



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report  
Committee of the Whole – June 23, 2025  
City Council – July 7, 2025

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**

*by City Council*

07/07/2025

*Maureen Storstad*  
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City Auditor

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**Agenda Item:** Award of Urban Grant Program Funds for City Project 8981 – Reconstruct N 4<sup>th</sup> St (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N to University Ave)

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**Submitted by:** Engineering Department, David Kuharenko, PE (Assistant City Engineer)  
Carter Hunter (Senior Civil Engineer)

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**Staff Recommended Action:** **Authorize City staff to accept funding, approve any necessary budget amendment, and proceed with project development for City Project No. 8981 – Reconstruct N 4<sup>th</sup> St (2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N to University Ave)**

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**Committee Recommended Action:** Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to refer to move agenda item to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Council Action:** Motion by Berg, second by Lunski to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BACKGROUND:**

At the October 21, 2024 City Council meeting, Council approved submitting a request for Federal funding under the Urban Grant Program for fiscal year 2028. On June 5, 2025, City staff were informed by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) that this project was selected for Federal funding under this program. This Federal Aid Project will be funded with 80.93% Urban Grant Program funds up to a maximum of \$2,810,155. The city share on this project is anticipated to cost \$660,000. The NDDOT has requested that the City notify them of acceptance or dismissal of these funds by July 15, 2025.

Based on available information it appears that the roadway was originally constructed in 1936, was overlaid with asphalt in 1978 and 1999. This project is proposed to include the reconstruction of the street, sidewalks, as well as the installation of bump outs, ornamental street lighting, decorative sidewalks, and streetscapes to match the Demers Ave, N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, and N 4<sup>th</sup> St Reconstruction projects.

This program was developed as part of former Governor Burgum’s Main Street Initiative. The Urban Grant Program (UGP) is part of this initiative and uses federal funding and must meet federal funding criteria. The Urban Grant Program is a program dedicated towards revitalizing efforts with emphasis on the downtown area.

Projects previously approved for Federal funding under this program include:

- 2025 – Reconstruct N 4<sup>th</sup> St (1<sup>st</sup> Ave N to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N)
- 2024 – Intersection Improvements at Belmont Rd & S 5<sup>th</sup> St
- 2022 – Reconstruct N 4<sup>th</sup> St (Demers Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N)
- 2021 – Reconstruct N 3<sup>rd</sup> St (Demers Ave to University Ave)

**ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- The application for the Federal Urban Grant Program Funding Request was approved by City Council at the October 21, 2024 meeting.
- This project was selected by the NDDOT to be funded under their Urban Grant Program for up to a maximum amount of \$2,810,155 for eligible items.
- It is anticipated that the project will be bid and constructed in late 2027 or 2028.
- The City share of the project costs is proposed to come from Fund 4815 Street/Infrastructure.
- The current estimated total project costs are as follows:

	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Budget Year</u>
Design Engineering (E)	\$397,000	\$321,000	\$76,000	2027
Construction (E)	\$2,716,000	\$2,198,000	\$518,000	2028
<u>Construction Engineering (E)</u>	<u>\$346,000</u>	<u>\$280,000</u>	<u>\$66,000</u>	2028
Total Project Costs	\$3,459,000	\$2,799,000	\$660,000	

(E) = Estimated Cost

- Design Engineering and Construction Engineering costs were based on our 2025 UGP project inflated to the proposed construction year.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- NDDOT letter of Urban Grant Program Project Selection (1 page)
- Project Location Map (1 page)
- N 4<sup>th</sup> St Exhibit (1 page)
- Page 544 of the 2025 City Budget showing this project in the CIP (1 page)

June 5, 2025

The Honorable Brandon Bochenski  
Mayor of Grand Forks  
255 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Dear Mayor Bochenski:

**SUBJECT: URBAN GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTION**

I am pleased to announce that your project on N 4<sup>th</sup> Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N to University Ave) in Grand Forks has been selected for funding from the fiscal year 2028 Urban Grant Program (UGP).

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will be the lead review agency on the project, which consists of reconstruction, curb bulb-outs, decorative sidewalk, ornamental streetlights, streetscaping, and storm sewer as outlined in your approved application.

The project will be funded with 80.93 percent federal funds, up to a maximum amount of \$2,810,155 for eligible items. The city of Grand Forks will be responsible for the remaining 19.07 percent of the project match and all remaining costs to complete the project.

Congratulations on being the recipient of this grant for your project!

Please notify Stacey Hanson, NDDOT Assistant Local Government Engineer, by July 15, 2025, at 701-328-4469 or [smhanson@nd.gov](mailto:smhanson@nd.gov) whether the city of Grand Forks would like to accept these funds.

