project may require permanent and temporary right-of-way along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead.

To ensure that all social, economic, and environmental effects are considered in the development of this project, we are soliciting your views and comments on the proposed project pursuant to Section 102(2) (D) (IV) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. We are particularly interested in any property which your department may own or have an interest in, and which would be adjacent to the proposed project area. We would also appreciate being made aware of any proposed developments your department may be contemplating in the areas under consideration for the proposed facility. Any information that might help us in our studies would be appreciated.

Information or comments relating to environmental or other matters that you might furnish will be used in determining if this project is a "categorical exclusion" or whether an "Environmental Assessment" or a "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" will be prepared.

It is requested that any comments or information be forwarded to our office on or before June 6, 2025. If no reply is received by this date, it will be assumed that you have no comment on this project.

If further information is desired regarding the proposed project, please contact Scott Middaugh by email at [12thAveBridge@kljeng.com](mailto:12thAveBridge@kljeng.com) or by phone at 701-271-4871.



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Enclosure





**Red River  
Bridge Replacement**  
12th Ave. Fargo/  
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**THE CITY OF**  
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## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Scott Middaugh  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:00 AM  
**To:** mturnberg@fargond.gov  
**Subject:** Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Letter 1 - General\_QR-25-B0\_.pdf

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Thanks,

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**From:** 12thAveBridge  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:13 PM  
**To:** dglatt@nd.gov  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Letter 4 - NDDEQ\_QR-25-B0.pdf

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May 2, 2025

Mr. David Glatt

Director

ND Department of Environmental Quality

4201 Normandy Street

Bismarck, ND 58503-1324

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The following tabulation shows the average daily traffic volumes (ADT) once the new facility is completed and the expected ADT in 20 years after completion.

| LOCATION                                 | Current ADT (2025) | Forecasted ADT (2045) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Fargo, ND | 9,661              | 14,300                |

We believe that these volumes are not of the magnitude that would result in the violation of any Air Quality Standards and the project is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for air quality.

Your concurrence in this determination is requested.

To ensure that all social, economic, and environmental effects are considered in the development of this project, we are soliciting your views and comments on the proposed project pursuant to Section 102(2) (D) (IV) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. We are particularly interested in any issues pertaining to solid and hazardous waste, municipal wastewater, water quality, and the occurrence of past contamination along the project area.

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SCOTT MIDDAUGH, PE  
Environmental Project Manager

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May 2, 2025

Department of Water Resources  
C/O Project Review  
North Dakota Department of Water Resources  
900 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

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Please provide information on necessary permits required, such as whether the project lies within a floodway or floodplain, lies within "Sovereign Lands", or could affect a dam, dike, or other device.

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**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:13 PM  
**To:** dwrprojectreview@nd.gov  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Letter 6 - NDDWR\_QR-25-B0.pdf

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**To:** ryan\_frohling@fws.gov  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Letter 7 - USFWS\_MN\_QR-25-B0 -.pdf

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May 2, 2025

District Manager  
Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
1732 North Tower Road  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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May 2, 2025

District Manager  
Valley City Wetland Management District  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
11515 River Road  
Valley City, ND 58072

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**To:** Casey Engelhard  
**Subject:** FW: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Letter 8 - AdvocacyGroup\_QR-25-B0.pdf

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**From:** 12thAveBridge  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:12 PM  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh <Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com>; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; [aruud@houstoneng.com](mailto:aruud@houstoneng.com)  
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May 2, 2025

Advocacy Group Contact

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The purpose of this letter is to provide advanced notice of upcoming highway projects so you have sufficient time to share the information with your constituents and represent their interests. To ensure that all social, economic, and environmental effects are considered in the development of this project, we are soliciting your views and comments on the proposed project. We would appreciate being made aware of any social impacts we should consider for this proposed project.

Greater advanced notice will also encourage more participation of advocates and their constituents at upcoming Public Meetings. A Public Meeting for this project is tentatively scheduled for Summer/Fall 2025.

A follow up notice of the exact date, time, and location of the Public Meeting will be forwarded to you approximately 2 weeks prior to the Public Meeting. Additionally, Public Meetings are also advertised in local newspapers and press releases sent to local media.

Any information or comments relating to social or other matters that might help us in our studies would be appreciated.

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SCOTT MIDDAUGH, PE  
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Enclosure



## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Kirt Liedahl <kliedahl@702Communications.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:40 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** RE: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** 702 COMMUNICATIONS 12TH AVE N BRIDGE FACILITY 05-MAY-2025.pdf

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Good morning-

Attached you'll find the local map of 702 Communications fiber facilities.

Were this a simple bridge repair, I would say we were clear of the scope of work, but as there is a proposed realignment of the bridge and associated roadway, I was compelled to attach this facility map to make sure parties were aware of the infrastructure.

702 Communications has a potential, mid-range plan to cross the river with fiber infrastructure, but that plan will be better served by waiting the completion of the bridge project (or at least learning the final proposal) to make sure we don't install a potential complication for the work.

Thank you, and do please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

**Kirt Liedahl, Operations Manager**

**O:** (218) 284-5767 **C:** (218) 329-2126



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## 702 COMMUNICATIONS 12<sup>TH</sup> AVE N BRIDGE FIBER FACILITY

12<sup>TH</sup> AVE N BRIDGE, FARGO ND

SITE CONTACT: KIRT LIEDAHL



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KIRT LIEDAHL – OPERATIONS MANAGER

**702 COMMUNICATIONS**

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## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Matthew Schlauderaff <mschlauderaff@BRRWD.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:07 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com; buhler@houstoneng.com  
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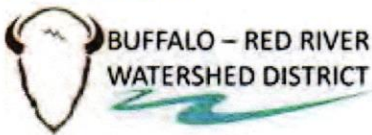
Thanks for sending this over. It would be beneficial to see your prelim plans once those are finalized so we can do an initial review. Also, you'll need to submit a permit once you are nearing construction. You can apply for the permit here [Watershed Permit | Buffalo-Red River Watershed District](#).

That should be it for now.

-Thanks,

### Matt Schlauderaff

Watershed Specialist  
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District  
1303 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Barnesville, MN 56514  
O: (218)-789-3100 \ D: (218)-789-3104  
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**From:** Litchy, Kyle <LitchyK@casscountynd.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:19 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Soucy, Tom  
**Subject:** RE: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Letter 1 - General\_QR-25-B0\_.pdf

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Scott,  
Cass County has no comments on this project.  
Thanks

Kyle Litchy PE  
County Engineer  
Cass County Highway Department  
Office – 701-298-2380  
Cell – 701-630-8667

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**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:05 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
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Good Morning,

Lumen has a major fiber that crosses the river on the bridge that will need to be protected and relocated to the new bridge. Please schedule a time when we can go over options for a replacement without taking the old fiber offline.

Thanks,

**LUMEN**

**Trevor Christensen**  
Network Implementation Engineer II  
302 29<sup>th</sup> St N Fargo, ND 58102  
Tel: 701.415.7058 Cell: 701.951.9704  
[Trevor.a.christensen@lumen.com](mailto:Trevor.a.christensen@lumen.com)

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**From:** Berseth, Thomas M <Thomas.M.Berseth@xcelenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:28 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** RE: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** new\_plot.pdf

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Xcel gas maps attached for the project area, thanks

**Tom Berseth**

**Xcel Energy | Responsible By Nature**

**Sr. Designer**

2302 Great Northern Drive – Fargo, ND 58102

**C: 701-640-1406**

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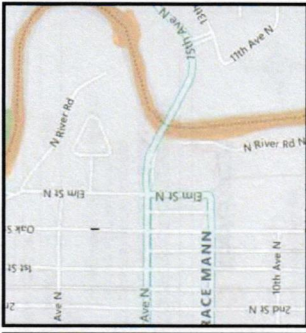
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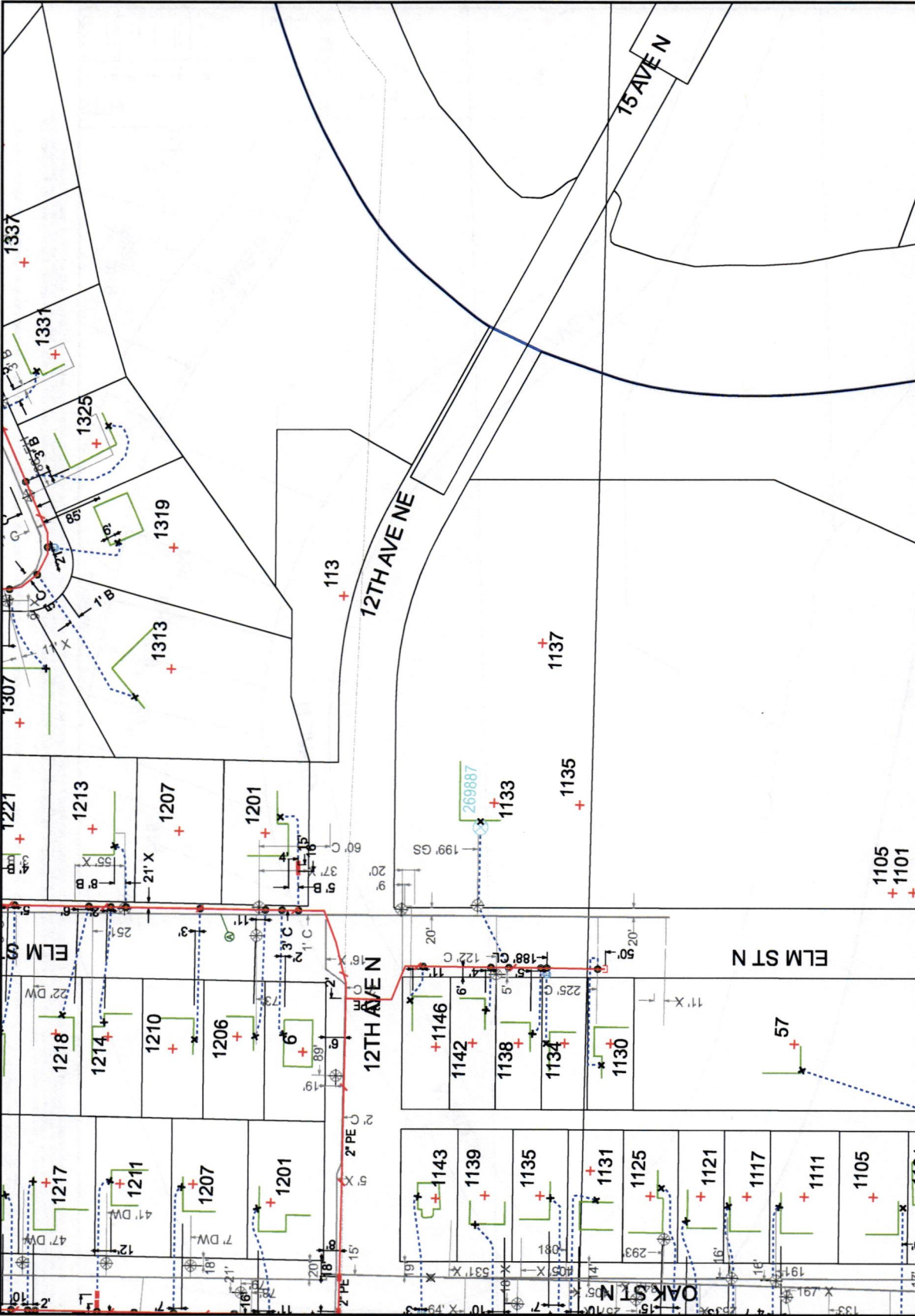
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| Service Request #             | :                |
| Design Number                 | : 234059         |
| Designer/Planner ID           | :                |
| Designer/Planner Name         | :                |
| Designer/Planner Ph #         | : (000) 000-0000 |
| Manager Approval              | :                |
| <b>Joint Utility</b>          |                  |
| E:                            | G:               |
| T:                            | C:               |
| <b>Design Location</b>        |                  |
| Division                      | : Fargo          |
| County                        | : Cass           |
| City                          | : Fargo city     |
| Address                       | :                |
| T: 139N                       | R: 48W           |
| Map #                         | : FCCD0086       |
| Permit                        | :                |
| <b>Electric</b>               |                  |
| Feeder                        | :                |
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| Phase                         | : Blup Dev ID:   |
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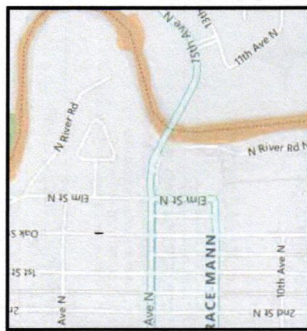
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| Designer/Partner ID                                                  | :                  |
| Designer/Partner Name                                                | :                  |
| Designer/Partner Ph #                                                | : (000) 000-0000   |
| Manager Approval                                                     | _____              |
| Joint Utility                                                        |                    |
| E:                                                                   | G:                 |
| T:                                                                   | C:                 |
| Design Location                                                      |                    |
| Division                                                             | : Fargo            |
| County                                                               | : Cass             |
| City                                                                 | : Fargo city       |
| Address                                                              | :                  |
| T: 13BN                                                              | R: 48W S: 5        |
| Map #                                                                | : FCC0088 Permit : |
| Electric                                                             |                    |
| Feeder:                                                              | Voltage:           |
| Phase:                                                               | Strip Dow ID:      |
| Gas                                                                  |                    |
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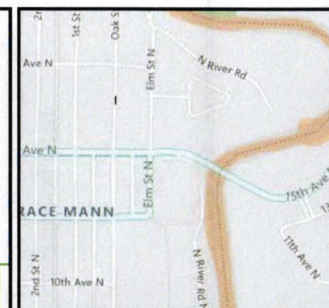
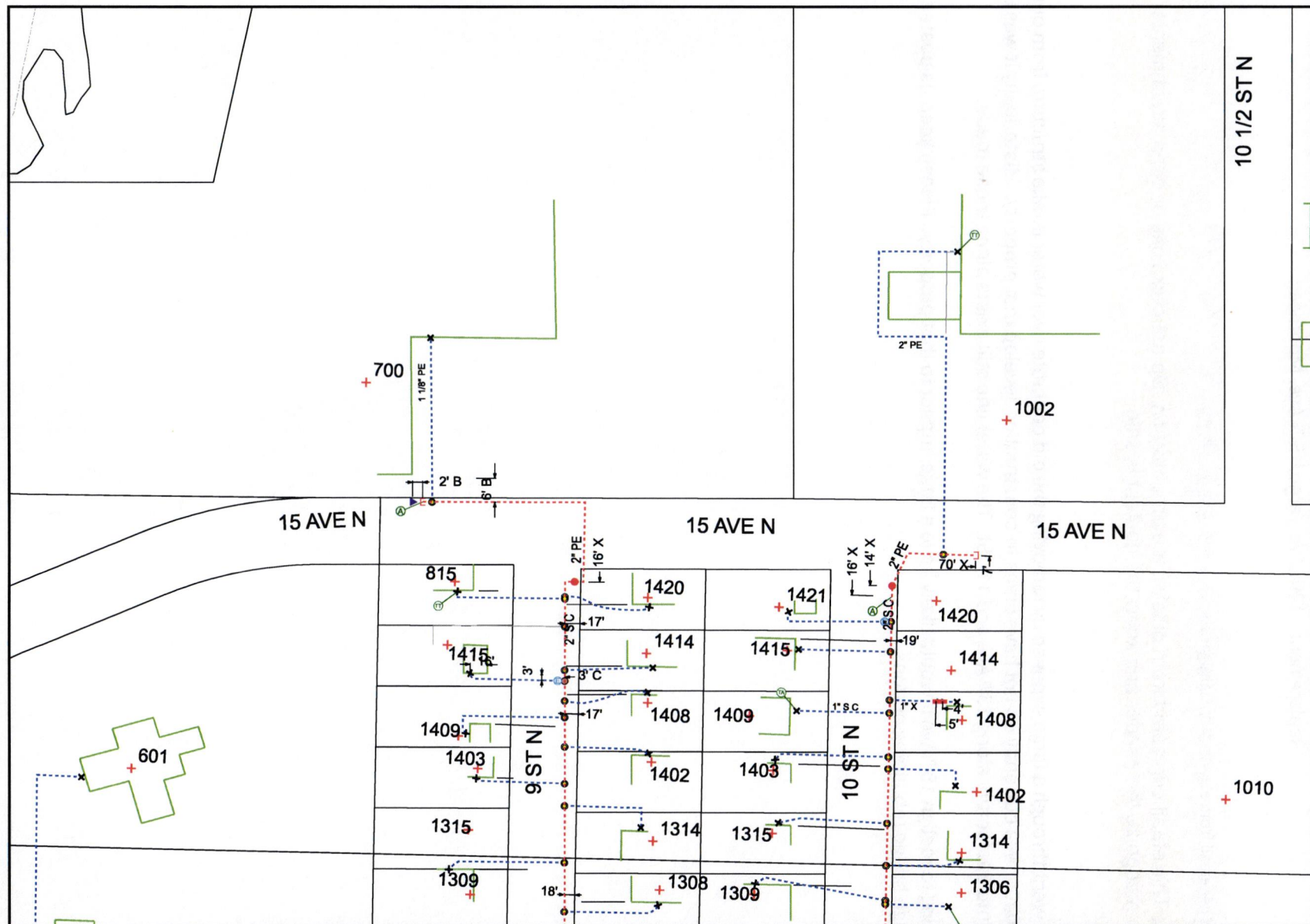
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 Manager Approval :

#### Joint Utility

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 T: C:

#### Design Location

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 County : Cass  
 City : Fargo city  
 Address :  
 T: 140N R: 48W S: 32  
 Map # : FDD0085 Permit :

#### Electric

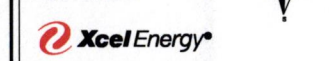
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**From:** Aaron Bjerke <abjerke@crystalsugar.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:59 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** RE: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

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Scott,

ACSC recently went through a large expense by removing the old concrete river water intake structure from our parcel 58.900.0460. We currently do not have plans to construct or develop that property. Historically it was used to bring water into the factory along 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and 11<sup>th</sup> St. The water line still exists along those roads.

If the City is going to realign 15<sup>th</sup> Ave it would likely have a large impact to that property. Please keep us posted as you work through bridge rebuilding options.





