



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report  
Committee of the Whole – November 25, 2019  
City Council – December 2, 2019

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**Agenda Item:** Federal Funding Request – Urban Grant Program

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**Submitted by:** Engineering Department, David J. Kuharenko, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

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**Staff Recommended Action:** **Approve the Urban Grant Program 2022 project funding request and direct staff to submit the approved project to the Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization for submission to the North Dakota Department of Transportation**

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**Committee Recommended Action:**

Moved to City Council with the recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Council Action:**

Approved unanimously on consent agenda.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is soliciting projects to be funded by their Urban Grant Program (UGP). This program provides Federal grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered through the NDDOT. Roadways eligible for funding under the Urban Grant Program include classified streets within the city. To be considered for Federal funding these projects must be vetted and approved by City Council and forwarded onto the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for consideration.

The Urban Grant Program is a newer program dedicated towards revitalizing efforts with emphasis on the downtown area. Similar to the Transportation Alternatives program the UGP is also a competitive grant program. A project selection committee compares and ranks the submitted projects and if insufficient funding is available for the last project selected for funding, only partial funding may be awarded. For the Fiscal Year 2021 UGP there was approximately \$6.1 million allocated towards UGP projects. There were a total of six applications, of which only four applications received funding. One of the projects selected was N 3<sup>rd</sup> St from Demers Ave to University Ave which includes reconstructing the street in 2021 utilizing up to ~\$2.4 million on Federal Funding.

After considering possible projects for funding under this program staff recommends the following project for consideration:

1. N 4<sup>th</sup> St (Demers Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N) Reconstruction \$2,305,000

N 4<sup>th</sup> St (Demers Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N) Reconstruction: This project includes a number of elements which align with the Urban Grant Program. These include: the project location within the designated downtown focus area, pedestrian bump-outs, ornamental street lighting and visual amenities to match the Demers Ave reconstruction project. This project is also adjacent to the Grand Forks Renaissance Zone to further encourage redevelopment of the downtown area. This project is adjacent to the Demers Ave reconstruction project that took place this past summer, and is also adjacent to the proposed redevelopment for a boutique, hotel and event center.

### **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- The proposed project presented by staff is believed to meet the program requirements.
- Council approval is required prior to submittal to the MPO. Thereafter it will go before the MPO Technical Advisory Committee, and MPO Executive Board meeting, and then be forwarded to the NDDOT.
- It is assumed that if an Urban Grant Program project is awarded, the project will be designed and inspected by an outside consultant.
- City costs for projects to be funded by the Urban Grant Program will be from the Street/Infrastructure Fund 4815.

### **SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- 2020-2022 Urban Grant Program Federal Funding Program List with Cost Estimates (1 page)
- Project Location Map (1 page)
- NDDOT Letter dated November 2019 Soliciting for Urban Grant Program Projects for Fiscal Year 2022 (1 page)

