



# MPO Staff Report

**Technical Advisory Committee:**

**October 12, 2022**

**MPO Executive Board:**

**October 19, 2022**

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend final approval of the proposed amendments to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion by Weber, second by Weigel with the request to move forward. Motion moved unanimously.**

**TAC RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Matter of the proposed 2045 MTP Amendment

## **Background:**

What the city of East Grand Forks is requesting:

The city of East Grand Forks is requesting the MPO amend the 2045 MTP to move the Bygland /Rhinehart round-a-bout from short-range (2023-2027) to the mid-range (2028-2037). The city further requests the MPO to amend the MTP to add these projects:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (15-20<sup>th</sup> St NE)
  - Misc concrete panel/C&G replacement
  - Misc sidewalk replacement
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (Highway 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> St NE)
  - Misc concrete panel/C&G replacement
- DeMers Avenue (4<sup>th</sup> St to 10<sup>th</sup> St)
  - Replace stamped concrete crosswalks
  - Remove bituminous pavement from old RR Tracks and replace with concrete pavement
  - Misc concrete panel/C&G replacement
  - Misc sidewalk replacement

## Amendment Process:

The 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was adopted in January 2019. From time to time, amendments are needed to reflect changes that are necessary for a variety of factors. Just as the original 2045 MTP adoption process we need to engage both cities and the proposed amendment is being presented for consideration to each side of the river whether it has a direct affect or not. Essentially, this is an up to 60 days review process in which each City is requested to consider these changes to their individual Comprehensive Plans.

The requested amendment is coming from the East Grand Forks side so Grand Forks will need to review the amendment to see if it meets the requirement to amend their Comprehensive Plan.

- If it does not meet the requirement, then the City of Grand Forks will need to write a letter informing the MPO of this.
- If it does meet the requirement, then the City of Grand Forks will need to update their Comprehensive Plan (Grand Forks is a two-month process).

Once the MPO receives the letter, resolution, or ordinance reflecting the City of Grand Forks approval of the change the MPO will hold a public hearing at the next TAC meeting. Then it goes on to the MPO Executive Board.

### Where we are at in the process:

The proposed amendments were reviewed and presented at the September TAC and Executive Board meetings. There were no comments or questions from the TAC. The Executive Board had a few questions/comments that came up: DeMers asked why the roundabout project needs to be moved to the Illustrative Project List? The MPO responded that is what was communicated to the MPO. Mayor Gander was present at the meeting and commented that the conversations that he has been a part of inside City Hall it would seem to make more sense to move the Bygland/Rhinehart round-about project to the mid-range. The MPO has made that adjustment to the request.

Representatives from the City of East Grand Forks attended the recent ATP meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> to give them an update on where the city is at with this process and the plan on using the Sub-target Funding. No comments or concerns came out of that update.

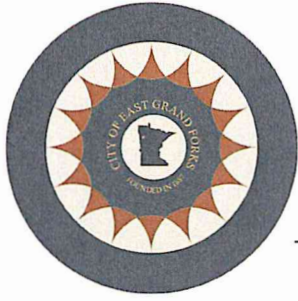
The City of Grand Forks has submitted a letter stating they do not need to amend their Comprehensive Plan with East Grand Forks proposed amendments. As well as the City of East Grand Forks submitted a letter, both are attachments.

### **Findings and Analysis:**

- As part of the MPO MTP Amendment Policy, if given final approval, the proposed amendments will go on to the MPO Executive Board October 19, 2022, meeting.

### **Support Materials:**

- Letter and attachment from the City of East Grand Forks asking to amend the 2045 MTP
- Project maps
- East Grand Forks Letter not needing to amend their Comprehensive Plan
- Grand Forks Letter not needing to amend their Comprehensive Plan



# City of East Grand Forks

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July 29, 2022

Ms. Stephanie Halford  
Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MPO Office  
East Grand Forks, MN 56721

Re:    Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment

Dear Ms. Halford:

The East Grand Forks City Council is requesting to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to utilize the Federal Subtarget Funding available this funding cycle.

A round-a-bout at the intersection of Bygland Rd. and Rhinehart Dr. is in the MTP for this funding cycle. That project was vetoed by the Mayor and the vote to override the veto failed. The City Council subsequently undertook a lengthy discussion and study of how best to utilize the funds.

The City of East Grand Forks is requesting the MPO to amend the MTP to move the Bygland/Rhinehart round-a-bout from the short-term funding list to the illustrative list. The City further requests the MPO to amend the MTP to add the projects listed in the attachment to this letter to the short-term funding list.

Please let me know if you have any questions..

Respectfully yours,




A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DM", is written over the typed name.