Thank You,  
Aaron Bjerke

**From:** 12thAveBridge <12thAveBridge@kljeng.com>

**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:13 PM

**Cc:** Scott Middaugh <Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com>; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com

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**Aaron Bjerke**  
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**From:** Schrader, Mark R (FAA) <Mark.R.Schrader@faa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:04 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Jenny, Melissa M (FAA)  
**Subject:** FW: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Letter 1 - General\_QR-25-B0\_.pdf

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Good morning Scott,

We have reviewed the solicitation of views letter for the proposed Red River Bridge Replacement for 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N Fargo/15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Moorhead. We have no objection provided the Federal Aviation Administration is notified of construction or alterations as required by Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace, Paragraph 77.9. Notice may be filed online at <https://oeaaa.faa.gov>. Select "Notice Criteria Tool" to see if you are required to file. The construction equipment may trigger a need for an airspace study to be performed for the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed project.

### Mark Schrader

Program Manager  
Dakota-Minnesota Airports District Office  
2301 University Drive, Bld 23B  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
(701) 323-7384

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:25 PM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the Red River Bridge Replacement.

After reviewing the project details, I can confirm that none of our assets will be affected by this project.

Please let us know if you need any further information.

### Marissa Kirby

*Wildlife Refuge Specialist*

Valley City WMD

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**From:** 12thAveBridge <12thAveBridge@kljeng.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:12 PM  
**To:** Kirby, Marissa A <marissa\_kirby@fws.gov>  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh <Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com>; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com <jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com>; aruud@houstoneng.com <aruud@houstoneng.com>  
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**From:** Tony Geffre <tony.geffre@midco.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 3:51 PM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Corey Wixo; Dean Berg  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] - FW: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** 12th ave N Bridge.png

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Scott, thanks for the info. Attached is a map showing that we have a 288 count fiber that runs along that area from Moorhead into Fargo. Please keep us updated as this progresses. Thank you

**Tony Geffre**  
Regional Construction Project Manager



Office: 7015522585  
[Tony.Geffre@Midco.com](mailto:Tony.Geffre@Midco.com)

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Let's go beyond.

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**From:** 12thAveBridge <12thAveBridge@kljeng.com>  
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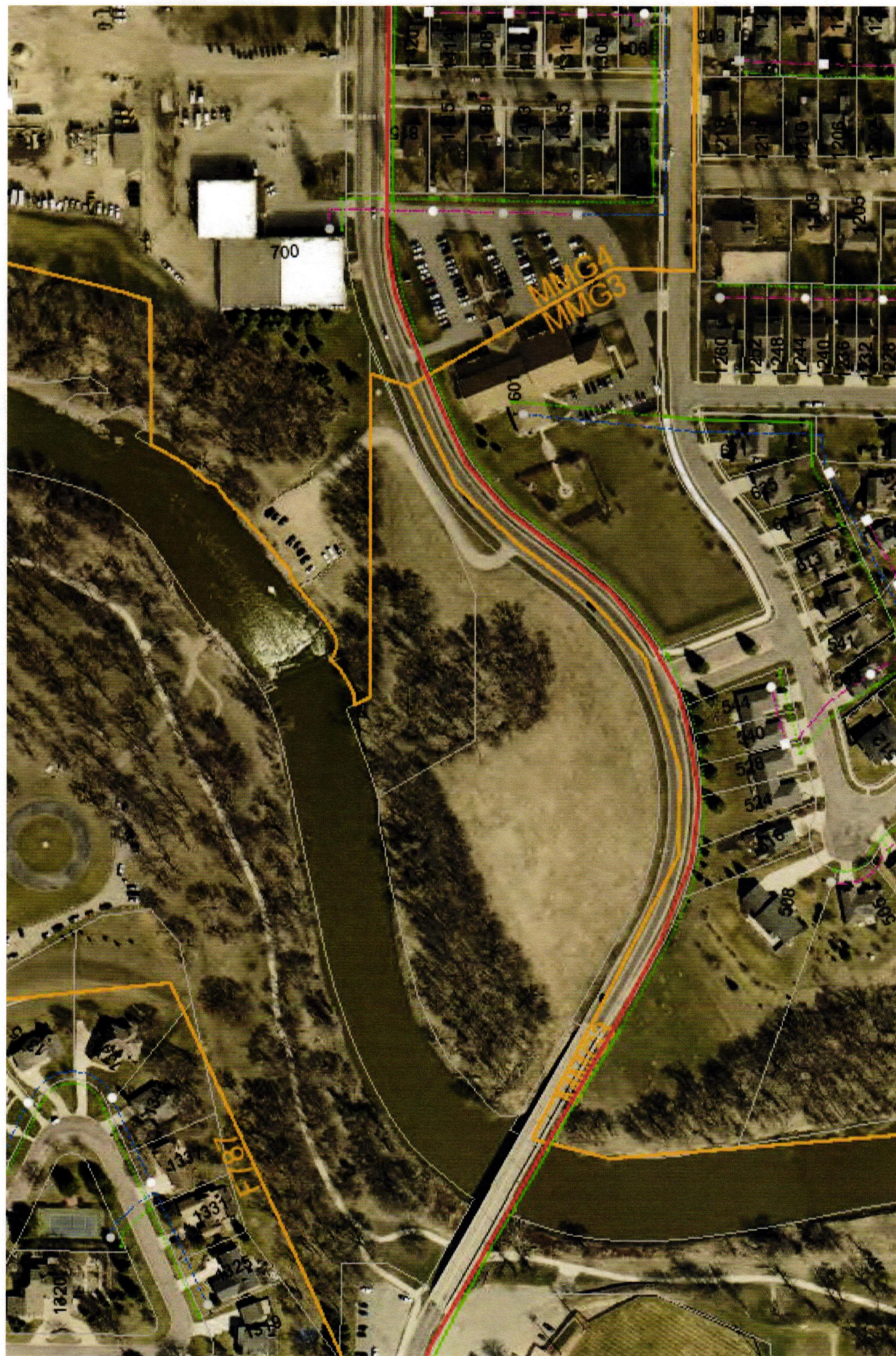
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**From:** Geering, Jennifer <Jennifer.Geering@lumen.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 3:53 PM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Subject:** Return to Requestor: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** Utility Map.pdf

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**LUMEN**

Good Day!

Thank you for your project notification. LUMEN has reviewed your utility notice regarding the **P-661943** | Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead ("Project").

**X** **LUMEN Local/National** has facilities within your proposed construction area. Once you have completed your review, please respond back if LUMEN facilities appear to be in conflict. A LUMEN engineer will be assigned when engineering plans are ready for review.

Please contact your [State One Call](#) prior to construction service (click link for state specific requirements).

Any changes or additions to the project plans or parameters should be submitted to [Network Relocations](#) for review of potential new impacts to the LUMEN facilities. **Note:** the location(s) of facilities shown on these drawings you receive from us, are only approximate. LUMEN hereby disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of this information. Please contact [Network Relocations](#) regarding the above mentioned project if you should have any questions. Please reference the file number **P-661943** with any future communications.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Jennifer Geering  
Business Analyst  
Network Relocations

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Local Copper UG Route

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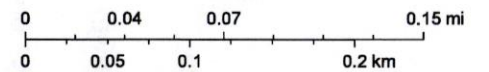
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May 9, 2025

Scott Middaugh

KLJ

Re: Red River Bridge Replacement, Fargo-Moorhead

Dear Scott,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has reviewed the above-referenced ND Red River Bridge Replacement project in Fargo-Moorhead.

NDPRD's scope of authority and expertise covers properties that NDPRD owns, leases, or manages; properties protected under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); rare plants; and ecological communities established through the Natural Heritage Program.

The project does not appear to affect the properties NDPRD owns, leases, or manages positively.

The project does not appear to affect any properties protected under Section 6(f) of the LWCF.

A North Dakota Natural Heritage biological conservation database query determines whether any current or historical plant or animal species of concern or other significant ecological communities are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the project area. Based on this review, we have no known plant and animal species of concern or significant ecological communities documented within or immediately adjacent to the project site.

We appreciate your commitment to rare plant, animal, and ecological community conservation, management, and inter-agency cooperation. For additional information, please contact Kathy Duttonhefner at 701-328-5370, 701-220-3377 (cell), or [kgduttonhefner@nd.gov](mailto:kgduttonhefner@nd.gov).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Kathy Duttonhefner, Chief Natural Resources Division

North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory  
Rare Animal and Plant Species and Significant Ecological Communities

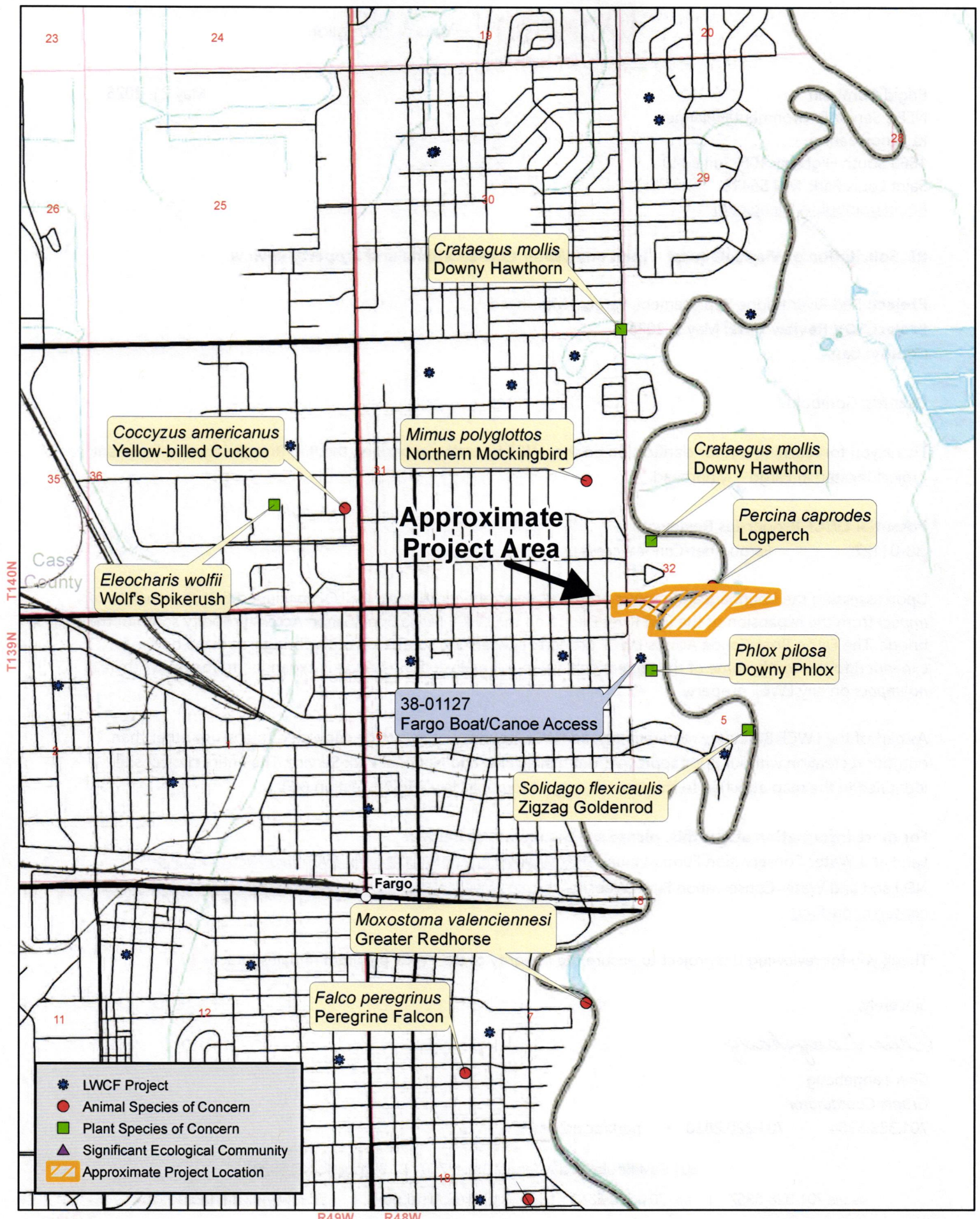
| State Scientific Name          | State Common Name    | State Rank | Global Rank | Federal Status | Township Range Section                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | County | Last Observation | Estimated Representation Accuracy | Precision |
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| <i>Coccyzus americanus</i>     | Yellow-billed Cuckoo | SU         | G5          | PS             | 140N049W - 36; 139N048W - 05; 140N049W - 25; 140N048W - 29; 140N048W - 32; 139N049W - 01; 139N049W - 02; 140N048W - 31; 140N048W - 30; 140N049W - 35; 140N049W - 26; 139N048W - 06                                                                            | Cass   | 1964-06-17       |                                   | M         |
| <i>Crataegus mollis</i>        | Downy Hawthorn       | S1         | G5          |                | 140N048W - 32; 140N049W - 28; 139N049W - 04; 139N049W - 11; 140N048W - 29; 140N049W - 21; 140N049W - 12; 140N049W - 34; 140N049W - 24; 140N048W - 31; 140N049W - 35; 139N048W - 30; 139N049W - 12; 139N048W - 18; 140N049W - 27; 139N048W - 06; 140N048W - 21 | Cass   | 1913-06-08       |                                   | G         |
| <i>Crataegus mollis</i>        | Downy Hawthorn       | S1         | G5          |                | 140N048W - 31; 140N048W - 32; 140N048W - 29; 140N048W - 30                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Cass   | 1941-08-23       |                                   | S         |
| <i>Eleocharis wolfii</i>       | Wolf's Spikerush     | SH         | G3G4        |                | 140N049W - 36; 140N049W - 35; 139N049W - 01; 140N048W - 31; 140N049W - 25; 139N048W - 06; 139N049W - 02; 140N049W - 26; 140N048W - 30                                                                                                                         | Cass   | 1901-05-29       |                                   | M         |
| <i>Falco peregrinus</i>        | Peregrine Falcon     | SNR        | G4          |                | 139N048W - 07; 139N049W - 01; 139N048W - 05; 139N049W - 13; 139N049W - 12; 139N048W - 18; 139N048W - 06; 139N048W - 08; 139N048W - 17                                                                                                                         | Cass   | 1990             |                                   | M         |
| <i>Mimus polyglottos</i>       | Northern Mockingbird | SU         | G5          |                | 140N048W - 31; 140N049W - 32; 140N049W - 25; 139N049W - 05; 140N048W - 20; 139N048W - 20; 140N048W - 28; 139N049W - 22; 139N048W - 19; 140N049W - 22; 139N048W - 07; 139N049W - 12; 139N048W - 08; 140N049W - 21; 140N049W - 12; 139N048W - 05; 140N049W - 33 | Cass   | 1946-07-28       |                                   | G         |
| <i>Moxostoma valenciennesi</i> | Greater Redhorse     | S2         | G4          |                | 139N048W - 07                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cass   | 1974-10          |                                   | S         |
| <i>Percina caprodes</i>        | Logperch             | S3         | G5          |                | 140N048W - 32; 140N048W - 30; 140N048W - 31; 139N048W - 05; 139N048W - 06; 139N048W - 07; 139N048W - 08; 140N048W - 29                                                                                                                                        | Cass   | 1982             |                                   | M         |
| <i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>    | Zigzag Goldenrod     | S2         | G5          |                | 139N048W - 05; 140N048W - 32; 139N048W - 06; 139N048W - 07; 139N048W - 08; 140N048W - 31                                                                                                                                                                      | Cass   | 1937-09-03       |                                   | M         |



## Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects

| <u>Project Name</u>     | <u>Project Number</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fargo Boat/Canoe Access | 38-01127              |

# North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory





May 21, 2025

Brigid Gombold  
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KLJ Engineering  
1660 South Highway 100, Suite 340  
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[Brigid.gombold@kljeng.com](mailto:Brigid.gombold@kljeng.com)

**RE: Solicitation of Views Request – Land and Water Conservation Fund Property Review**

**Project:** Red River Bridge Replacement, Fargo - Moorhead  
**Project SOV Review Date:** May 9, 2025  
**County:** Cass

Dear Ms. Gombold,

Thank you for reaching out for clarification on the LWCF boundary regarding the Red River Bridge Replacement project located in Fargo – Moorhead.

**Potential LWCF Properties Reviewed:**

38-01127                      Fargo Boat/Canoe Access

Upon assessing the boundary and project proposal, the grant coordinator (ASLO) concluded that *there will be an impact* from the expansion of the Red River Bridge on the LWCF Fargo Boat/Canoe Access property south of the bridge. The Fargo Boat/Canoe Access LWCF property borders the south side of the bridge, so if the bridge is expanded to the south, some of the recreational value will be lost. If the bridge is expanded to the north, there is *no impact* on any LWCF property.

As part of the LWCF Boundary requirements, an LWCF boundary may not be converted to any use other than outdoor recreation without prior approval from the NDPRD and National Park Service. The entire project site identified in the map attached to this letter is subject to public law 88-578 Section 6(F).

**For more information about this, please see the resources below:**

Land and Water Conservation Fund Manual - [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/upload/lwcf\\_manual.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/upload/lwcf_manual.pdf)

ND Land and Water Conservation Fund Website - <https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/business/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

Thank you for reviewing the project to ensure the integrity of the LWCF program remains intact!

Sincerely,

*Char Langehaug*

Char Langehaug  
Grants Coordinator

701.328.5364 • 701.220.2820 • [parkrec.nd.gov](http://parkrec.nd.gov)

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# Fargo Boat/Canoe Access

Fargo, Cass, 38-01127

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2023 North Dakota Aerial Imagery

 LWCF Boundary **Acres 41.8**

Acreage listed is an estimate  
and not official deeded acres

0 0.04 0.07 0.14 Miles



## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Anderson, Fred J. <fjanderson@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 11:17 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Subject:** N.D. Geological Survey Comments: City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0 - Red River Bridge Replacement-12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave Moorhead

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Dear Mr. Middaugh,

The North Dakota Survey appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on this civil infrastructure improvement project.

We reviewed the project location and areal footprint against our current landslide mapping information (LiDAR differencing from 2008 to 2020) for this area and would note the following:

- There appeared to be some localized erosion (Qlsa) within a previously mapped area of slumping (Qls) on the northwestern (ND Side) of the Red River and adjacent to the southeastward bend of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N.
- No recently active areas of slumping were noted on the Minnesota side of the river within the project boundary.

Here is a link to the Fargo North Landslide Quadrangle for your reference: [https://www.dmr.nd.gov/ndgs/landslides/Fargo/Fargo\\_North\\_24K\\_L.pdf](https://www.dmr.nd.gov/ndgs/landslides/Fargo/Fargo_North_24K_L.pdf)

All our landslide mapping information for North Dakota can be found here: <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs/landslides>

Please let us know if there are any additional questions or comments regarding this review.