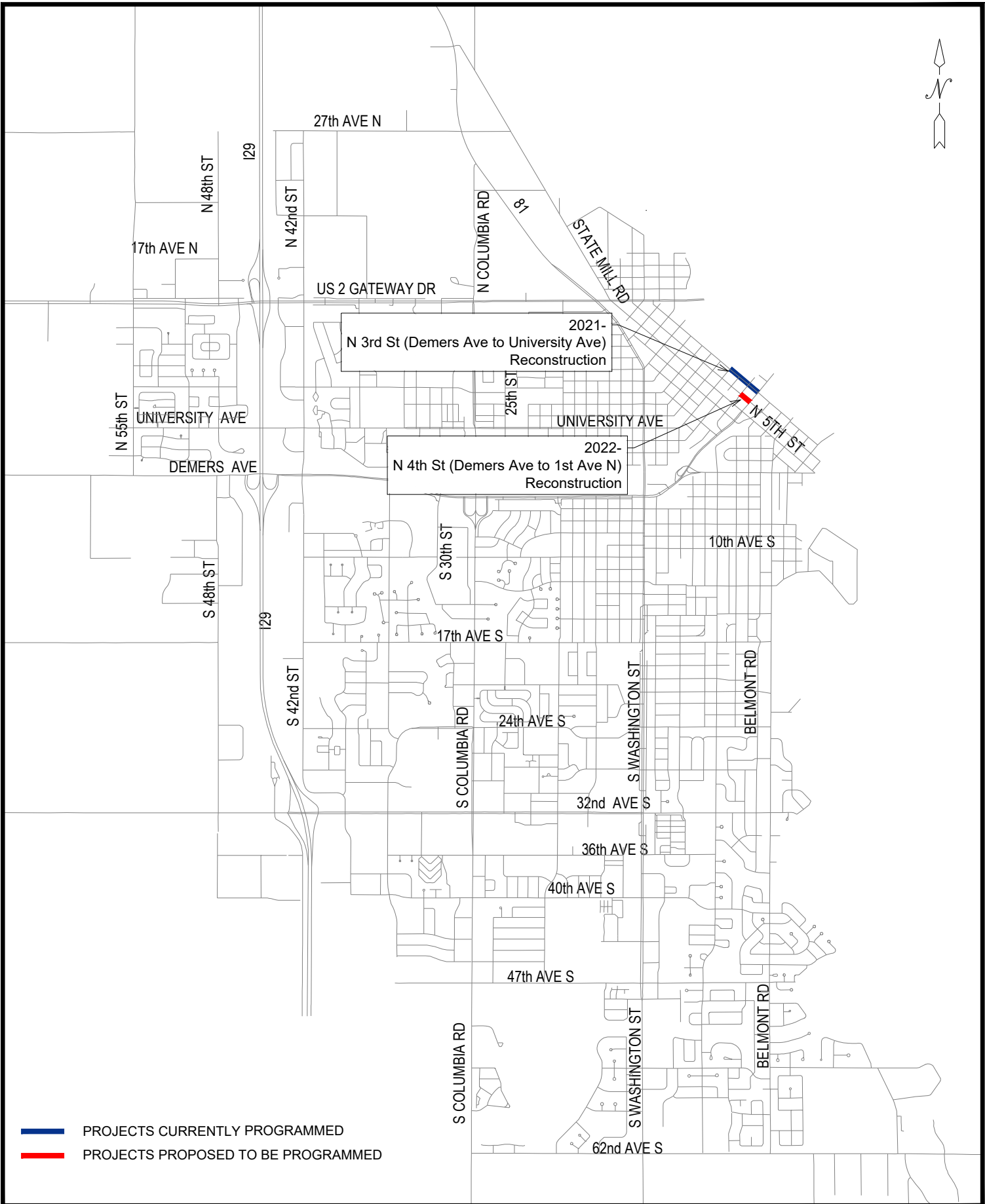
URBAN GRANT PROGRAM REQUESTS  
CITY PROJECT SUMMARY 2020-2022  
GRAND FORKS NORTH DAKOTA  
SUBMITTED IN 2019

DATE: 11/21/2019

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FISCAL YEAR	FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION	TYPE OF WORK	PROJECT LOCATION	TOTAL FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY MATCH	FEDERAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	CITY MATCH	CITY OTHER		TOTAL CITY COST	TOTAL PROJECT COST
								R/W	MISC		
2020			No Project Awarded								
2021	Principal Arterial	Reconstruct	N 3rd St (Reconstruction) Demers Ave to University Ave	\$3,458,000	\$2,447,200	\$0	\$1,010,800	\$0	\$0	\$1,010,800	\$3,458,000
<b>2022</b>	<b>Principal Arterial</b>	<b>Reconstruct</b>	<b>N 4th St (Reconstruction) Demers Ave to 1st Ave N</b>	<b>\$2,305,000</b>	<b>\$1,844,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>	<b>\$2,305,000</b>
			2020-2022	\$5,763,000	\$4,291,200	\$0	\$1,471,800	\$0	\$0	\$1,471,800	\$5,763,000

Newly requested projects are listed in bold  
Estimated construction costs have been inflated to the year of construction  
15% had been added for Design Engineering  
15% has been added for Construction Engineering



- PROJECTS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED
- PROJECTS PROPOSED TO BE PROGRAMMED



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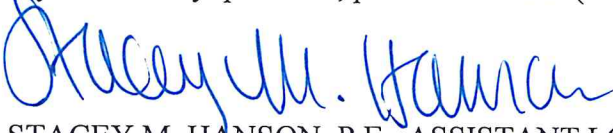
URBAN GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION – FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is accepting applications for Urban Grant Program (UGP) projects for federal fiscal year 2022. This program focuses transportation improvements to the core business districts within urban areas and promotes multimodal forms of transportation. To obtain an application and review submittal requirements, please visit the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/localgov/ugp.htm>.

Please note that if your community is within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area you will need to work through your MPO and associated process for application submittal.

**UGP applications must be submitted to NDDOT, Local Government Division, by close of business on January 31, 2020.**

If you have any questions, please call me at (701) 328-4469.



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