Sincerely,



Ronald J. Henke  
Director

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C: Al Grasser, City Engineer  
Stephanie Halford, GF-EGF MPO  
Derek Pfeifer, Local Government Engineer

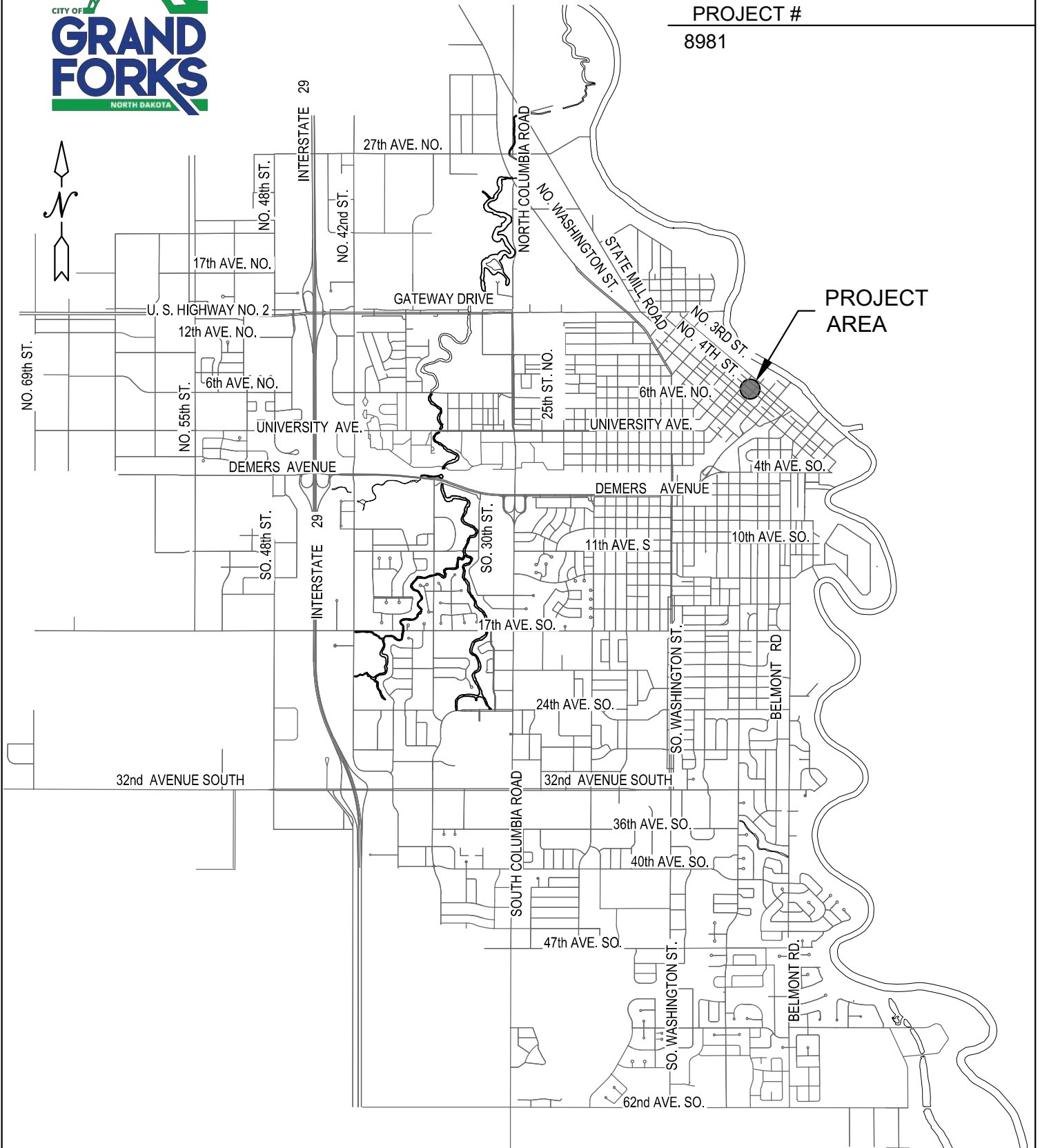
# PROJECT LOCATION MAP GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

RECONSTRUCT N 4TH ST  
(2ND AVE N to UNIVERSITY AVE)