Regards,

Fred J. Anderson  
*Geologist*

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**From:** Christine Holland <christine@riverkeepers.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 11:13 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Subject:** Re: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

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Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new 12th Ave. N. Bridge across the Red River. River Keepers agrees that the new bridge should be high enough to not impede flood waters. We would also like to see good pedestrian access across and under the bridge.

Thank you,

**Christine Holland**

Executive Director/River Keepers

**Phone:** 701-235-2895 **Web:** [riverkeepers.org](https://riverkeepers.org) or [facebook.com/RiverKeepersFM/](https://facebook.com/RiverKeepersFM/)



On Fri, May 2, 2025 at 3:12 PM 12thAveBridge <[12thAveBridge@kljeng.com](mailto:12thAveBridge@kljeng.com)> wrote:

Hello,

Please find the attached solicitation of views letter for the proposed replacement of the bridge crossing over the Red River of the North connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota. The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area.



It is requested that any comments or information be forwarded to our office on or before June 6, 2025.

Thanks,

Scott Middaugh PE  
KLJ - West Fargo  
701-271-4871 Direct  
701-799-5639 Cell

## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Walker, Michael O CIV USCG D9 (USA) <Michael.O.Walker2@uscg.mil>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 11:42 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Stanifer, William B CIV DHS (USA); Soule, Lee D CIV USCG D9 (USA); Washburn, Eric A CIV USCG D8 (USA)  
**Subject:** Jurisdictional Determination - Red River Bridge, Moorhead, Clay County, MN  
**Attachments:** B153 - 2025.05.13 - Red River Bridge Moorhead MN - AA.pdf

Good Afternoon, Mr. Middaugh:

I have attached our response to your letter dated May 2, 2025, which we received on May 9, 2025 regarding the Red River Bridge. Once you've had a chance to review, please let us know if you have any questions. Since your project crosses the boundaries of the Eighth and Ninth Coast Guard Districts, I am copying their office with our reply. Please note that our determination relates only to the reach of the jurisdiction of the Ninth Coast Guard District. Thank you.

V/r,

Michael Odell Walker  
Bridge Management Specialist  
9th Coast Guard District (dpb)  
Phone: (216) 902-6087  
Fax: (216) 902-6088



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United States  
Coast Guard



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1240 E 9th St  
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May 13, 2025  
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Scott Middaugh, PE  
KLJ Engineering  
300 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, Suite 100  
West Fargo, ND 58078-7820

Dear Mr. Middaugh:

This letter responds to your letter on behalf of the City of Fargo, North Dakota dated May 2, 2025 regarding the proposed replacement of the Red River Bridge connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota. We have determined that reach of the waterway within the boundaries of the State of Minnesota and the Ninth Coast Guard District meets the Coast Guard's requirements for advance approval under 33 CFR 115.70. Therefore, a Coast Guard bridge permit is not required for the subject bridge project. Advance approval is based upon the current use of the waterway and may not apply to future projects in the event navigation on the waterway changes. For advance approval waterways, the clearances provided for high water stages are considered adequate to meet the needs of current navigation.

Although this project will not require a bridge permit, we do require certain information to ensure we have accurate records for all bridges across this waterway. Please submit photographs and as-built drawings of both plan and elevation views of the bridges upon completion of the project. Plans should be in the standard 8 ½ x 11 inch format. The drawings, along with the enclosed Completion Report Form, must indicate the vertical clearance from ordinary high water to the lowest portion of each bridge and horizontal clearance, pier face to pier face, or bank to bank, in the main navigation span. Additionally, the contractor for this project should contact our office at least 30 days to the start of construction activities in the waterway so we may coordinate with them and advise mariners of work in the waterway.

In addition, the requirement to display navigational lighting at the aforementioned bridge is hereby waived as per Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 118.40(b). This waiver may be rescinded in the future should nighttime navigation through the bridges be increased to a level determined by the District Commander to warrant lighting.

Please note this decision relates only to Coast Guard bridge permitting and does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations that may apply to this project.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Walker at (216) 902-6087 or [michael.o.walker2@uscg.mil](mailto:michael.o.walker2@uscg.mil) or Lee D. Soule at [lee.d.soule@uscg.mil](mailto:lee.d.soule@uscg.mil) or (216) 902-6085.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Bridge Branch  
U. S. Coast Guard  
By direction



May 20, 2025

Scott Middaugh, P.E.  
Project Manager  
KLJ Engineering  
300 23rd Avenue E, Suite 100  
West Fargo, ND 58078-7820

Re: Project Code: QR-25-B0, City of Fargo Red River Bridge Replacement in Cass County

Dear Mr. Middaugh:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has reviewed the information concerning the above-referenced project received at the Department on May 8, 2025, with respect to possible environmental impacts.

1. Necessary measures should be taken to minimize fugitive dust emissions created during construction activities. Any complaints that may arise should be dealt with in an efficient and effective manner.
2. Aggregate to be used for road construction should not contain any erionite. Aggregate sources should be tested for erionite following guidelines found at <https://deq.nd.gov/erionite>. For questions regarding erionite testing, please contact the Asbestos Program at 701-328-5166 or [asbestos@nd.gov](mailto:asbestos@nd.gov).
3. Care is to be taken during construction activity near any water of the state to minimize adverse effects on a water body. This includes minimal disturbance of stream beds and banks to prevent excess siltation, and the replacement and revegetation of any disturbed area as soon as possible after work has been completed. Caution must also be taken to prevent spills of oil and grease that may reach the receiving water from equipment maintenance and/or the handling of fuels on the site. Guidelines for minimizing degradation to waterways during construction are attached.
4. Projects disturbing one or more acres are required to have a permit to discharge stormwater runoff until the site is stabilized by the re-establishment of vegetation or other permanent cover. Further information on the stormwater permit may be obtained from the Department's website or by calling the Division of Water Quality at 701-328-5210. Projects disturbing less than one acre are also required to have a permit to discharge stormwater runoff if they are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that disturbs one or more acres. Projects that discharge to a water body that has a total maximum daily load allocation or is listed as impaired under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act should ensure construction activity does not affect the water body.



Slurry, residue, and concrete wash water resulting from concrete activities must be managed to prevent the material from adversely affecting waters of the state.

The city of Fargo is required to consider and address post-construction stormwater quality as part of its North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit obligations. Check with local officials to be sure local MS4 Program considerations are addressed.

5. Many steel structures (such as water towers and bridges) are coated with lead-based paint. A method of pollution control shall be used to contain the wastes generated during the paint removal process including an impermeable ground cover. All visible deposits of waste must be recovered and removed. Lead-contaminated waste must be containerized and characterized, to determine if the waste is a hazardous waste, prior to transporting offsite for disposal.
6. All solid waste materials must be managed and transported in accordance with the state's solid and hazardous waste rules. Appropriate efforts to reduce, reuse and/or recycle waste materials are strongly encouraged. As appropriate, segregation of inert waste from non-inert waste can generally reduce the cost of waste management. Further information on waste management and recycling is available from the Department's Division of Waste Management at 701-328-5166.
7. Polychlorinated Biphenyls, commonly referred to as PCBs, can be found in electrical equipment older than 1980. Projects that involve the removal of fluid-filled electrical equipment, heat transfer equipment, older fluorescent lights, caulks and paints must ensure that all materials are PCB-free. Any PCB-containing waste must be handled, stored, and disposed of appropriately. Questions on proper PCB management may be direct to the Hazardous Waste Program at 701-328-5166.

The Department owns no land in or adjacent to the proposed improvements, nor does it have any projects scheduled in the area. In addition, we believe the proposed activities are consistent with the State Implementation Plan for the Control of Air Pollution for the State of North Dakota.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



Karl Rockeman, P.E., Deputy Director  
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

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Attach.

## **Construction and Environmental Disturbance Requirements**

The following are the minimum requirements of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) for projects that involve construction and environmental disturbance in or near waters of the State of North Dakota. They ensure that minimal environmental degradation occurs as a result of construction or related work which has the potential to affect waters of the state. All projects must be constructed to minimize the loss of soil, vegetative cover, and pollutants (chemical or biological) from a site.

### **Soils**

Prevent the erosion and sediment loss using erosion and sediment controls. Fragile and sensitive areas such as wetlands, riparian zones, delicate flora, and land resources must be prohibited against compaction, vegetation loss and unnecessary damage.

### **Surface Waters**

All construction must be managed to minimize impacts to aquatic systems. Follow safe storage and handling procedures to prevent the contamination of water from fuel spills, lubricants, and chemicals. Stream bank and stream bed disturbances must be contained to minimize silt movement, nutrient upsurges, plant dislocations, and any physical chemicals, or biological disruption. The use of pesticides or herbicides in or near surface waters is allowed under the Department's pesticide application permit with notification to the Department.

### **Fill Material**

Any fill material placed below the ordinary high-water mark must be free of topsoil, decomposable materials, and persistent synthetic organic compounds, including, but not limited to, asphalt, tires, treated lumber, and construction debris. The Department may require testing of fill material. All temporary fills must be removed. Debris and solid waste must be properly disposed or recycled. Impacted areas must be restored to near original condition.



## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Nygard, Jeremy S CIV USARMY CENWO (USA) <Jeremy.S.Nygard@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:03 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Subject:** NWO-2025-00721-BIS, KLJ; City of Fargo; Project QR-25-B0 Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
**Attachments:** NWO-2025-00721\_20250527\_SOV Response.pdf; Eng\_Form\_6082\_2024Nov FINAL.pdf

Good Morning Scott Middaugh,

Our office has reviewed the information you provided regarding the proposed project and determined that a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit may be required for your project. Please see attached letter and blank application form. Thank you,

v/r

Jeremy Nygard  
Regulatory Program Assistant  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
North Dakota Regulatory Office  
3319 University Drive  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
Direct: 701-989-6425  
Office General Line: 701-255-0015

The North Dakota Regulatory office prefers that all submissions are sent electronically to the **\*NEW\* Regulatory Request System (RRS)** at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or the following email address: [CENWO-OD-RND@usace.army.mil](mailto:CENWO-OD-RND@usace.army.mil) instead of a hard copy by mail. Please split large attachments (>25 MB) into multiple emails if needed.



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3319 UNIVERSITY DRIVE  
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May 27, 2025

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Attn: Mr. Scott Middaugh  
300 - 23rd Avenue East, Suite 100  
West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

Dear Mr. Middaugh:

This is in response to information received on May 2, 2025, regarding the proposed City of Fargo, Red River Bridge Replacement, Project QR-25-B0. The project is located at Latitude 46.889892° North, Longitude -96.77458° West, City of Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota.

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Offices administer Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (Section 10) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404). A Section 10 permit would be required for work impacting navigable waters, this includes work over, through, or under Section 10 waters. Section 10 waters in North Dakota are the Missouri River (including Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe), Yellowstone River, James River (south of the railroad tracks in Jamestown, North Dakota), Bois de Sioux River, Red River of the North, and Upper Des Lacs Lake. A Section 404 permit would be required for the discharge of dredge or fill material (temporarily or permanently) in waters of the United States. Waters of the United States may include, but are not limited to, rivers, streams, ditches, coulees, lakes, ponds, and their adjacent wetlands. Fill material includes, but is not limited to, rock, sand, soil, clay, plastics, construction debris, wood chips, overburden from mines or other excavation activities and materials used to create any structure or infrastructure in waters of the United States.

Bridges that cross navigable waters are permitted by the U. S. Coast Guard under Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Information about the Coast Guard's Bridge Permitting Program may be found at : <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Marine-Transportation-Systems-CG-5PW/Office-of-Bridge-Programs/Bridge-Permit-Application-Process/>.

Based on the information contained in your letter, the Corps has determined that your proposed project may need a Section 404 permit. The permit application and instructions for completing the application are enclosed and may also be found at: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Obtain-a-Permit>. Be sure to accurately describe all proposed work and



construction methodology. Once the application is complete, mail it to the letterhead address or to the email address (preferred) below.

The North Dakota Regulatory office prefers that all submissions are sent electronically to the following email address: [CENWO-OD-RND@usace.army.mil](mailto:CENWO-OD-RND@usace.army.mil) instead of a hard copy by mail. Please split large attachments (>25 MB) into multiple emails if needed.

Because your project crosses the Red River of the North from North Dakota into Minnesota, a separate review for Section 404 permitting is also required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Office, Regulatory Branch. They can be contacted at 651-290-5525 or by email at [USACE\\_Requests\\_MN@usace.army.mil](mailto:USACE_Requests_MN@usace.army.mil). A copy of this letter and your original request will be sent to the St. Paul District Office.

Please refer to identification number NWO-2025-00721-BIS in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Nygard at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Dakota Regulatory Office, 3319 University Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-7565, by email at [Jeremy.S.Nygard@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeremy.S.Nygard@usace.army.mil), or telephone at 701-989-6425. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/NorthDakota.aspx>.

Sincerely,



for

Benjamin N. Soiseth  
Chief, North Dakota Section

Enclosure

## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Casey Engelhard  
**Sent:** Friday, June 6, 2025 9:23 AM  
**To:** Casey Engelhard  
**Subject:** FW: Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

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**From:** Baird, Owen (DNR) <[owen.baird@state.mn.us](mailto:owen.baird@state.mn.us)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:45 PM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge <[12thAveBridge@kljeng.com](mailto:12thAveBridge@kljeng.com)>  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh <[Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com](mailto:Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com)>; [jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com](mailto:jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com); [aruud@houstoneng.com](mailto:aruud@houstoneng.com)  
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Hi,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide early coordination comments on the City of Fargo Red River Bridge Replacement at 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead.

The project will likely require a Minnesota DNR [Public Waters Work Permit](#). Please contact Area Hydrologist Rodger Hemphill ([Rodger.Hemphill@state.mn.us](mailto:Rodger.Hemphill@state.mn.us)) regarding Public Water permitting. A floodplain permit may be needed from local authorities for project facilities within the floodway and floodplain.

The proposed project has the potential to impact known occurrences of state-protected species. To ensure compliance with Minnesota's Endangered Species Statute and Rules, please submit a [Natural Heritage Review](#) request through the [Minnesota Conservation Explorer \(mce.dnr.state.mn.us\)](https://mce.dnr.state.mn.us).

Please be aware of the rock-arch rapids structure in the Red River on the downstream side of the project area. Any realignment must avoid impacts to this structure. Also note that the public water access site within the project area is popular with shore anglers.

Please contact me ([owen.baird@state.mn.us](mailto:owen.baird@state.mn.us)) with any concerns or questions.

Thank you,

**Owen Baird**

Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist | Ecological and Water Resources

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**

Phone: 218-580-0381

[owen.baird@state.mn.us](mailto:owen.baird@state.mn.us)

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**From:** 12thAveBridge <[12thAveBridge@kljeng.com](mailto:12thAveBridge@kljeng.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:13 PM

**Cc:** Scott Middaugh <[Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com](mailto:Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com)>; [jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com](mailto:jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com); [aruud@houstoneng.com](mailto:aruud@houstoneng.com)

**Subject:** Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

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It is requested that any comments or information be forwarded to our office on or before June 6, 2025.

Thanks,

Scott Middaugh PE  
KLJ - West Fargo  
701-271-4871 Direct  
701-799-5639 Cell

## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Gerrity, Michelle L. <mlgerrity@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:36 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Subject:** Environmental Review  
**Attachments:** Project No City of fargo Project QR-25-BO Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave Fargo-15th Ave Moorhead Fargo, Cass County, ND & Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota..pdf; Letter 6 - NDDWR\_QR-25-B0.pdf

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Good morning

Please see the attached information on the environmental review that was requested. Thank you!

**Michelle Gerrity**

Administrative Assistant

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June 2, 2025

Mr. Scott Middaugh

KLJ Engineering  
300 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E #100  
West Fargo, ND 58078  
12thavebridge@kljeng.com  
701-271-4871

Dear Mr. Middaugh,

This is in response to your request for a review of the environmental impacts associated with the City of Fargo Project QR-25-BO, located in Cass County, North Dakota.

The proposed project has been reviewed by Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the following comments are provided:

- Initial review indicates the project does not require a conditional or temporary permit for water appropriation. However, if surface water or groundwater will be diverted for construction of any future projects identified in the plan, a water permit will be required per North Dakota Century Code § 61-04-02. Please consult with the DWR Water Appropriation Division if you have any questions at (701) 328-2754 or [appropinfo@nd.gov](mailto:appropinfo@nd.gov).
- The Project's location includes the Fargo 12th Avenue North Dam. Any potential modification of the dam may require a construction permit from the DWR according to North Dakota Century Code §61-16.1-38. Please contact the DWR Regulatory Division at 701-328-4956 if you have any questions.
- There is a FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulatory floodplain identified or mapped where this proposed project is to take place. Impacted areas are designated to be in NFIP Zone AE, with floodway. The State of North Dakota has no formal NFIP permitting authority, as all NFIP permitting decisions are considered by impacted NFIP participating communities, which is the community with zoning authority for the area in question. Please work directly with the local floodplain administrator of the zoning authority impacted to achieve NFIP and community compliance.
- Any work within the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the Red River requires prior authorization from DWR; therefore, an Authorization To Construct a Project Within Sovereign Lands permit is necessary prior to construction of this project. For more information, feel free to contact DWR's Sovereign Land Specialist at 701-328-4988 or [awinkelman@nd.gov](mailto:awinkelman@nd.gov).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide review comments. Should you have further questions, please contact me at 701-328-4970 or [kyrkoski@nd.gov](mailto:kyrkoski@nd.gov).

Sincerely,



Kyle Yrkoski

## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Hayek, Thomas J Jr CIV USARMY CEMVP (USA) <Tom.J.Hayek@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 11:58 AM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Subject:** RE: NWO-2025-00721-BIS, KLJ; City of Fargo; Project QR-25-B0 Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

Scott,

I'm following up from Jeremy's communication below. I am a Regulatory Specialist with the USACE St. Paul District and can help with further project coordination.