David Murphy  
City Administrator





**LEGEND**

	CONCRETE PANEL REPLACEMENT		DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT
	SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT		

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 East Grand Forks, Minnesota  
**Proposal #2**

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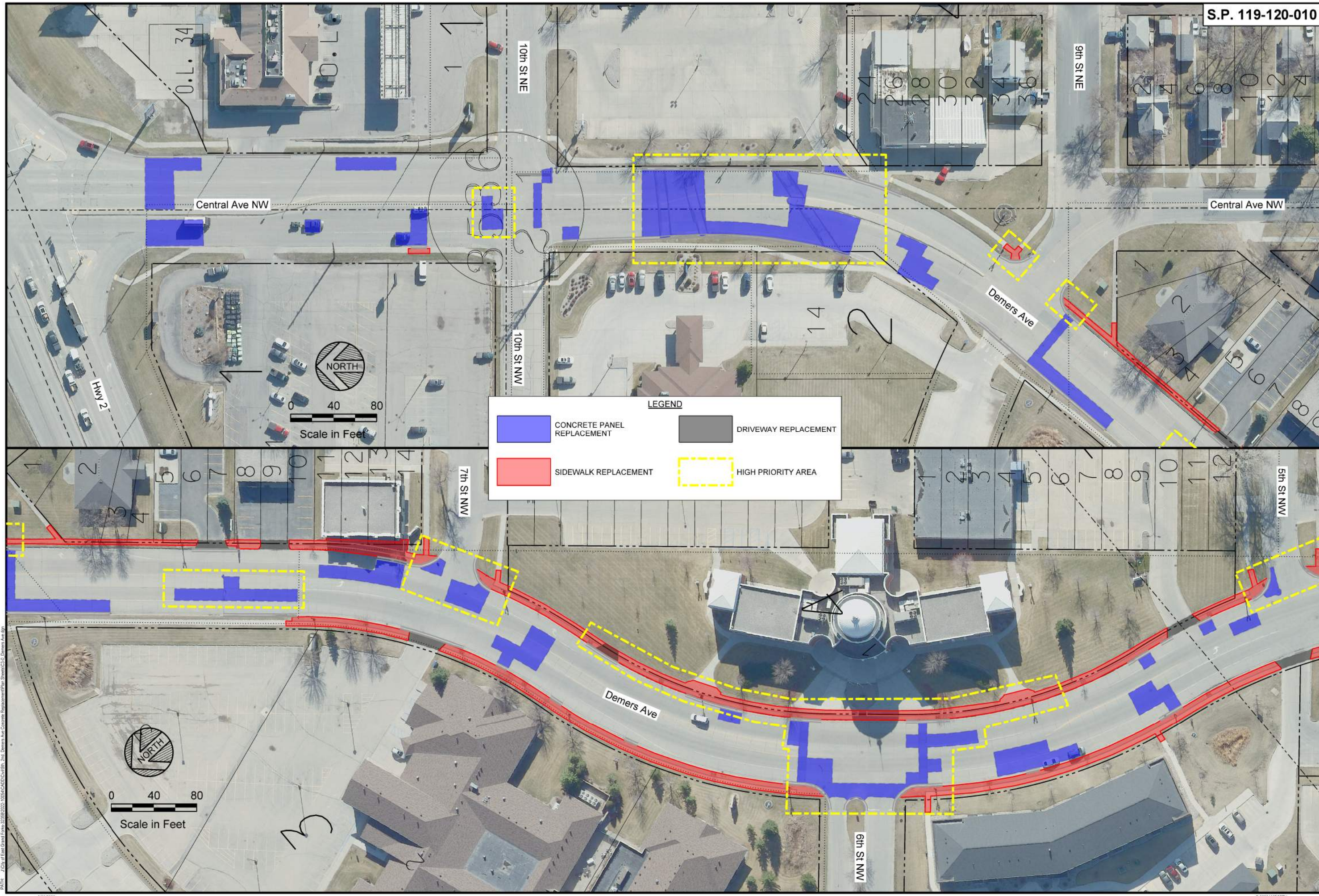
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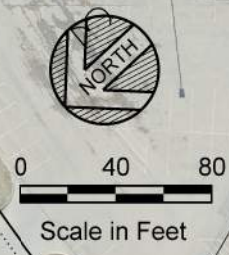
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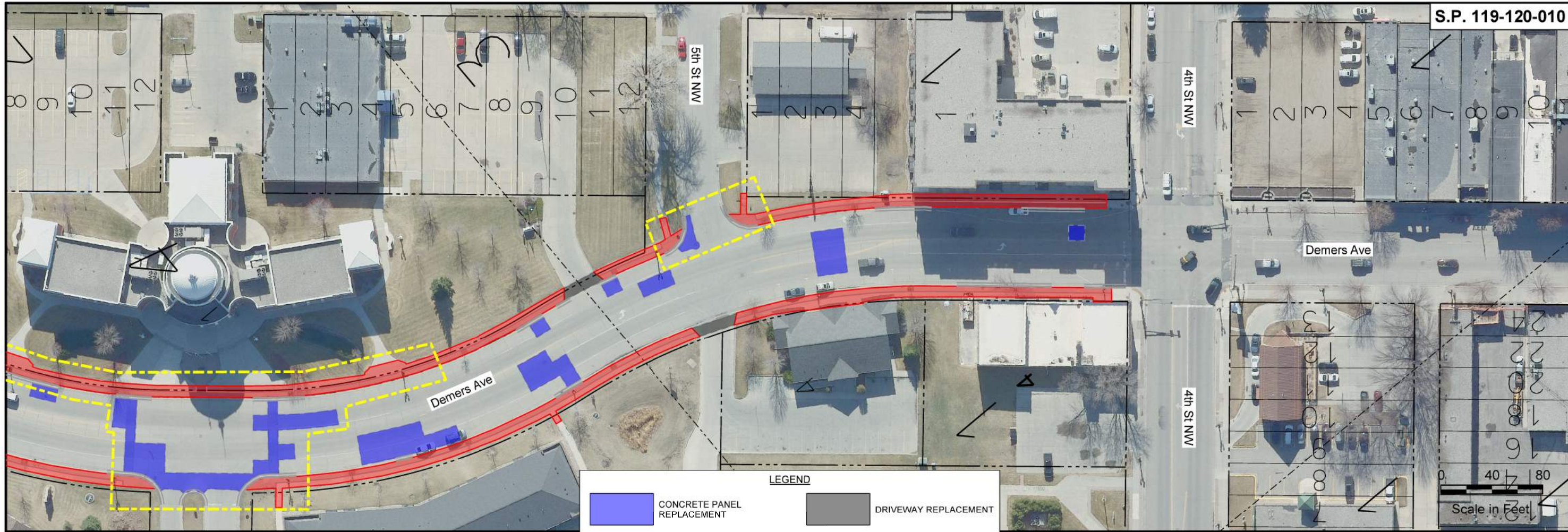
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- CONCRETE PANEL REPLACEMENT
- SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT
- DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT
- HIGH PRIORITY AREA







