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Honorable Board of City Commissioners
City of Fargo
Fargo, North Dakota

RE: 64th Avenue South Interchange Project – NDDOT Alternative Selection and Funding Update

Honorable Commissioners,

At the January 20, 2026 City Commission meeting, the Commission concurred with the recommendation of the Public Works Project Evaluation Committee (PWPEC) and selected Alternative B1 as the City of Fargo's preferred option for the 64th Avenue South Interchange project. Following Commission action, the City's recommendation was forwarded to the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) for consideration and final selection of the interchange configuration.

The Engineering Department has received a letter from the North Dakota Department of Transportation (attached) indicating that, after reviewing the alternatives evaluated through the environmental and project development process, the NDDOT has selected Alternative B2 as the preferred interchange configuration. Alternative B2 consists of a roundabout at both ramp terminal intersections and differs from the City's preferred Alternative B1, which included a signalized intersection at the west ramp terminal and a roundabout at the east ramp terminal.

In its correspondence, the NDDOT acknowledged that Alternative B2 carries a higher project cost than the City's recommended Alternative B1. To address this increase, the NDDOT has committed to increasing its funding participation by up to \$2.81 million, bringing the total federal funding commitment for the project from \$21.25 million to \$24.06 million. This additional funding is intended to fully offset the estimated cost difference between Alternative B1 and Alternative B2.

The NDDOT also reaffirmed its previous commitment to conduct construction engineering services for the project, eliminating the need for the City to retain a consultant for those services. As previously communicated, all funding remains contingent upon completion and approval of project development requirements, eligibility of project costs, authorization of federal funding, and availability of funds through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The project currently remains programmed in the draft 2028 STIP.

This item is being provided for informational purposes so the City Commission is aware of the NDDOT's final alternative selection and the corresponding increase in federal funding participation associated with that decision.

Recommended Motion:

Receive and file.

Sincerely,

Tom Knakmuhs, City Engineer

June 1, 2026

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64th Avenue South & I-29 Interchange – Additional Funding from Alternative Selection
PCN 24477, IM-8-029(219)058, City Project Number BN-25-A0

Mr. Knakmuhs,

The following letter is to inform you that the NDDOT has selected an alternative to move forward with at the 64th Ave South proposed interchange location. The City of Fargo has recommended Alternative B1 as presented in the Documented CATEX which consisted of a signal and a roundabout. The NDDOT has chosen Alternative B2 as presented in the Documented CATEX consisting of two roundabouts.

As stated in the letter dated October 21, 2025, the NDDOT has previously agreed to provide a maximum amount of \$21.25 million of funding for the project that could be used for federally eligible construction and construction engineering costs. The NDDOT Fargo District also agreed to conduct construction engineering for the project in lieu of the city needing to hire a consultant.

As a result of the NDDOT selecting Alternative B2, we are willing to provide an additional maximum amount of \$2.81 million. The additional funding amount matches the difference from the City recommendation Alternative B1 to the NDDOT selected Alternative B2. The funding provided by the NDDOT remains contingent on completion and approval of the project development items along with availability, eligibility, and authorization of federal funding. Currently the funding for the project remains in the draft STIP for year 2028.

Sincerely,



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C: Aaron Murra, NDDOT Fargo District Engineer