Respectfully,

Tom Hayek Jr.  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Regulatory Division, St. Paul District  
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
Office: (651) 290-5344  
[tom.j.hayek@usace.army.mil](mailto:tom.j.hayek@usace.army.mil)

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**From:** Nygard, Jeremy S CIV USARMY CENWO (USA) <Jeremy.S.Nygard@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:13 AM  
**To:** USACE\_Requests\_MN <USACE\_Requests\_MN@usace.army.mil>  
**Subject:** NWO-2025-00721-BIS, KLJ; City of Fargo; Project QR-25-B0 Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached SOV request and the response letter from our office that I just sent to KLJ. Before drafting the response letter, I sent this information to Michelle Prosser and she said that this proposal does not impact the federal project and will not require a Section 408 review (it's outside of the federal reach). Thanks,

v/r

Jeremy Nygard  
Regulatory Program Assistant  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
North Dakota Regulatory Office  
3319 University Drive  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
Direct: 701-989-6425  
Office General Line: 701-255-0015

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July 2, 2025

Scott Middaugh  
Environmental Project Manager  
KLJ Engineering  
[Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com](mailto:Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com)

Re: City of Fargo Project QR-25-BO

Dear Mr. Middaugh,

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department) has received notification of the City of Fargo application (Project) to replace a deteriorating bridge with a new structure on the Red River in Cass County, ND. The Project bridge connects Fargo, ND with Moorhead, MN via 12<sup>th</sup> Ave & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave over the Red River of the North.

The Department recommends that any in-water work associated with bridge removal/replacement avoid the April 15 – June 1 time frame to allow for undisturbed seasonal fish movement and spring spawning activities. Riprap associated with the bridge replacement should be sunk one foot below the bottom of the streambed. We also request that the potential for sedimentation entering the waterway during removal be minimized with the use of appropriate erosion control measures. Any debris from demolition should not be allowed to enter the waterway. Additionally, any disturbed areas shall be reseeded to an approved native pollinator mixture. As alternatives to bridge alignment are considered, the Department requests updates as those options are evaluated and/or decided upon.

Bridge structures provide potential summer roosting habitat for bat species. The Department requests that presence surveys be conducted prior to work being initiated. If bats are found to be present, the Department or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office should be contacted for further guidance.

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) rules enacted by the Department are to prevent the introduction of undesirable species of plants and animals. Preventive measures are now required to bring equipment into the state. The contractor, his agents, or subcontractors, must provide the Department a reasonable opportunity to inspect all vehicles, vessels, pumps, and equipment utilized in waters of the state prior to those items being deployed. An inspection checklist (attached) must be provided to the Department's ANS Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the date of equipment arrival. Once equipment is in route and/or on site, a minimum of 72-hour notice must be provided to the Department for scheduling an inspection. To submit the inspection checklist and coordinate an inspection, contact the Department's ANS Coordinator, Ben Holen, via phone at (701)-368-9117 or email [bholen@nd.gov](mailto:bholen@nd.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Kreft', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends across the page.

Bruce Kreft, Chief  
Conservation & Communications Division



## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Isakson, Patrick T. <pisakson@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2026 8:15 AM  
**To:** Casey Engelhard  
**Subject:** Re: City of Fargo 12th Avenue Bridge Replacement -- NDGFD SOV Response

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Casey,

Thank you for checking back in. In this instance we are fine with returning the area back to turf grass. Let me know if you need anything else from us.

Patrick Isakson  
Conservation Manager

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**From:** Kreft, Bruce L. <bkreft@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 3:57 PM  
**To:** Isakson, Patrick T. <pisakson@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: City of Fargo 12th Avenue Bridge Replacement -- NDGFD SOV Response

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**From:** Casey Engelhard <casey.engelhard@kljeng.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 3:43 PM  
**To:** Kreft, Bruce L. <bkreft@nd.gov>  
**Cc:** Tina Robinson <Tina.Robinson@kljeng.com>  
**Subject:** City of Fargo 12th Avenue Bridge Replacement -- NDGFD SOV Response

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Good afternoon Mr. Kreft,

On July 2, 2025, you sent us a solicitation of views response for the City of Fargo 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Replacement project. I have attached your response.

We are going through agency responses to ensure we are covering all agency requirements in the design of the project. In the response, you stated that “any disturbed areas shall be reseeded to an approved native pollinator mix”. Does this apply to areas that are currently turf grass around Jack Williams Stadium and residential areas that are frequently mowed? These areas are often exempt from the requirement to plant native pollinator mixes, especially residences.

Below is an image for reference of one of the areas that consists of turf grass and is frequently mowed.



Regards,

Casey Engelhard



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## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Stavrianopoulos, John <Stavrianopoulos@WAPA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 1:48 PM  
**To:** 12thAveBridge  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh; jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com; aruud@houstoneng.com  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

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Hello,

This email is to inform you that WAPA does not have any nearby facilities that will be impacted by the Red River Bridge replacement project as outlined in the plat provided.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on your future plans.

Thank You,

**John Stavrianopoulos | Transmission Lines Engineer**

701-221-4555 | [stavrianopoulos@wapa.gov](mailto:stavrianopoulos@wapa.gov)

Western Area Power Administration | Upper Great Plains

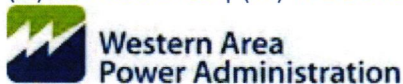
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**From:** Kress, Marc <Kress@WAPA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:30 PM  
**To:** Olsen, Levi <LOlsen@WAPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

**Marc Kress | UGP Director of Transmission and Construction**

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**From:** 12thAveBridge <[12thAveBridge@kljeng.com](mailto:12thAveBridge@kljeng.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:13 PM  
**Cc:** Scott Middaugh <[Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com](mailto:Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com)>; [jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com](mailto:jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com); [aruud@houstoneng.com](mailto:aruud@houstoneng.com)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Solicitation of Views Letter - City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0, Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead

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It is requested that any comments or information be forwarded to our office on or before June 6, 2025.

Thanks,

Scott Middaugh PE  
KLJ - West Fargo  
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701-799-5639 Cell





March 4, 2026

Daniel Salas  
Archaeologist III  
KLJ Engineering

**ND SHPO Ref.: 26-5283 "12th Avenue North/15th Avenue North Bridge Replacement (QR-25-B0) Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Cass County, North Dakota" in portions of [T139N R48W Section 5, 6] [T140N R48W Section 31, 32] KLJ 3514**

Dear Daniel,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref.: 26-5283 "12th Avenue North/15th Avenue North Bridge Replacement (QR-25-B0) Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Cass County, North Dakota" in portions of [T139N R48W Section 5, 6] [T140N R48W Section 31, 32] KLJ 3514 as submitted to our office on February 2, 2026, and find the report by Daniel Salas and Lauren Miller acceptable. We concur with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Steckler, Historic Preservation Specialist at (701) 328-3577 or [lsteckler@nd.gov](mailto:lsteckler@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
(North Dakota)

26-5283



April 2, 2026

Mariel Rodriguez  
Historian III  
KLJ Engineering

**ND SHPO Ref.: 26-5283 Additional Consultation on 12th Avenue North/15th Avenue North Bridge Replacement (QR-25-B0) Project in portions of [T139N R48W Section 5, 6] [T140N R48W Section 31, 32]**

Dear Mariel

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref.: 26-5283 Additional Consultation on 12th Avenue North/15th Avenue North Bridge Replacement (QR-25-B0) Project in portions of [T139N R48W Section 5, 6] [T140N R48W Section 31, 32] as submitted to our office on March 10, 2026. We continue to concur with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Steckler, Historic Preservation Specialist at (701) 328-3577 or [lsteckler@nd.gov](mailto:lsteckler@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
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**Appendix B**  
**MnDOT State Aid Review**

## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** 12thAveBridge  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 8:26 AM  
**To:** 'culturalresources.dot@state.mn.us'; 'protectedspecies.dot@state.mn.us';  
'lucas.bistodeau@state.mn.us'  
**Cc:** 'SaltEnvironmental.dot@state.mn.us'; Scott Middaugh; 'EHodgson@FargoND.gov';  
'melissa.carson@dot.gov'; Ryan Wendel; John Crawford  
**Subject:** Cultural, Noise, and Threatened & Endangered Review Request - Red River Bridge  
Replacement, City of Fargo project QR-25-B0  
**Attachments:** Cultural\_Noise\_Threatened\_Endangered\_StateAid\_Red River Bridge Replacement.docx;  
LocationMap\_Red River Bridge Replacement.pdf

Hello,

Please find the attached MN State Aid Environmental Review items for the proposed replacement of the bridge crossing over the Red River of the North connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota. The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area.

Scott Middaugh PE  
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## STATE AID FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

### Cultural, Noise, and Threatened & Endangered Review Request

**PLEASE NOTE:** Projects should be submitted at least two field seasons (April to November) before the letting date of the project, in order for our units to request or perform surveys necessary to comply with federal regulations. Additionally, please note if this project is part of a larger planning study or part of a phased larger project. All projects should review the noise information starting on page 3. If necessary, forward the requested information to the noise contact listed below.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SEND ALL PROJECTS TO:

Cultural Resource Unit; [culturalresources.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:culturalresources.dot@state.mn.us)

Office of Environmental Stewardship, 395 John Ireland Blvd, MS 620, St Paul, MN 55155

(Questions, contact Cultural Resources email)

AND

Environmental Assessment Unit, Protected Species Program; [protectedspecies.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:protectedspecies.dot@state.mn.us);

Office of Environmental Stewardship, 395 John Ireland Blvd, MS 620, St Paul, MN 55155

(Questions, contact Chris Smith, 651-366-3605)

AND

Please copy SALT Environmental; [SaltEnvironmental.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:SaltEnvironmental.dot@state.mn.us)

### Project Details

**SP/SAP No.:** The City of Fargo who is the Project proposer did not desire to pull a SP number yet because construction dollars have not been identified.

Include all tied State &/or State Aid project numbers: N/A

Does the project have FHWA funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Environmental Document Being Prepared: ☒ PM (CATEX) ☐ EA ☐ EIS ☐ EAW

Letting Date: Spring 2027

Anticipated Environmental Document Completion Date: Spring 2026

MnDOT District No.: 4 County: Clay County City: Moorhead

Highway No./Street Name: 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Moorhead, MN

Project Termini: 12<sup>th</sup> Street Fargo, Red River Bridge, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave Moorhead Refer to attached map for project study area.

Road Type: ☐ TH ☐ CSAH ☐ County Road ☐ Township Road ☐ MSAS ☒ City Street ☐ Trail

Legal location: Twp. 139 N; 140N Range 48 W Section 5; 32

Does the project require a federal permit? (*e.g., Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit*)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Permitting Agency: Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit

Is any part of the project within a reservation/on Tribal lands?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, which one: \_\_\_\_\_

Plans are: ☒ not yet available ☐ attached

**Local, State, Federal and Tribal Government land owning entities within the project:** City of Moorhead; City of Fargo; City of Fargo Park District

**Project Contact Person:**

**Scott Middaugh, PE**  
**Project Environmental Manager**  
**300 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E Ste #100**  
**West Fargo, ND 58078**

**Phone: 701-271-4871**  
**Fax**  
**Email: [Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com](mailto:Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com)**

**Project Contact Person – Cultural Resources:**

**Ryan Wendel**  
**Cultural Resources Specialist**  
**2969 Airport Rd, Ste 1B**  
**Helena, MT 59601-1201**

**Phone: 406-447-3356**  
**Fax**  
**Email: [ryan.wendel@kljeng.com](mailto:ryan.wendel@kljeng.com)**

**Project Contact Person – Noise:**

**John Crawford, PE**  
**Transportation Engineer**  
**2759 Blue Water Rd, Ste 100**  
**Eagan, MN 55121-1661**

**Phone: 651-726-5012**  
**Fax**  
**Email: [john.crawford@kljeng.com](mailto:john.crawford@kljeng.com)**

**Sponsoring Agency (if different from project contact person)**

**Eric Hodgson, PE, City of Fargo**  
**Civil Engineer**  
**225 4<sup>th</sup> Street North**  
**Fargo, ND 58102**

**Phone: 701-241-8582**  
**Fax**  
**Email: [EHodgson@FargoND.gov](mailto:EHodgson@FargoND.gov)**

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**Melissa Carson, FHWA ND Division**  
**Environmental Project Manager**  
**4503 Coleman Street, Ste # 205**  
**Bismarck, ND 58503-0567**

**Phone: 701-221-9470**  
**Fax**  
**Email: [melissa.carson@dot.gov](mailto:melissa.carson@dot.gov)**

**Brief, but complete narrative project description (e.g., changes to horizontal and vertical alignments, easements, acquisition, the existing vs. proposed R/W, traffic lane width, ditch profiles, etc. For bridge work, indicate whether the project will include filling and/or cutting. Include an anticipated general project depth of ground disturbance and a maximum depth of ground disturbance and/or excavation)**

The City of Fargo, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to replace the bridge crossing over the Red River of the North (Red River) connecting 12th Avenue North in Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota, and 15th Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota. The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. Alternatives to maintain the existing bridge alignment along with potential realignments connecting 12th



Avenue and 15th Avenue on both sides of the Red River will be evaluated. The proposed bridge alternatives will be developed to raise the bridge from its existing elevation to address closures during flood events by raising the structure out of the future, post-FM Diversion 100-year FEMA floodplain. It is anticipated that this increase in elevation will be approximately five feet. The project may require permanent and temporary right-of-way along 12th Avenue North in Fargo and 15th Avenue North in Moorhead.

Traffic lane width, easements and R/W acquisition, ditch profiles, depth of ground disturbance and excavation, and other project components are unknown at this time, as project design progress is minimal.

**MnDOT Cultural Resources:** An attached APE has been approved by the FHWA North Dakota Division. Please review the APE and provide any comments.

**MnDOT Noise Specialist:** FYI the scope of work includes noise analysis on the preferred alternative. KLJ will be in contact with you when that phase of the project has started.

The project will likely include:

|                                                                                      |                                                                |                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resurfacing / rehabilitation                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Realignment                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Widening of road / shoulder             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major grading                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Grading for curve correction          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch grading                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridge demolition, rehabilitation or replacement | <input type="checkbox"/> Bypass lane or turn lane construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland fill or excavation              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent stream diversion                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary stream diversion            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR stream / water crossings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work outside existing R/W                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Work outside existing shoulder        | OTHER: _____                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culvert replacement                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Culvert extension or lining           | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater pond construction            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right of way acquisition                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Relocations                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary easement           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guardrail replacement                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardrail improvement                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signals / lighting           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building demolition / relocation                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion repair                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction bypass                     |

Northern Long-Eared Bat (Federally Threatened): N/A – Project is not within the federal official range of the northern long-eared bat.

All work occurs within 300 feet of the existing road surface? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Includes tree removal within 100 feet of the existing road surface? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount of tree removal in acres? \_\_\_\_\_

Can removal be done in the winter season (Nov 1- March 31)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Includes tree removal 100-300 feet from the existing road surface? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount of tree removal in acres? \_\_\_\_\_

Can removal be done in the winter season (Nov 1- March 31)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will the project involve bridge/box culvert work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Bridge Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Will the project use temporary lighting or install/replace permanent lighting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee (Federally Endangered): N/A – Project is not within the federal official range of the Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee

Will the project try to revegetate disturbed soils using native seed mixes, especially in areas that are not proposed for mowed turf grass? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### ATTACH THE FOLLOWING

☒ Project location map, shapefile or kmz. If not available, project location map displayed on USGS 7.5-Minute Topographic Series Map or aerial imagery (<https://www.usgs.gov/the-national-map-data-delivery/topographic-maps> or <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/maps/gisweb/row/> are resources that can be used).

☐ Preliminary layout or project plan, if available showing, construction limits, R/W limits—existing and proposed Temporary Easements

☐ Anticipated laydown, staging areas, and detours if project proposer directs use by the contractor

#### Noise

A determination of whether your project is a Type I or Type III project must be made. The project is most likely a Type III if:

The scope of work is limited to one or more items of the list below. **A review request does not need to be submitted to a Noise Analysis Specialist if one of the boxes below is checked. If one or more of these boxes has been checked, please include the following required statement within the environmental document:**

*The referenced project meets the criteria for a Type III project established in 23 CFR 772. Therefore, the project requires no analysis for highway traffic noise impacts. Type III projects do not involve added capacity, construction of new through lanes or auxiliary lanes, substantial changes in the horizontal or vertical alignment of the roadway or exposure of noise sensitive land uses to a new or existing highway noise source.*

*Project proposer acknowledges that a noise analysis is required if changes to the proposed project result in reclassification to a Type I project.*

If you still are in doubt, please contact SALT or the Noise experts listed below. Select all checkboxes that are applicable to this project.

- ☐ Signing jobs, new or in-kind,\* with no change in cross-section
- ☐ Striping, in-kind replacement (e.g. no lanes added)
- ☐ In-kind mill and overlays (aka 'black on black mill and overlay')
- ☐ In-kind reconstruction of roadways, bridges, or trails
- ☐ Construction of trails solely for non-motorized use
- ☐ Vertical construction (i.e. buildings), new or rehabilitated
- ☐ Vegetation management activities (with no changes in cross-section)
- ☐ Structural painting (i.e., bridge painting)
- ☐ In-kind bridge approach panel or bridge deck replacement (e.g., no change in cross-section, no lanes added)



\*At its most simple, an in-kind project is putting back what was there before the project but with new materials. For example, if the pre-project transportation facility had two 12' lanes, 6' shoulders, 3:1 slopes, and a 36" culvert, that same typical section, same roadway prism, same slopes, same culvert size...is being put back in the same place as before the project. There are no geometric or bridge improvements for current design standards or otherwise. 'Same place' does not mean that anywhere within pre-event right-of-way.

**Complete the following and submit a request to a Noise Analysis Specialist if your project appears to be Type I or if your project needs a review to make a noise determination between Type I or Type III. If an EA/EAW or an EIS is required, please contact SALT Environmental Staff.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                            | Noise Analysis Specialist:<br>Please review to determine if this is a Type III project. (Supplemental Info is included below)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Or                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Which criteria number applies?</p> <p>(2) (ii)</p> </div> | <p>This project appears to meet one of the Type I definition criteria below. To assist with the Type I determination, LPA will forward this form to Environmental Modeling &amp; Testing Unit (see below) for further guidance.</p> <p>Type 1 Definition Criteria:</p> <p>(1) The construction of a highway on new location; or,</p> <p>(2) The physical alteration of an existing highway where there is either:</p> <p>(i) Substantial Horizontal Alteration. A project that halves the distance between the traffic noise source and the closest receptor between the existing condition to the future build condition; or,</p> <p>(ii) Substantial Vertical Alteration. A project that removes shielding, therefore exposing the line-of-sight between the receptor and the traffic noise source. This is done by either altering the vertical alignment of the highway or by altering the topography (not including the addition or removal of vegetation) between the highway traffic noise source and the receptor; or,</p> <p>(3) Bridge replacement projects that satisfy item (2), above.</p> <p>(4) The addition of a through-traffic lane(s). This includes the addition of a through-traffic lane that functions as a HOV lane, contraflow lane, High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane, bus lane, or truck climbing lane; or,</p> <p>(5) The addition of an auxiliary lane, except for when the auxiliary lane is a turn lane.</p> <p>(6) The addition or relocation of interchange lanes or ramps added to a quadrant to complete an existing partial interchange; or,</p> <p>(7) Restriping existing pavement for the purpose of adding a through traffic lane or an auxiliary lane; or,</p> <p>(8) The addition of a new or substantial alteration of a weigh station, rest stop, ride-share lot or toll plaza.</p> |

**If a portion of the project is determined to be a Type I project as defined above, then the entire project area as defined in the environmental document is a Type I project and a noise analysis will be required.**

**Please attach the following Critical information for an accurate Noise Type I/III determination to be made.**

- A PDF (or other electronic file) Layout (aerial background is preferred) showing all noise sensitive receptor locations in relation to the Build and No-Build alignments (Can be on the same layout if alterations are clearly depicted.)
- Where there is a question on vertical or horizontal alignment changes a PDF (or other electronic file) Profile showing existing and Build roadway profiles and horizontal alignment is required. This should also include depictions of altered and unaltered topography profiles paralleling the subject roadway if grading is included anywhere in the project. (For the purpose of addressing vertical changes and effects on lines-of-sight.)