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PROJECT: City of East Grand Forks 2022-2023  
DRAWN BY: J. Demers  
CHECKED BY: J. Demers  
DATE: 8/29/2022

MODEL - Detail - City of East Grand Forks 2/22/2022 10524-CAD-Civil-106 - 2nd Demers Ave Concrete Replacement Plan Sheet 03.1 - Demers Ave.dgn



**LEGEND**

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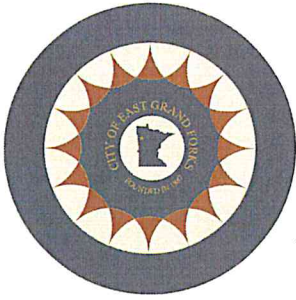
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October 4, 2022

Stephanie Halford, MPO Executive Director

RE: 2045 MTP Amendment – East Grand Forks project change

Dear Stephanie –

Thank you for contacting me regarding the potential amendment to the East Grand Forks Comprehensive Plan. I am aware that the City of East Grand Forks is currently requesting an amendment to the 2045 MTP plan to include some much-needed repair work on our Federal Aid Streets as our most recent City Subtarget Project instead of the roundabout at Bygland. I feel that this new project is only a minor change to the original plan, and I find no significant impact of the proposed change to our current plan.

Therefore, I will not require an update to our East Grand Forks Comprehensive Plan. I hope that this letter meets your needs for said change and no new amendment is required. Please let me know if you need any further assistance from me or the City of East Grand Forks.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Ellis".

Nancy Ellis  
Community Development Director

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Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200



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September 27, 2022

Stephanie Halford, MPO Executive Director  
(sent via email to [stephanie.halford@theforksmmpo.org](mailto:stephanie.halford@theforksmmpo.org))

RE: 2045 MTP Amendment – EGF Change

Stephanie,

Thank you for the call today. I understand the city of East Grand Forks has made a request to amend the 2045 MTP plan to shuffle the timing of some projects. Since these projects are entirely located in Minnesota and are only a minor change to the original plan, the city of Grand Forks finds no significant impacts of the proposed change as it relates to our current plan, and therefore will not require an update to our Grand Forks Comprehensive Plan.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan P. Brooks".

Ryan P. Brooks  
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Cc: Al Grasser, City Engineer  
Todd Feland, City Administrator