- Where the layout mapping doesn't depict topographic details, it would be helpful to include topographic mapping with planned project alterations and/or new alignment detailed, also, receptor locations clearly pointed out. Include a list of noise sensitive receptor locations.
- If there is a permanent rerouting of a highway onto an in-place alignment.

**Important:** A determination cannot be made if this information is not submitted.

**If your project appears to be a Type I noise project or if your project needs a review to make a noise determination between Type I or Type III, please submit to:**

**Greater MN Districts**

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## Casey Engelhard

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Scott,

Based on the information provided within the Cultural, Noise, and Threatened & Endangered Review request, this project would be deemed Type I and will be required to conduct a traffic noise analysis for the project area.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

*Lucas Bistodeau*

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**Attachments:** Cultural\_Noise\_Threatened\_Endangered\_StateAid\_Red River Bridge Replacement.docx; LocationMap\_Red River Bridge Replacement.pdf; 2025-00464-NHRLetter.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please refer to the previous email and attachments for the MN State Aid Environmental Review request for the proposed Red River Bridge Replacement project along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Fargo / 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Moorhead. Attached is a copy of the MnDNR NHIS response letter to assist with consultation.

Thanks,

Casey Engelhard



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August 8, 2025

Casey Engelhard  
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RE: Natural Heritage Review of the proposed **Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead,**  
T139N R48W Section 5, T140N R48W Section 32; Clay County

Dear Casey Engelhard,

For all correspondence regarding the Natural Heritage Review of this project please include the project ID **MCE-2025-00464** in the email subject line.

As requested, the [Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System](#) has been reviewed to determine if the proposed project has the potential to impact any rare species or other significant natural features. Based on the project details provided with the request, the following rare features may be impacted by the proposed project:

*State-listed Species*

- [Black sandshell](#) (*Ligumia recta*), a state-listed mussel species of special concern, and [lake sturgeon](#) (*Acipenser fulvescens*), a state-listed fish species of special concern, have been documented in the Red River in the vicinity of the proposed project. These species are particularly vulnerable to deterioration in water quality, especially increased siltation. As such, **it is important effective erosion prevention and sediment control practices be implemented and maintained throughout the duration of the project and incorporated into any stormwater management plan.** Containment measures for dredge sediment, debris, and other construction material generated by the project should be in place to prevent adverse material from entering the river.
- The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS) tracks bat roost trees and hibernacula plus some acoustic data, but this information is not exhaustive. Even if there are no bat records listed nearby, all of Minnesota's bats, including the federally endangered northern long-eared bat ([Myotis septentrionalis](#)), can be found throughout Minnesota. During the active season (approximately April-November) bats roost underneath bark, in cavities, or in crevices of both live and dead trees. Tree removal can negatively impact bats by destroying roosting habitat, especially during the pup rearing season when females are forming maternity roosting colonies and the pups cannot yet fly. To minimize these impacts, **the DNR recommends that tree removal be avoided from June 1 through August 15.**

- Please visit the [DNR Rare Species Guide](#) for more information on the habitat use of state-listed species and recommended measures to avoid or minimize impacts.
- Please report incidental sightings of state-listed species via the [DNR Plant and Animal Observation Form](#).

#### *Federally Protected Species*

- To ensure compliance with federal law, conduct a federal regulatory review using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) online [Information for Planning and Consultation \(IPaC\) tool](#).

#### *Environmental Review and Permitting*

- Please include a copy of this letter and the MCE-generated Final Project Report in any state or local license or permit application. Please note that measures to avoid or minimize disturbance to the above rare features may be included as restrictions or conditions in any required permits or licenses.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), a collection of databases that contains information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's native plant communities, rare species, and other rare features. However, the NHIS is not an exhaustive inventory and does not contain the locations of all rare features in the state. Therefore, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist within the project area. If additional information becomes available regarding rare features in the vicinity of the project, further review may be necessary.

For environmental review purposes, the results of this Natural Heritage Review are valid for one year; the results are only valid for the project location and project description provided with the request. **If project details change or the project has not occurred within one year, please resubmit the project for review within one year of initiating project activities.** Resubmit by selecting *Clone Project as Draft* on the project page in MCE.

The Natural Heritage Review does not constitute project approval by the Department of Natural Resources. Instead, it identifies issues regarding known occurrences of rare features and potential impacts to these rare features. Visit [Natural Heritage Review](#) for additional information regarding this process, survey guidance, and other related information. For information on the environmental review process or other natural resource concerns, please contact your [DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist](#).

Thank you for consulting us on this matter and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,

*Molly Barrett*

Natural Heritage Review Specialist

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Cc: [Owen Baird](#), Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist, Northwest (Region 1)



**Appendix C**  
**Endangered Species Act**

| NDDOT Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, Candidate Species and Critical Habitat Affect Determination Table                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                   |
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| Project: City of Fargo QR-25-B0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         | PCN: N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Location: 12th Avenue North Fargo; 15th Avenue North Moorhead                          |                                     | County: Cass, ND & Clay, MN         |                                     |                                   |
| Species                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Listing | Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | NDDOT Biologist Review Required?                                                       |                                     | Determination                       |                                     | Additional Documentation Included |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes                                                                                    | No                                  | Not Present                         | No Effect                           |                                   |
| Determine if the scope of work for the proposed project will require NDDOT Biologist review based on the criteria described for the species/critical habitat below. If review is required for one or more species, a biological assessment, Section 7 Determination Package, or NLEB documentation may be needed. Contact NDDOT Biologist for any questions. |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Note - If a species is not present for a county, only "not present" should be checked. |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                   |
| Whooping Crane<br>( <i>species range includes all of North Dakota</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | E       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for the adjustment (raising, relocating) of existing above-ground utility lines; or for newly placed poles/towers that require overhead lines/guy wires; unless the adjustments or new installations are in a highly developed or urban area. Review also required for projects requiring major earthwork (i.e. new road construction or roadway widening projects over 1 mile in length) in rural areas within ½ mile of cropland/wetland associations located within the whooping crane migration corridor. <b>Projects outside of the migration corridor do not require NDDOT Biologist review.</b> See link below for a map of the whooping crane migration corridor. Click layers tab, then select whooping crane migration corridor layer.<br><a href="https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap">https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap</a> | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | IPaC Species List                 |
| Gray Wolf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | E       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for roadway projects of 2 or more lanes on a new location (i.e., construction of a new roadway).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPaC Species List                 |
| Pallid Sturgeon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | E       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for work in or along the shoreline of the Missouri River (including reservoirs) and Yellowstone River Systems. Review also required for in-water work for any direct tributary (within 0.5 mile) to the Missouri River (including reservoirs) and Yellowstone River Systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | IPaC Species List                 |
| Poweshiek Skipperling                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | E       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for work occurring outside of the right of way in Richland and Sargent Counties within undisturbed native tall grass prairie and wet swales. If ground disturbing activities occur outside the ROW in these counties, ETS or a consultant will need to conduct a habitat assessment for this species.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | IPaC Species List                 |
| Piping Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | T       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for construction activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites from April 15 through August 31. See link for piping plover designated critical habitat:<br><a href="https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap">https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | IPaC Species List                 |
| Western Prairie Fringed Orchid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | T       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for all ground disturbing activities on non-flooded, undisturbed ground, known habitat, and native prairie. The species may also be found in roadside ditches with a high probability of the species occurring in or near the Sheyenne National Grasslands. If ground-disturbing activities will be required in Ransom or Richland counties, a survey by ETS or consultant for this species must be completed prior to ground-disturbance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | IPaC Species List                 |



| Species                                | Listing | Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NDDOT Biologist Review Required? |                          | Determination                       |                          | Additional Documentation Included |
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|                                        |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes                              | No                       | Not Present                         | No Effect                |                                   |
| Rufa Red Knot                          | T       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for construction activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites (species is rare in North Dakota and uses similar habitats as piping plovers during their migration). See link for piping plover designated critical habitat: <a href="https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap">https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | IPaC Species List                 |
| Dakota Skipper                         | T       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for ground disturbing activities outside of the right of way in native prairie containing a high diversity of wildflowers and grasses indicative of Dakota skipper “Type A” or “Type B” habitat. Dakota skippers are not likely to be present in cropped areas, previously cropped areas, non-native hay-lands, pasture, or other grassland that is dominated by non-native species, or in areas where trees or shrubs predominate. The species may occur in some grazed lands that are dominated by native prairie vegetation. If native prairie would be impacted by the project, ETS or a consultant will need to conduct a habitat assessment for this species following the USFWS 2018 Dakota Skipper ND Survey Protocol | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | IPaC Species List                 |
| Northern Long-Eared Bat                | E       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for work on structures* (bridges, box culverts, SPP’s and corrugated metal culverts over 4.5’ in diameter), the removal of trees or buildings, or ground disturbance in areas with caves, mines, and rock crevices.<br><b>*Work on structures requires <a href="#">bridge/structure bat assessments</a>, unless exempted by NDDOT Biologist</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | IPaC Species List                 |
| Black-footed Ferret                    | E       | Species is not known to exist in North Dakota at this time. Until more information becomes available for this species in North Dakota, no project-specific review is required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                  |                          |                                     |                          |                                   |
| Monarch Butterfly                      | C       | Section 7 consultations are not required for candidate species. NDDOT is a partner to the ND Monarch Butterfly and Native Pollinator Strategy and continues to implement pollinator conservation efforts across the state. Project-specific consultation for this species will not be undertaken at thistime.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                  |                          |                                     |                          |                                   |
| Designated Critical Habitat            |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                  |                          |                                     |                          |                                   |
| Piping Plover Critical Habitat         | D       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for ground disturbing activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites. See link for piping plover designated critical habitat: <a href="https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap">https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | IPaC Species List                 |
| Poweshiek Skipperling Critical Habitat | D       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for ground disturbing activities within 0.6 mile of Poweshiek Skipperling critical habitat. See link for Poweshiek Skipperling proposed critical habitat: <a href="https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap">https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | IPaC Species List                 |
| Dakota Skipper Critical Habitat        | D       | <b>NDDOT Biologist Review required</b> for ground disturbing activities within 0.6 mile of Dakota Skipper critical habitat. See link for Dakota Skipper proposed critical habitat maps: <a href="https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap">https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | IPaC Species List                 |

Listing Key: E – Endangered T – Threatened C – Candidate D – Designated

Date of last updates to table: 4/2024



April 22, 2026

## QR-25-B0– Endangered Species Act Section 7 Review

Project Code: 2024-0076856

Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota &  
Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota

No Jeopardy Determination – Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee (*Bombus suckleyi*)

No Jeopardy Determination – Western Regal Fritillary (*Argynnis idalia occidentalis*)

No Jeopardy Determination – Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)

## Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a two-state river crossing of the Red River of the North at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North/15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North that maintains a continuous, year-round connection. The proposed project area is located along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, North Dakota, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Minnesota, along the Red River. Residential developments, parking lots, transportation, pedestrian facilities, and recreation are the primary land uses within and directly adjacent to the project area. Recreational facilities nearby include Jack Williams Stadium and Mickelson Park and Softball Fields, Mickelson-Tricorn Bike Path, Trefoil Park, and Original Homestead Park. The project would consist of the removal and replacement of the bridge on a new alignment that would be 100 feet north of the existing alignment. The new bridge would be approximately 660-735 feet long and would consist of two 12-foot-wide driving lanes, 4-foot-wide shoulders, a 12-foot-wide shared use path on the south side of the bridge. Measured at the center of the bridge, the new bridge would be built approximately 18.5 feet higher in elevation compared to the existing bridge. The increase in elevation is required to maintain the proposed bridge low member elevation 1 foot above the post FM Diversion operation 100-year water surface elevation. The project would also resurfacing the roadways, sidewalks, and paths, grading, and construction of a retaining wall near the Jack Williams Stadium parking lot. Existing sidewalks and paths would be widened and/or realigned in some areas to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). The project area is characterized by residential and recreational development.

Tree removals (<1 acre) are anticipated. Tree removals would be mitigated following City of Fargo tree replacement policies for impacts both in Fargo and Moorhead, as Moorhead does not have a tree replacement policy. MnDNR recommends tree removals be avoided from June 1 through August 15 to avoid the pup rearing season. MnDNR Public Waters Work Permit commitments require an unobstructed opening be maintained in the river throughout construction and demolition activities to maintain fish/aquatic organism movement and normal river flow. No stream diversion/bypass would occur. Erosion prevention and sediment control, and containment measures for other debris and pollutants, will be implemented to ensure minimal effects to water quality.





Action Area (blue) identified for the proposed project

## Conservation Measures:

### Required Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs).

- Ensure all operators, employees, and contractors are aware of all FHWA/FRA/FTA (Transportation Agencies) environmental commitments, including all applicable AMMs. *Notify contractor(s) during the pre-construction meeting. Bat sightings (including sick, injured, and/or dead bats) on the project must be reported to ND FHWA (701-221-9464) within 24 hours of discovery.*
- Direct temporary lighting, if used, shall be placed away from wooded areas during the bat active season (April 1 to Nov. 14, inclusive).
- If installing new or replacing existing permanent lights, use downward-facing, full cut-off lens lights (with same intensity or less for replacement lighting); or for those transportation agencies using the BUG system developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society, be as close to 0 for all three ratings with a priority of "uplight" of 0 and "backlight" as low as practicable.
- Minimize tree clearing June 1 to Aug 15, inclusive, to avoid bat pupping season.
- Tree removal must be limited to that specified in project plans and ensure that contractors understand clearing limits and how they are marked in the field (e.g., install bright colored flagging/fencing prior to any tree clearing to ensure contractors stay within clearing limits).

## Species List for the Project Action Area

A list of federally threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, and designated and proposed critical habitat that overlaps with the action area was requested via the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) web application maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (requested January 2026). Based on this list, the project is within the range of the following:



| Species                                                         | Status                | Habitat                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Western Regal Fritillary<br><i>Argynnis idalia occidentalis</i> | Proposed - Threatened | Native prairies and other open grassland habitats where violets, flowers, and native warm-season bunch grasses are present. |
| Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee<br><i>Bombus suckleyi</i>           | Proposed - Endangered | Grasslands and forests where host bumble bee nests are present.                                                             |
| Monarch Butterfly<br><i>Danaus plexippus</i>                    | Proposed - Threatened | Grassland habitats where milkweed and flowers are present.                                                                  |

## Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA) is a federal law regulating the taking, killing, and possession of migratory birds and is administered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Under the MBTA, it is unlawful for any person to take, kill, or possess regulated species of birds. Frequently encountered birds on transportation projects subject to regulation under the MBTA include, but are not limited to, cliff swallows, bank swallows, eastern phoebes, American robins, red-winged blackbirds, mourning doves, and killdeer.

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940 (BGEPA) is a federal law regulating impacts to bald and golden eagles. The BGEPA is administered by the Service. Under the BGEPA, the term "take" means to pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest, or disturb. Unlike protections under MBTA, both occupied and unoccupied eagle nests are protected. Construction projects, including tree clearing, occurring adjacent to eagle nests and/or important roosting areas may require seasonal avoidance and/or permitting.

This project was reviewed for potential impacts to birds protected under the MBTA and eagles protected under the BGEPA. **The USFWS will not be reviewing or commenting on impacts to migratory birds or eagles unless FHWA determines additional coordination with the USFWS is required.** Findings and avoidance measures, if required, are identified in Attachment 1. Project plans will incorporate NDDOT's SSP, Special Provisions for the Federal Migratory Bird Act.

## Endangered Species Act – Section 7 Consultation

Section 7 of Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), requires each Federal agency to review any action that it funds, authorizes or carries out to determine whether it may affect threatened, endangered, proposed species or listed critical habitat. Federal agencies (or their designated representatives) must consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) if any such effects may occur because of their actions. Consultation with the Service is not necessary if the proposed action will not directly or indirectly affect listed species or critical habitat. If a federal agency finds that an action will have no effect on listed species or critical habitat, it should maintain a written record of that finding that includes the supporting rationale.

## No Jeopardy Determinations

### No Jeopardy Determination – Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee (*Bombus suckleyi*)

The proposed project *may affect* Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee. Historically this species occurred across portions of Minnesota and North Dakota, but no extant populations are known from either state at present. Cuckoo bumble bees are parasites of other bumble bees, and Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee documented hosts include the Western Bumble Bee (*Bombus occidentalis*) and Nevada Bumble Bee (*Bombus nevadensis*). The Western Bumble Bee occurs in portions of North Dakota and does not occur in Minnesota. The Nevada Bumble Bee can occur in North Dakota, with the edge of its range



occurring in Minnesota. Other potential host species include the yellow-banded bumble bee (*B. terricola*), the red-belted bumble bee (*B. rufocinctus*), the yellow bumble bee (*B. fervidus*), and the rusty-patched bumble bee (*B. affinis*). Much of the project area is converted to introduced grasses associated with urban development and are frequently mowed; therefore, it is anticipated the project area does not contain preferred habitat for the Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee. Ground and vegetation disturbing activities are not expected to appreciably diminish the quality or extent of available suitable habitat within the Project's Action Area. **Therefore, FHWA does not anticipate the proposed Action will jeopardize the continued existence of this species.**

#### No Jeopardy Determination – Western Regal Fritillary (*Argynnis idalia occidentalis*)

The proposed project *may affect* regal fritillary butterflies and/or suitable habitat. Much of the project area is converted to introduced grasses associated with urban development and are frequently mowed; therefore, it is anticipated the project area does not contain preferred habitat for the Western Regal Fritillary. Ground and vegetation disturbing activities are not expected to appreciably diminish the quality or extent of available suitable habitat within the project's Action Area. In addition, violets (*Viola* spp.) – the host plant for regal fritillary butterflies – are typically absent or sparse in typical roadside habitats. **Therefore, FHWA does not anticipate the proposed action will jeopardize the continued existence of this species.**

#### No Jeopardy Determination – Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)

The proposed project *may affect* monarch butterflies and/or suitable monarch habitat. Much of the project area is converted to introduced grasses associated with urban development and are frequently mowed; therefore, it is anticipated the project area does not contain preferred habitat for the Monarch butterfly. Ground and vegetation disturbing activities are not expected to appreciably diminish the quality or extent of available suitable habitat within the project's Action Area. **Therefore, FHWA does not anticipate the proposed action will jeopardize the continued existence of this species.**

Please contact me if there are questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Attachment 1: MBTA & BGEPA Effect Determinations





## Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Based on the proposed scope of work proposed and/or the timing of proposed work, impacts to birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) are not anticipated. No further action is required, however, if the proposed scope of work or proposed timing of work changes, please contact FHWA at 701-221-9464.

Learn more about the Migratory Bird Treaty Act at: <https://www.fws.gov/law/migratory-bird-treaty-act-1918>

## Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

Based on the best available information, the proposed action is not anticipated to disturb, harm, or destroy a bald eagle or a bald eagle nest protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d). If a nest is found ahead of or during construction, **stop all work** within 660' of the nest and contact FHWA at 701-221-9464.

Learn more about the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act at: <https://www.fws.gov/law/bald-and-golden-eagle-protection-act>



# United States Department of the Interior



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Project Code: 2025-0110993

Project Name: Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo / 15th Ave. Moorhead, City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

## Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The Act requires that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by Federal agencies not jeopardize federally threatened or endangered species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. To fulfill this mandate, Federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representative) must consult with the Service *if they determine their project and associated actions "may affect" listed species or critical habitat*. If Federal agencies or their non-federal representatives determine their project and associated actions will have "no effect" on listed species, their habitats, or designated critical habitat, consultation is not required. However, if a "no effect" is determined, we recommend that you maintain a written record in support of your conclusion.

## Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act



Additionally, while not all are listed as threatened or endangered, eagles and migratory birds have protections under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The BGEPA prohibits take which is defined as, “pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, destroy, molest, or disturb” (50 CFR 22.3). Disturb is defined in regulations as, “to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior.”. The MBTA makes it unlawful without a waiver to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, or sell birds listed as migratory birds, including eagles. The statute does not discriminate between live or dead birds and also grants full protection to any bird parts including feathers, eggs, and nests.

### **Service Property Interests**

As part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Service administers fee title Refuge and Waterfowl Production Areas, as well as wetland and grassland easements, throughout North Dakota. For exact locations of Service interest lands, please contact the appropriate Wetland Management Districts (WMD) for guidance regarding FWS easements.

Northwest ND WMD Complex: Kyle Flanery, (701) 768-2548

Eastern ND WMD Complex: Dave Azure, (701) 285-3341

Central ND WMD Complex (also covers south and west): Todd Luke, (701) 442-5474

**Note:** IPaC has provided all available attachments because this project is in multiple field office jurisdictions.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Bald & Golden Eagles
- Migratory Birds
- Wetlands

## **OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

**North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office**

3425 Miriam Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58501-7926

(701) 250-4481

This project's location is within the jurisdiction of multiple offices. However, only one species list document will be provided for all offices. The species and critical habitats in this document reflect the aggregation of those that fall in each of the affiliated office's jurisdiction. Other offices affiliated with the project:

**Minnesota-Wisconsin Ecological Services Field Office**

3815 American Blvd East

Bloomington, MN 55425-1659

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

**Project Code:** 2025-0110993  
**Project Name:** Red River Bridge Replacement - 12th Ave. Fargo / 15th Ave. Moorhead, City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0  
**Project Type:** Bridge - Replacement  
**Project Description:** The City of Fargo, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to replace the bridge crossing over the Red River of the North (Red River) connecting 12th Avenue North in Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota, and 15th Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota. The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area.

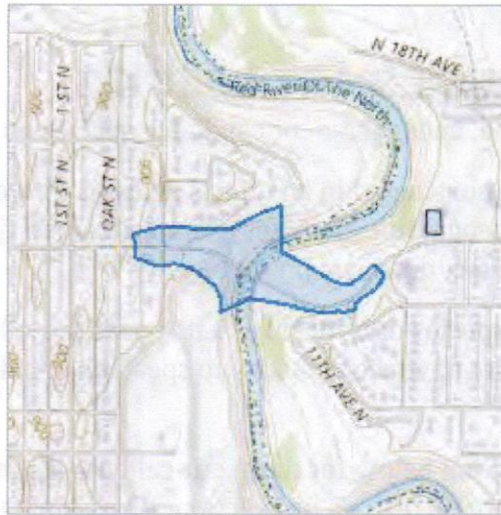
The project will raise the bridge above the post Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion (FM Diversion) Project 100-year floodplain. The build alternative would consist of the removal and replacement of the bridge on a new alignment that would be just approximately 100 feet north of the existing alignment. West of the Red River, 12th Ave N/15th Ave N will generally maintain its current existing alignment to minimize impacts on the adjacent Fargo Parks properties immediately north and south of the roadway. East of the Red River, the alignment will be shifted north within a lot owned by the City of Moorhead. The bridge will be raised approximately 18.5' higher than it is today, as measured from the crown of the bridge at the current low point in the structure to the low point of the proposed structure. The proposed bridge is anticipated to be a 5 span steel girder bridge spanning the Red River, with an overall length of the bridge anticipated to be approximately 660' to 735' long.

The project would also include resurfacing the roadways and sidewalks and paths, grading, and construction of a retaining wall near the Jack Williams Stadium parking lots. Existing sidewalks and paths would be widened and/or realigned in some areas to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).

Easements and R/W acquisition, wetland impacts, and tree removals are anticipated, but exact quantities are unknown at this time, as project design is progressing. The construction year is currently unknown.

**Project Location:**

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@46.890050200000005,-96.7752081458506,14z>



Counties: Minnesota and North Dakota



## ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 3 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

## INSECTS

| NAME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | STATUS                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i></b><br>There is <b>proposed</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.<br>Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Proposed<br>Threatened |
| <b>Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee <i>Bombus suckleyi</i></b><br>Population:<br>No critical habitat has been designated for this species.<br>Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10885">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10885</a><br>General project design guidelines:<br><a href="https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/project/XAGJ6RZZF5HYJKTQUQ5X5FPVBY/documents/generated/9852.pdf">https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/project/XAGJ6RZZF5HYJKTQUQ5X5FPVBY/documents/generated/9852.pdf</a> | Proposed<br>Endangered |
| <b>Western Regal Fritillary <i>Argynnis idalia occidentalis</i></b><br>No critical habitat has been designated for this species.<br>Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/12017">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/12017</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Proposed<br>Threatened |

## CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

## USFWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LANDS AND FISH HATCHERIES

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

## BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES

Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act <sup>2</sup> and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup>. Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to Bald or Golden Eagles, or their habitats, should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate avoidance and minimization measures, as described in the various links on this page.

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1. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
  2. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.



3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

There are Bald Eagles and/or Golden Eagles in your [project](#) area.

**Measures for Proactively Minimizing Eagle Impacts**

For information on how to best avoid and minimize disturbance to nesting bald eagles, please review the [National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines](#). You may employ the timing and activity-specific distance recommendations in this document when designing your project/ activity to avoid and minimize eagle impacts. For bald eagle information specific to Alaska, please refer to [Bald Eagle Nesting and Sensitivity to Human Activity](#).

The FWS does not currently have guidelines for avoiding and minimizing disturbance to nesting Golden Eagles. For site-specific recommendations regarding nesting Golden Eagles, please consult with the appropriate Regional [Migratory Bird Office](#) or [Ecological Services Field Office](#).

If disturbance or take of eagles cannot be avoided, an [incidental take permit](#) may be available to authorize any take that results from, but is not the purpose of, an otherwise lawful activity. For assistance making this determination for Bald Eagles, visit the [Do I Need A Permit Tool](#). For assistance making this determination for golden eagles, please consult with the appropriate Regional [Migratory Bird Office](#) or [Ecological Services Field Office](#).

**Ensure Your Eagle List is Accurate and Complete**

If your project area is in a poorly surveyed area in IPaC, your list may not be complete and you may need to rely on other resources to determine what species may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys). Please review the [Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles](#), to help you properly interpret the report for your specified location, including determining if there is sufficient data to ensure your list is accurate.

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to bald or golden eagles on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these bald or golden eagles are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

| NAME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | BREEDING SEASON        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i></b><br>This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626</a> | Breeds Dec 1 to Aug 31 |
| <b>Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i></b><br>This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680</a>      | Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31 |



## PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read "[Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles](#)", specifically the FAQ section titled "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

### Probability of Presence (■)

Green bars; the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during that week of the year.

### Breeding Season (■)

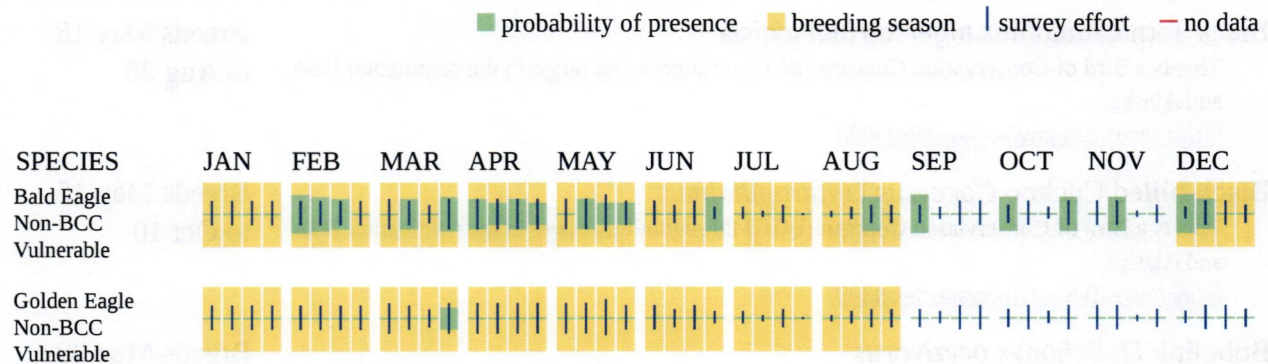
Yellow bars; liberal estimate of the timeframe inside which the bird breeds across its entire range.

### Survey Effort (|)

Vertical black lines; the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

### No Data (—)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.



Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incident-take-migratory-birds>
- Nationwide avoidance and minimization measures for birds <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf>
- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC <https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action>



# MIGRATORY BIRDS

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup> prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species without prior authorization by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

| NAME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | BREEDING SEASON         |
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| <b>Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i></b><br>This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626</a> | Breeds Dec 1 to Aug 31  |
| <b>Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger surinamensis</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3093">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3093</a>                                                                                                           | Breeds May 15 to Aug 20 |
| <b>Black-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9399">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9399</a>                                                                                                      | Breeds May 15 to Oct 10 |
| <b>Bobolink <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9454">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9454</a>                                                                                                                     | Breeds May 20 to Jul 31 |
| <b>California Gull <i>Larus californicus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10955">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10955</a>                                                                                                               | Breeds Mar 1 to Jul 31  |
| <b>Chestnut-collared Longspur <i>Calcarius ornatus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9437">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9437</a>                                                                                                       | Breeds May 1 to Aug 10  |

| NAME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | BREEDING SEASON         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Chimney Swift <i>Chaetura pelagica</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9406">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9406</a>                                                                                                               | Breeds Mar 15 to Aug 25 |
| <b>Eastern Whip-poor-will <i>Antrostomus vociferus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10678">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10678</a>                                                                                                | Breeds May 1 to Aug 20  |
| <b>Franklin's Gull <i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10567">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10567</a>                                                                                                        | Breeds May 1 to Jul 31  |
| <b>Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i></b><br>This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680</a> | Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31  |
| <b>Golden-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8745">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8745</a>                                                                                                   | Breeds May 1 to Jul 20  |
| <b>Grasshopper Sparrow <i>Ammodramus savannarum perpallidus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8329">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8329</a>                                                                      | Breeds Jun 1 to Aug 20  |
| <b>Le Conte's Sparrow <i>Ammospiza leconteii</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9469">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9469</a>                                                                                                        | Breeds Jun 1 to Aug 15  |
| <b>Lesser Yellowlegs <i>Tringa flavipes</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679</a>                                                                                                             | Breeds elsewhere        |
| <b>Long-eared Owl <i>asio otus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3631">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3631</a>                                                                                                                      | Breeds Mar 1 to Jul 15  |
| <b>Northern Harrier <i>Circus hudsonius</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8350">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8350</a>                                                                                          | Breeds Apr 1 to Sep 15  |



| NAME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | BREEDING SEASON         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Red-headed Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9398">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9398</a> | Breeds May 10 to Sep 10 |
| <b>Short-billed Dowitcher <i>Limnodromus griseus</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9480">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9480</a>       | Breeds elsewhere        |
| <b>Western Grebe <i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6743">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6743</a>          | Breeds Jun 1 to Aug 31  |
| <b>Willet <i>Tringa semipalmata</i></b><br>This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10669">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10669</a>                      | Breeds Apr 20 to Aug 5  |

## PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read "[Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles](#)", specifically the FAQ section titled "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

### Probability of Presence (■)

Green bars; the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during that week of the year.

### Breeding Season (■)

Yellow bars; liberal estimate of the timeframe inside which the bird breeds across its entire range.

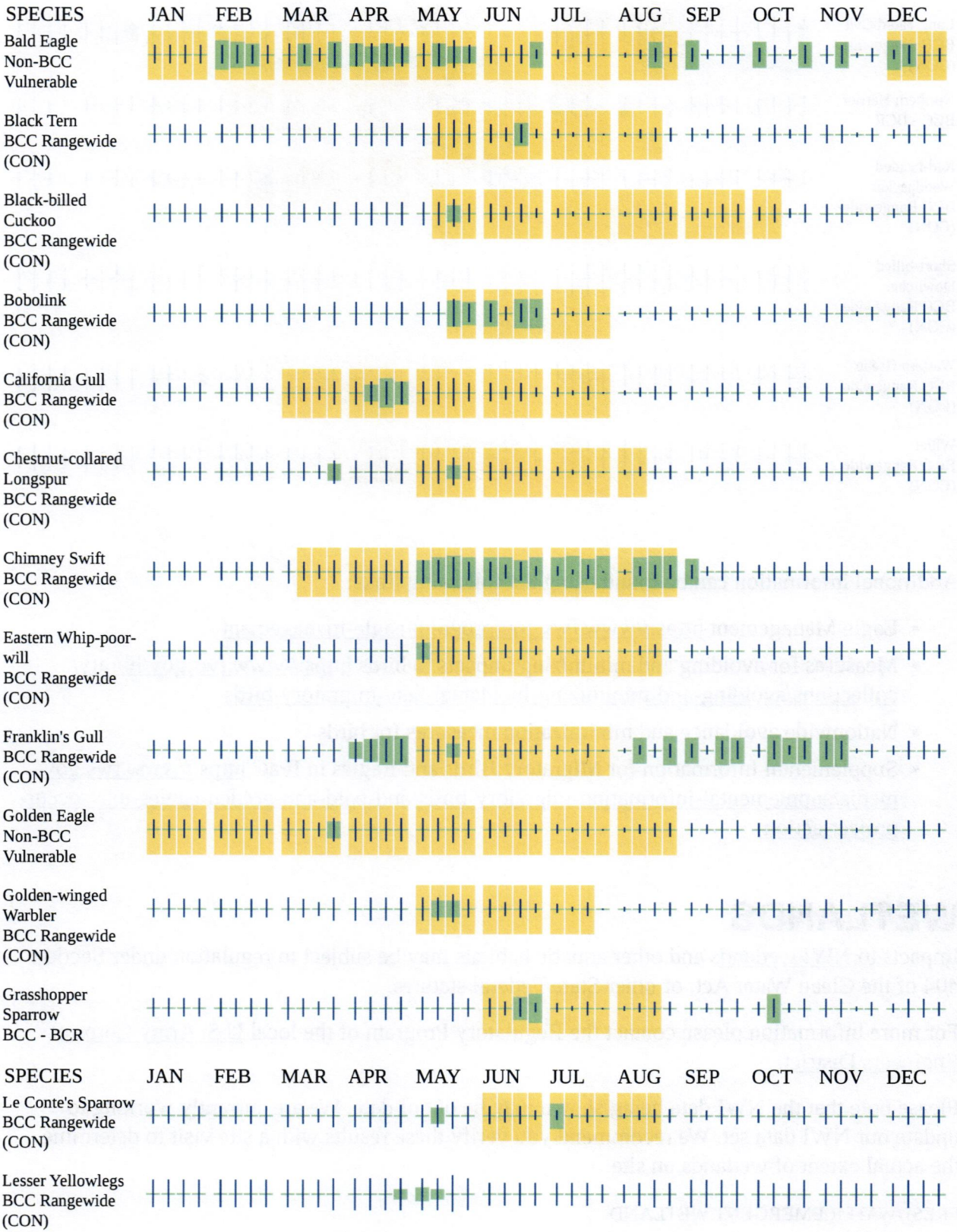
### Survey Effort (|)

Vertical black lines; the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

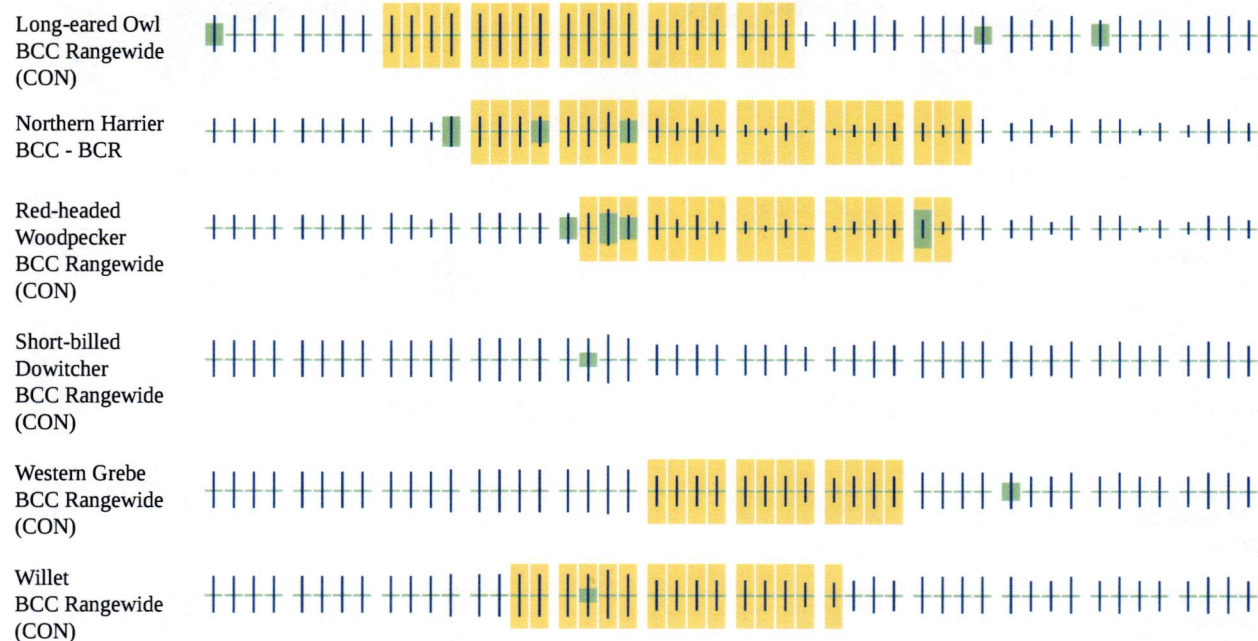
### No Data (—)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

■ probability of presence ■ breeding season | survey effort — no data







Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incidental-take-migratory-birds>
- Nationwide avoidance and minimization measures for birds
- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC <https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action>

## WETLANDS

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

### FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND

- PEM1A

### RIVERINE

- R2UBH

**FRESHWATER FORESTED/SHRUB WETLAND**

▪ **PFO1A**



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## **LEAD AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Lead Agency: Federal Highway Administration

## **Appendix D**

### **Wildlife Accommodations**



July 1, 2025

**PROJECT NO.** City of Fargo Project QR-25-B0  
Red River Bridge Replacement – 12th Ave. Fargo/15th Ave. Moorhead  
FARGO, CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA &  
MOORHEAD, CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The City of Fargo is working on preliminary design and environmental clearance to replace the bridge crossing over the Red River of the North (Red River) connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, Clay County, Minnesota.

**Existing conditions:**

The bridge to be replaced, National Bridge Inventory Structure No. FRGO31, is an approximately 500-foot-long prestressed concrete stringer bridge that was built in 1988. It consists of two concrete surface driving lanes, a width of 32 feet, concrete curbs, metal railings, guardrail, a pedestrian sidewalk, lighting, and a chain link safety fence. A shared-use path named Mickelson-Tricorn Bike Path is present underneath the bridge running parallel to west bank of the Red River of the North.



**Figure 1:** View of the west bank (left) and east bank (right) of the existing bridge to be replaced. A wide, natural, surface is located underneath the existing bridge along both banks.



**Proposed Project:**

The bridge serves as a critical two-state river crossing connecting North Dakota and Minnesota within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. Alternatives to maintain the existing bridge alignment along with potential realignments connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue on both sides of the Red River will be evaluated. The proposed bridge alternatives will be developed to raise the bridge from its existing elevation to address closures during flood events by raising the structure out of the future, post-FM Diversion 100-year FEMA floodplain.

In addition, the project would include roadway grading and placement of rock riprap in the stream channel mitigate erosion concerns. The rock riprap would be placed in a manner to ensure natural substrates develop, facilitating fish and aquatic organism movement. Traffic lane width, easements and R/W acquisition, ditch profiles, depth of ground disturbance and excavation, and other project components are unknown at this time, as project design progress is still underway.

**Wildlife Accommodations:**

The Red River of the North provides a suitable travel corridor for wildlife to utilize. Adjacent lands north and south of the proposed alternatives have a variable width of wooded corridor that may accommodate a variety of wildlife species. Google maps street imagery indicates a variety of wildlife tracks on the snow and ice in the wintertime. The west bank and adjacent lands consist of a thin wooded corridor, a park, a shared use path, and other urban developments immediately outside of the bank. The east bank and adjacent lands consist of a thin wooded corridor and urban developments. The project design would include a combination of earth and riprap typically seen of bridges crossing the Red River in this area. Additionally, rock riprap is proposed to be placed in a manner that allows for natural sedimentation to occur and the channel bottom grade to remain the same as previous conditions to facilitate movement of aquatic organisms.

Please let us know if you recommend any additional wildlife accommodations for this structure.



SCOTT MIDDAGH, PE  
Environmental Project Manager

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## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Casey Engelhard  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2025 9:25 AM  
**To:** Casey Engelhard  
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**Subject:** RE: QR-25-B0 - 12th Ave Bridge Replacement, Fargo

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Sorry for the delay on this, It got buried in my to do list. At this time there are no additional wildlife accommodations recommended for this project.

### Melissa Carson

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Melissa,

Please see the attached memo regarding wildlife accommodations for the referenced project. Let us know if there are any wildlife accommodations recommended for this project.

Thanks,

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## **Appendix E**

### **Wetland Information**



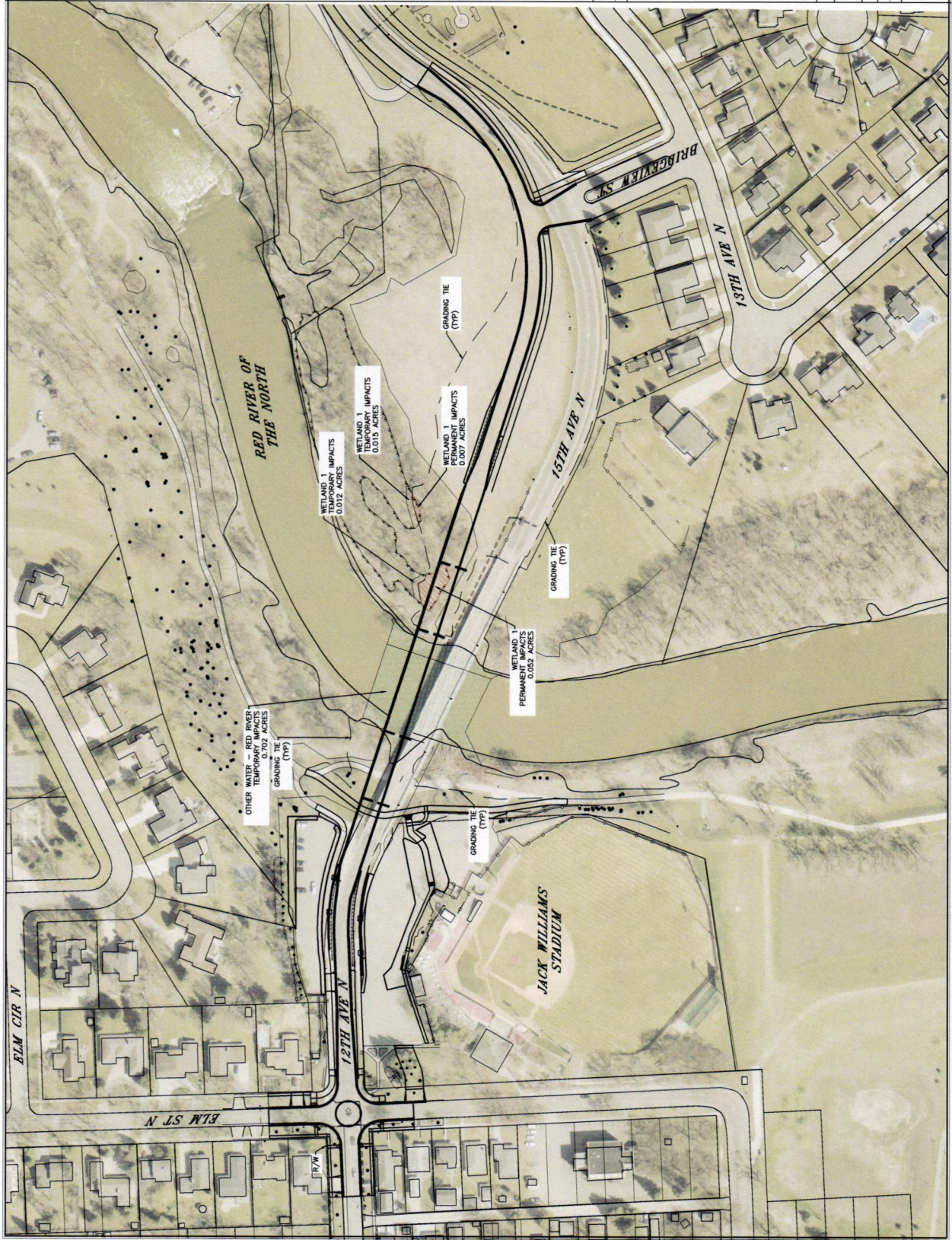
| Wetland Impact Table |                     |              |                 |                                            |                         |       |                     |       |       |                    |         |            |         |                            |                     |                |                             |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|---------|------------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wetland Number       | Location            | Wetland Type | Wetland Feature | USACE Jurisdictional Wetlands <sup>1</sup> | Wetland Impact          |       |                     |       |       | Wetland Mitigation |         |            |         |                            |                     |                |                             |                                 |
|                      |                     |              |                 |                                            | Wetland Impacts Acre(s) |       | Mitigation Proposed |       |       | USACE/11990 Bank   |         | 11990 Bank |         | Onsite Mitigation Method   |                     |                | Onsite Constructed Location |                                 |
|                      |                     |              |                 |                                            | Temp.                   | Perm. | EO 11990            | USACE | USFWS | Location           | Acre(s) | Location   | Acre(s) | Mitigation Location; Ratio | Ditch Shift Acre(s) | Onsite Acre(s) | Onsite Constructe d Site #  | Onsite Constructed Size Acre(s) |
| 1                    | Sec 5 T-139-N R-48W | Basin        | Natural         | Y                                          | 0.027                   | 0.059 | Y                   | N     |       |                    |         | BWSR LGWRP | 0.118   |                            |                     |                |                             |                                 |
| Totals               |                     |              |                 |                                            | 0.027                   | 0.059 |                     |       |       |                    | 0.000   |            | 0.118   |                            |                     |                |                             |                                 |

| Other Waters and Streams Impact Table |                                   |                     |         |                                      |                         |                                 |              |                    |                        |       |                       |         |                               |         |                              |                                          |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Number                                | Location                          | Type                | Feature | USACE<br>Jurisdictional <sup>1</sup> | Impacts to Other Waters |                                 |              |                    | Other Water Mitigation |       |                       |         |                               |         |                              |                                          |
|                                       |                                   |                     |         |                                      | Acres                   |                                 |              |                    | Mitigation Proposed    |       | USACE Mitigation Bank |         | Onsite Mitigation Method      |         | Onsite Constructed Location  |                                          |
|                                       |                                   |                     |         |                                      | Temp.                   | Perm. (total Loss<br>+ no Loss) | Perm. (Loss) | Perm. (No<br>Loss) | EO 11990               | USACE | Location              | Acre(s) | Mitigation<br>Location; ratio | Acre(s) | Onsite<br>Constructed Site # | Onsite<br>Constructed<br>Size<br>Acre(s) |
| OW-Red River                          | Sec 5/32<br>T-139/140-N<br>R-48-W | Perennial<br>Stream | Natural | Y                                    | 0.702                   | 0.000                           |              |                    | N                      | N     |                       |         |                               |         |                              |                                          |
| Totals                                |                                   |                     |         |                                      | 0.702                   | 0.000                           |              |                    |                        |       |                       |         |                               |         |                              |                                          |

| Impact Summary Table           |               |                                              |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Permanent Impact Summary       |               | Temporary Impacts and additional information |               |
| Wetland Type                   | Total Acre(s) | WaterType                                    | Total Acre(s) |
| Natural/JD (Fill/Drain)        | 0.059         | Temporary Wetland JD                         | 0.027         |
| Natural/Non-JD (Fill/Drain)    | 0.000         | Non-JD Wetland Temporary                     | 0.000         |
| Artificial/JD (Fill/Drain)     | 0.000         |                                              |               |
| Artificial/Non-JD (Fill/Drain) | 0.000         | Permanent OW                                 | 0.000         |
| Total                          | 0.059         | Temporary OW                                 | 0.702         |

| Mitigation Summary Table |            |                     |                |                    |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                          | Location   | Ditch Shift Acre(s) | Onsite Acre(s) | 11990 Bank Acre(s) | USACE/11990 Bank Acre(s) | USFWS Bank Acre(s) |
| USACE Only               |            |                     |                |                    |                          |                    |
| EO 11990 Only            | BWSR LGWRP |                     |                | 0.118              |                          |                    |
| USACE/11990              |            |                     |                |                    |                          |                    |
| USFWS                    |            |                     |                |                    |                          |                    |
| Total                    |            | 0                   | 0              | 0.118              | 0                        | 0                  |





LEGEND:

- PERMANENT IMPACT
- TEMPORARY IMPACT
- OTHER WATER IMPACT-TEMPORARY
- OTHER WATER IMPACT-PERMANENT

**HOUSTON**  
engineering, inc.

ALL DRAWINGS ARE BASED ON  
FIELD DATA (PRE-CONSTRUCTION)  
(UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

ADDENDUM & CONSTRUCTION  
REVISIONS

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**PRELIMINARY**

**Preliminary Wetland Impacts**  
12th Ave Bridge Replacement

QR-25-B0

DESIGN BY: JAC  
CHECKED BY: LAB

DATE: 01/11/2025

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**Fargo**  
FARGO, ND



**Appendix F**  
**Section 4(f) Documentation**



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

**North Dakota Division**

April 14, 2026

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Dave Bietz  
Deputy Director of Operations  
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Subject: City of Fargo Project No. QR-25-B0  
Red River Bridge Replacement  
Fargo, ND and Moorhead, MN

Dear Mr. Bietz:

The City of Fargo, in cooperation with the City of Moorhead and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to replace the existing bridge crossing over the Red River connecting 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Fargo, ND and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Moorhead, MN. See the enclosed project location map. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North is adjacent to Jack Williams Stadium, Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path, and Trefoil Park, all managed by the Fargo Park District.

The Build Alternative would include reconstructing the roadways, sidewalks, and paths, grading, and construction of a retaining wall near the Jack Williams Stadium parking lots. Impacts to the Jack Williams Stadium would include relocating the parking lot entrance from the north side of the parking lot to the west side. The relocation is necessary to avoid future traffic operations impacts. Parking reconfiguration to parking lots both north and south of 12th Avenue would be required. The north parking lot would be expanded in the northeast corner to accommodate parking. Overall, parking spaces between the two lots would be maintained or increased compared to the current configuration. Traffic flow would be altered in both parking lots compared to current traffic operations. The addition of an ADA-compliant route from the shared use path to the main entrance of the stadium is also included, which would benefit the Fargo Park District properties by improving accessibility to the stadium from the parking lots and shared use paths.

The existing Fargo Mickelson/Tricorn Bike Path within Trefoil Park would be realigned upslope underneath the proposed bridge to cross at a higher elevation, improving the accessibility of the path during high water conditions. Approximately 10 to 15 feet of vertical clearance would be maintained due to the new bridge being built at a higher elevation.

The Jack Williams Stadium, Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path, and Trefoil Park are protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 as assumed due to the recreational nature of the facilities. Section 4(f) of the Transportation Act prohibits FHWA from authorizing actions that result in a use of Section 4(f) properties, including public parks, recreation areas, wildlife refuges or lands of historic significance, unless there are no prudent and feasible avoidance alternatives and the action includes all possible planning to minimize harm.



However, under 23 CFR 774.13, FHWA has identified various exceptions to the requirements for Section 4(f) authorization. One exception, identified in 23 CFR 774.13(d), *temporary occupancies of land that are so minimal as to not constitute a use*. The temporary occupancy of the land during construction will be so minimal that it will not constitute a use within the meaning of Section 4(f) per the following criteria:

1. *Duration (of the occupancy) must be temporary, i.e., less than the time needed for construction of the project, and there should be no change in ownership of the land.*

The Section 4(f) properties will be occupied only for the duration required for construction of the project. No permanent or temporary easements would be acquired from the Fargo Park District; rather a memorandum of agreement will be completed between the City of Fargo and the Fargo Park District to accommodate the temporary construction and long-term maintenance of the improvements. Therefore, no changes in ownership of the land will be realized as a result of the construction of the proposed project.

2. *Scope of the work must be minor, i.e., both the nature and magnitude of the changes to the Section 4(f) resource are minimal.*

Temporary impacts would occur during construction of the roadway, bridge, parking lot, and Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path improvements. The expected temporary impacts will occur as outlined within the memorandum of agreement and will not change the intended use of the 4(f) resources.

3. *There are no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts, nor will there be interference with the protected activities, features, or attributes of the property, on either a temporary or permanent basis.*

No permanent adverse impacts to the Section 4(f) properties will be observed as a result of this project; nor shall there be any interference with the protected activities, features, or attributes of the properties or their use. Access to Jack Williams Stadium's events will be maintained during construction; however, parking availability may be limited. Access to the Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path will be maintained during construction through use of a temporary pedestrian detour. Access to Trefoil Park will be maintained during construction. Ultimately, improvements are expected to improve continued access to these Section 4(f) properties through improving access to the Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path during high-water events and improving access to the Trefoil Park and Jack Williams Stadium during flood events.

4. *The land being used must be fully restored, i.e., the resource must be returned to a condition which is at least as good as that which existed prior to the project.*

None of the Section 4(f) properties will have permanent adverse impacts due to the bridge and roadway work on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Disturbed areas will be reseeded following construction.

5. *There must be documented agreement of the appropriate Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction over the resource regarding the above conditions.*

As requested, with this letter, FHWA is requesting concurrence from the Fargo Park District regarding the outlined conditions.

It is our opinion that due to the type of roadway and bridge improvements and temporary nature of the project, there will be minimal temporary impacts and no permanent impacts. Therefore, the proposed project is excluded from the requirements of Section 4(f) authorization.

#### Request of Concurrence

FHWA requests concurrence from the Fargo Park District that the proposed project meets conditions 1 through 5, will not have an “adverse effect” on Jack Williams Stadium, Trefoil Park, or the Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path, nor will there be interference with the intended activities, features or attributes of the properties on a temporary or permanent basis. The above stated condition 5 is required for FHWA to exclude this project from the requirements of Section 4(f) authorization, allowing the proposed project to proceed as planned.

The anticipated construction season for this project will be based on project funding and would be coordinated with your office once anticipated construction dates are known. Please provide your written concurrence by June 9, 2026. If you require any additional information, or have any questions, feel free to call me at 701-221-9464.

A concurrence response can be sent to [kristen.sperry@dot.gov](mailto:kristen.sperry@dot.gov) or mailed to:

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FHWA-North Dakota Division  
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Sincerely,

Kristen Sperry  
Planning & Environment Program Manager

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**Concurrence**

The Fargo Park District has consulted with FHWA to the impacts to Jack Williams Stadium, Trefoil Park, or the Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path and hereby concurs that the proposed project, as described and shown in appended exhibits, would not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes that qualify the property for protection under Section 4(f) of the Transportation Act on either a temporary or permanent basis.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fargo Park District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Enclosures:      Section 4(f)/6(f) Exhibit





**Parking Counts**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| •                  | NORTH LOT      |
| -                  | EX. SPACES = 4 |
| -                  | NEW SPACES =   |
| •                  | SOUTH LOT      |
| -                  | EX. SPACES = 8 |
| -                  | NEW SPACES =   |
| TOTAL EX. SPACES = |                |
| TOTAL NEW SPACES   |                |

## LEGEND

- |                                                                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | ASPHALT PAVEMENT                      |
|  | CONCRETE SIDEWALK                     |
|  | CONCRETE DRIVEWAY                     |
|  | GRADING/SEEDING                       |
|  | BRIDGE DECK                           |
|  | SIDEWALK ON BRIDGE DECK               |
|  | GUARDRAIL EMBANKMENT                  |
|  | RETAINING WALL                        |
|  | DISTURBANCE LIMITS                    |
|  | PROPERTY BOUNDARY                     |
|  | SECTION 4(f) PROPERTY BOUNDARY        |
|  | SECTION 4(f) & 6(f) PROPERTY BOUNDARY |

**NOTE:**

PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHOWN WITHIN  
THE PARKING LOTS TO BE COMPLETED BY  
OTHERS.

PRELIMINARY  
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



**Appendix G**  
**Section 6(f) Documentation**

## Casey Engelhard

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**From:** Casey Engelhard  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 3:44 PM  
**To:** Casey Engelhard  
**Subject:** FW: Fargo 12th Ave N/Moorhead 15th Ave N Bridge Project - Section 6(f)/4(f)

From: **Langehaug, Char L.** <[clangehaug@nd.gov](mailto:clangehaug@nd.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 8:41 AM  
Subject: Re: Fargo 12th Ave N/Moorhead 15th Ave N Bridge Project - Section 6(f)/4(f)  
To: Sperry, Kristen (FHWA) <[kristen.sperry@dot.gov](mailto:kristen.sperry@dot.gov)>

Kristen,

Thank you for looping me in on this project. I have been meeting quarterly with the engineers and the Fargo Park District on the bridge replacement. I just wanted to let you know that from their current proposal, there will be **no impact** on the 6(f) boundary at this time. Even though they are completing construction to widen the bridge and replace the entrance to Jack Williams Stadium, it does not affect the acreage of the LWCF boundary that is encumbered. The acreage will remain intact while improving the recreational resources at Jack Williams Stadium. They also plan to reroute an additional accessible path where none currently exists, thereby increasing the recreational value of the property. There is a lot going on in this project!

Since the construction could impact the recreational resources, they may need a temporary non-conforming use permit if the construction lasts longer than 6 months. Still, I do not see the need for that since our construction season is short (only 4 months).

I appreciate the review!

**Char Langehaug**

*Grants Coordinator*

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**From:** Sperry, Kristen <[kristen.sperry@dot.gov](mailto:kristen.sperry@dot.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 4:36 PM  
**To:** Langehaug, Char L. <[clangehaug@nd.gov](mailto:clangehaug@nd.gov)>



Cc: Saraf, Fawaz (FHWA) <[fawaz.saraf@dot.gov](mailto:fawaz.saraf@dot.gov)>; Tina Robinson <[Tina.Robinson@kljeng.com](mailto:Tina.Robinson@kljeng.com)>; McLaughlin, Jeremy <[jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com](mailto:jmclaughlin@houstoneng.com)>; Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com <[Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com](mailto:Scott.Middaugh@kljeng.com)>  
Subject: Fargo 12th Ave N/Moorhead 15th Ave N Bridge Project - Section 6(f)/4(f)

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Hi Char,

Our office is working with the City of Fargo, ND, and Moorhead, MN, on an environmental document to replace the existing bridge crossing the Red River that connects 12th Avenue North in Fargo and 15th Avenue North in Moorhead. The attached letter discusses the potential impacts and timing, and requests whether you concur with our determination.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the project.

Thank you,

Kristen Sperry

Planning & Environment Program  
Manager

North Dakota Division Office,  
FHWA

U.S. Department of  
Transportation

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April 13, 2026

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Char Langehaug  
Grants Coordinator  
ND Parks and Recreation  
604 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 750  
Bismarck, ND 5805

Subject: City of Fargo Project No. QR-25-B0  
Red River Bridge Replacement  
Fargo, ND, Cass County and Moorhead, MN, Clay County  
LWCF Property 38-01127: Fargo Boat/Canoe Access  
Latitude and Longitude: 46.889627°, -96.776015°

Dear Ms. Langehaug:

The City of Fargo, in cooperation with the City of Moorhead and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to replace the existing bridge crossing over the Red River connecting 12th Avenue North in Fargo, ND and 15th Avenue North in Moorhead, MN. See the enclosed project location map. 12th Avenue North is adjacent to Jack Williams Stadium, Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path, and Trefoil Park, both managed by the Fargo Park District. The Jack Williams Stadium area was a previous recipient of Land and Water Conservation Funds in 1995 as part of a previous Fargo Boat/Canoe access project, and as such is protected under Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. The protected boundary includes approximately 41.8 acres of land south of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue N associated with Jack Williams Stadium and Mickelson Park.

No impacts to Mickelson Park would occur. The project would impact the Jack Williams Stadium property. Impacts include reconstructing the roadways, sidewalks, and paths; grading; and construction of a retaining wall near the Jack Williams Stadium parking lots. Roadway improvements would require relocating a parking lot entrance from the north side of the parking lot to the west side. The relocation is necessary to avoid future traffic operations impacts.

Parking reconfiguration to parking lots both north and south of 12th Avenue would be required. The north parking lot would be expanded in the northeast corner to accommodate parking. Ultimately, parking spaces between the two lots would be maintained or increased compared to current configuration. Traffic flow would be altered in both parking lots compared to current traffic operations. The addition of an ADA-compliant route from the Fargo Mickelson/Tricorn Bike Path within Trefoil Park to the main entrance of the stadium is also included, which would benefit the Fargo Park District properties by improving accessibility to the stadium from the parking lots and shared use paths.

The existing Fargo Mickelson/Tricorn Bike Path within Trefoil Park would be realigned upslope



underneath the proposed bridge to cross at a higher elevation, improving the accessibility of the path during high water conditions. Approximately 10 to 15 feet of vertical clearance would be maintained due to the new bridge being built at a higher elevation.

The Section 6(f) property will be occupied for no greater than 180 days during the construction of the project. No permanent or temporary easements would be acquired from the Fargo Park District; rather a memorandum of agreement will be completed between the City of Fargo and the Fargo Park District to accommodate the temporary construction and long-term maintenance of the improvements. Therefore, no changes in ownership of the land will occur as a result of the construction of the proposed project.

Temporary impacts would occur during construction of the roadway, bridge, parking lot, and Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path improvements. The expected temporary impacts will occur as outlined within the memorandum of agreement and will not change the intended use of the 6(f) resources. Access to Jack Williams Stadium's events will be maintained during construction; however, parking availability may be limited. Access to the Mickelson-Tricorn Shared Use Path will be maintained during construction through use of a temporary pedestrian detour. Access to Trefoil Park will be maintained during construction. Disturbed areas will be reseeded following construction.

The proposed project is anticipated to create an overall positive benefit to the Section 6(f) property and would not result in a permanent conversion from recreation use. Ultimately, improvements are expected to improve recreational facilities located on the property through improved overall access to both the Stadium facilities and trail facilities, in addition to a safer parking configuration.

We appreciate your continued assistance on this project and are interested in your concurrence with our determination that the project would not result in a permanent conversion to the Section 6(f) resource. Your response can be sent to [kristen.sperry@dot.gov](mailto:kristen.sperry@dot.gov) or mailed to:

Kristen Sperry  
Planning Program Manager  
FHWA-North Dakota Division  
4503 Coleman Street, Suite 205  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58503

Sincerely,

**KRISTEN SUE SPERRY**

Digitally signed by KRISTEN SUE  
SPERRY

Date: 2026.04.13 16:25:56 -05'00'

Kristen Sperry  
Planning and Environment Program Manager

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Enclosures: Section 4(f)/6(f) Exhibit







**Appendix H**  
**Floodplain and Floodway Information**



# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMMette



96°46'47"W 46°53'36"N



## Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

|                            |  |                                                      |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------|
| SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS |  | Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)<br>Zone A, V, A99 |
|                            |  | With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR            |
|                            |  | Regulatory Floodway                                  |

|                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD |  | 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Area of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X |
|                             |  | Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X                                                                                                           |
|                             |  | Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X                                                                                                     |
|                             |  | Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D                                                                                                                         |

|                    |  |                                               |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------|
| OTHER AREAS        |  | NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X |
|                    |  | Effective LOMRs                               |
|                    |  | Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone        |
| GENERAL STRUCTURES |  | Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer              |
|                    |  | Levee, Dike, or Floodwall                     |

|                |  |                                           |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------------|
| OTHER FEATURES |  | 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance |
|                |  | 17.5 Water Surface Elevation              |
|                |  | Coastal Transect                          |
|                |  | Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)           |
|                |  | Limit of Study                            |
|                |  | Jurisdiction Boundary                     |
|                |  | Coastal Transect Baseline                 |
|                |  | Profile Baseline                          |
| OTHER FEATURES |  | Hydrographic Feature                      |

|            |  |                           |
|------------|--|---------------------------|
| MAP PANELS |  | Digital Data Available    |
|            |  | No Digital Data Available |
|            |  | Unmapped                  |

The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 5/7/2025 at 9:22 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: basemap imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for unmapped and unmodernized areas cannot be used for regulatory purposes.



## **Appendix I**

### **Cost Estimates**

**12TH AVE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION - OPINION OF PROBABLE COST**

**4/10/2026**

| <b>ITEM</b>                         | <b>UNIT</b> | <b>QUANTITY</b> | <b>UNIT COST</b>       | <b>COST</b>     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| UTILITY RELOCATION                  | L SUM       | 1               | \$100,000.00           | \$100,000.00    |
| CONTRACT BOND                       | L SUM       | 1               | \$190,000.00           | \$190,000.00    |
| CLEARING & GRUBBING                 | ACRE        | 1.53            | \$25,000.00            | \$38,250.00     |
| REMOVAL OF CURB & GUTTER            | LF          | 3638            | \$13.00                | \$47,294.00     |
| REMOVAL OF PAVEMENT                 | TON         | 3983            | \$20.00                | \$79,660.00     |
| REMOVAL OF PIPE ALL TYPES AND SIZES | LF          | 570             | \$45.00                | \$25,650.00     |
| REMOVAL OF MANHOLES                 | EA          | 3               | \$1,600.00             | \$4,800.00      |
| REMOVAL OF CATCH BASIN              | EA          | 6               | \$900.00               | \$5,400.00      |
| COMMON EXCAVATION-TYPE A            | CY          | 2497            | \$18.00                | \$44,946.00     |
| TOPSOIL                             | CY          | 2702            | \$12.00                | \$32,424.00     |
| BORROW EXCAVATION                   | CY          | 18572           | \$25.00                | \$464,300.00    |
| EROSION CONTROL                     | L SUM       | 1               | \$90,000.00            | \$90,000.00     |
| RIPRAP GRADE II                     | CY          | 2786            | \$120.00               | \$334,320.00    |
| AGGREGATE BASE COURSE CL 5          | TON         | 3013            | \$30.00                | \$90,390.00     |
| SUPERPAVE FAA 43                    | TON         | 1882            | \$95.00                | \$178,790.00    |
| PG 58S-34 ASPHALT CEMENT            | TON         | 113             | \$550.00               | \$62,150.00     |
| BRIDGE                              | SF          | 33504           | \$400.00               | \$13,401,600.00 |
| RETAINING WALL                      | LF          | 280             | \$6,500.00             | \$1,820,000.00  |
| MOBILIZATION                        | L SUM       | 1               | \$2,000,000.00         | \$2,000,000.00  |
| TRAFFIC CONTROL                     | L SUM       | 1               | \$35,000.00            | \$35,000.00     |
| PIPE CONC REINF 18IN CL III         | LF          | 1686            | \$300.00               | \$505,800.00    |
| MANHOLE 48IN                        | EA          | 3               | \$5,000.00             | \$15,000.00     |
| INLET CATCH BASIN                   | EA          | 16              | \$7,500.00             | \$120,000.00    |
| CURB & GUTTER-TYPE I                | LF          | 3255            | \$60.00                | \$195,300.00    |
| CURB & GUTTER MOUNTABLE-TYPE I      | LF          | 138             | \$65.00                | \$8,970.00      |
| PERMANENT SIGNING                   | L SUM       | 1               | \$5,000.00             | \$5,000.00      |
| SIDEWALK CONCRETE 5IN               | SY          | 2700            | \$75.00                | \$202,500.00    |
| CONCRETE ISLAND PAVING              | SY          | 154             | \$130.00               | \$20,020.00     |
| DRIVEWAY CONCRETE                   | SY          | 502             | \$120.00               | \$60,240.00     |
| PAVEMENT MARKINGS                   | L SUM       | 1               | \$18,000.00            | \$18,000.00     |
| W-BEAM GUARDRAIL                    | LF          | 358             | \$55.00                | \$19,668.00     |
| W-BEAM GUARDRAIL END TERMINAL       | EA          | 4               | \$3,000.00             | \$12,000.00     |
| LIGHTING SYSTEM A                   | EA          | 1               | \$350,000.00           | \$350,000.00    |
| SURCHARGE EMBANKMENT                | CY          | 8677            | \$8.00                 | \$69,416.00     |
| SURCHARGE REMOVAL                   | CY          | 8677            | \$5.00                 | \$43,385.00     |
| PREFABRICATED VERTICAL WICK DRAINS  | LF          | 270630          | \$1.00                 | \$270,630.00    |
| SAND DRAIN                          | TON         | 5753            | \$20.00                | \$115,063.06    |
|                                     |             |                 | <b>SUBTOTAL</b>        | \$21,075,966.06 |
|                                     |             |                 | <b>25% CONTINGENCY</b> | \$5,268,991.51  |
|                                     |             |                 | <b>TOTAL</b>           | \$26,344,957.57 |



**Appendix J**  
**Preliminary Plan Sheets**





**Appendix K**  
**Comments from the Draft Documented CATEX**

## **Appendix L**

### **Environmental Commitments**



## **12<sup>th</sup> Avenue N/15<sup>th</sup> Avenue N Bridge Replacement Project Environmental Commitments**

1. The Contractor shall contact the Coast Guard Ninth District at least 30 days prior to construction start. Provide as-builts and photographs to their office following construction.
2. Work will not be allowed within the Red River channel from March 15 to June 15 due to spawning periods.
3. Equipment that was last used outside of North Dakota or within a Class I infested waterbody (identified on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) website) requires an inspection by NDGFD. The Contractor will notify the NDGFD at least 10 business days prior to pumps, watercraft, or any equipment entering a public water to allow the NDGFD sufficient time to inspect any and all such equipment for ANS.
4. An unobstructed opening must be maintained in the river throughout construction and demolition activities to maintain fish/aquatic organism movement and normal river flow. This will be incorporated into project design.
5. Riprap associated with the bridge replacement should be sunk one foot below the bottom of the streambed. This will be incorporated into project design.
6. Tree removal will be limited to that specified in project plans and the Contractor will be made aware of clearing limits and how they are marked in the field (e.g., install bright colored flagging/fencing prior to any tree clearing to ensure contractors stay within clearing limits). Tree clearing will be avoided during the bat pupping season (June 1 to August 15, inclusive). Tree impacts for trees larger than 4" in diameter will be mitigated at a 2:1 ratio in accordance with City of Fargo tree replacement policy.
7. Hydro-mulch products containing small plastic fibers will not be used in areas that drain into Public Waters (i.e., Red River of the North).
8. Temporary fill and sedimentation in wetlands or other waters will be removed and restored to preconstruction contours.
9. Unavoidable permanent impacts to natural wetlands are anticipated to be mitigated at a 2:1 ratio at a BWSR Local Government Wetland Replacement Program (LGWRP).
10. The Engineer will coordinate with the Fargo Parks District and with the Fargo Marathon coordinators (Essentia Health Fargo Marathon, 405 Main Ave W #1D, West Fargo, ND 58078; 701-364-2786) to alert them of construction activities occurring during Jack Williams Stadium activities (primarily occurring between June and August) and Fargo Marathon activities (typically held in late May).
11. The Contractor shall notify the FAA through their online system for airspace review prior to construction.

12. The Contractor will submit a Notice of Construction and Renovation (SFN 17987) to NDDEQ and the Deconstruction, Renovation, or Demolition Notification Form to the MPCA 10 days prior to construction.
13. A commitment will be added to the plans that any material potentially containing PCBs must be handled, in accordance with state and federal guidelines.
14. The MN Natural Heritage Review results are valid for one year. In accordance with their letter, if the project has not been initiated within one year, it must be resubmitted for an updated review.

## Permitting

The following permits would be obtained prior to construction:

- Clean Water Act Section 404 & Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permit (USACE Omaha District (North Dakota Regulatory Office) and USACE St Paul District)
- Wetland Conservation Act Permit (Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District)
- Sovereign Lands Permit (North Dakota Department of Water Resources)
- Floodway authorization (North Dakota Department of Water Resources)
- Conditional Use Permit (City of Moorhead for floodway impacts)
- Floodplain permit (City of Fargo and City of Moorhead)
- NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) – responsibility of Contractor
- Public Waters Work Permit (Minnesota Department of Natural Resources)
- Watershed Permit (Buffalo-Red River Watershed)
- Notice of Construction and Renovation (SFN 17987) (ND Department of Environmental Quality) – responsibility of Contractor
- Notice of Deconstruction, Renovation, or Demolition Notification Form (MN Pollution Control Agency) – responsibility of Contractor