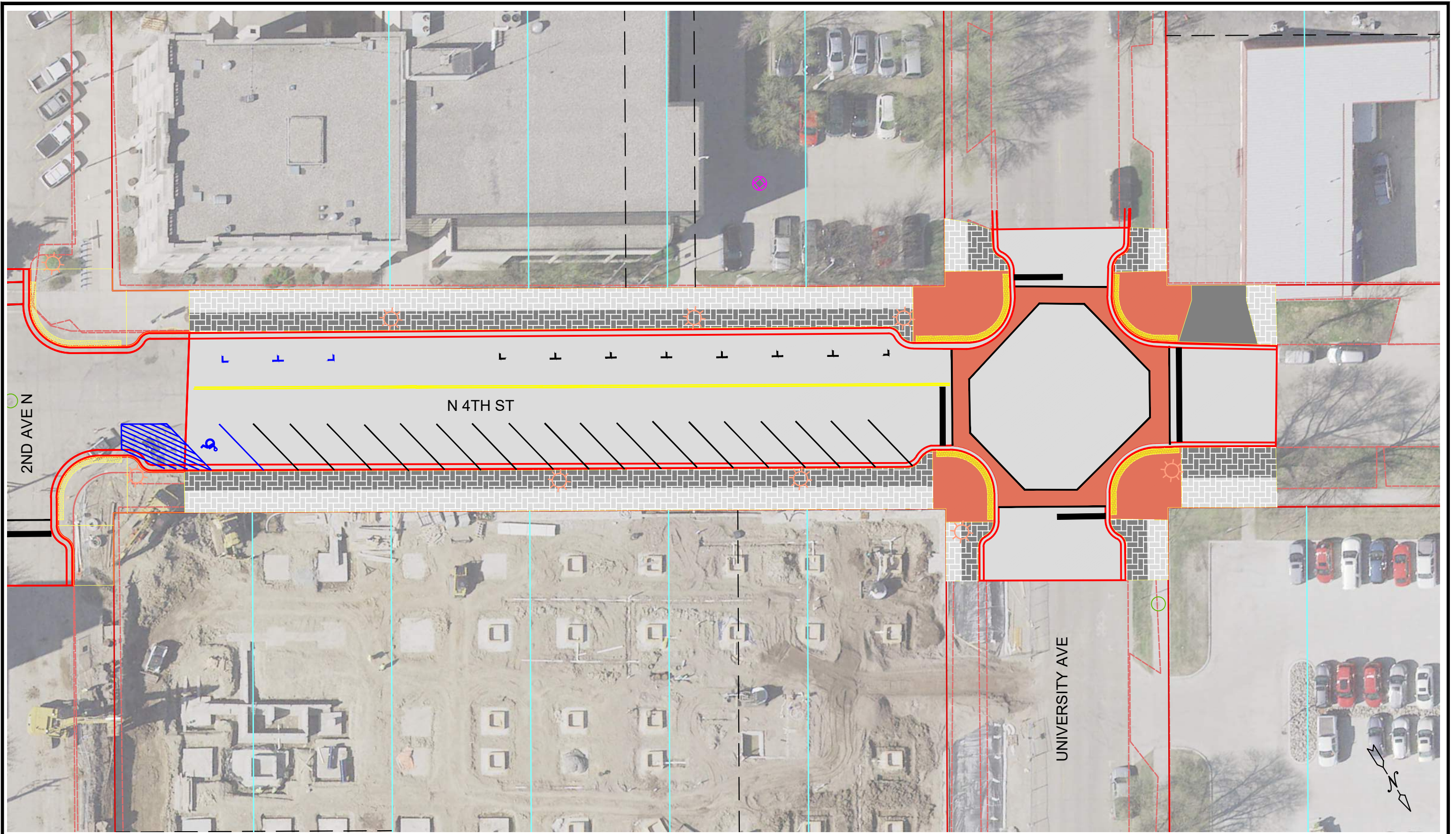


PROJECT #

8981



PROJECT  
AREA



2ND AVE N

N 4TH ST

UNIVERSITY AVE

City of Grand Forks  
 2025 City Budget  
 CIP (Continued)  
 Six Year CIP Summary Listing

By Project Type

Department	Category/Project Source of Funds	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Outyears	Estimated Total Cost
<b>Streets &amp; Bikepaths</b>									
	Reconstruct 4th Ave S (Walnut St to Belmont Rd)								
	Federal Share SS4A	-	-	800,000	-	-	-		800,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	200,000	-	-	-		200,000
	Total	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	-		1,000,000
	Reconstruct Intersection of 4th Ave S & Belmont Rd RAB								
	Federal Share SS4A	-	-	1,200,000	-	-	-		1,200,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	300,000	-	-	-		300,000
	Total	-	-	1,500,000	-	-	-		1,500,000
	Reconstruct Chesnut St (4th Ave S to 5th Ave S)								
	Federal Share SS4A	-	-	480,000	-	-	-		480,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	120,000	-	-	-		120,000
	Total	-	-	600,000	-	-	-		600,000
	N 4th St (2nd Ave N to University Ave)								
	Federal Share Urban	-	-	-	2,652,000	-	-		2,652,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	663,000	-	-		663,000
	Total	-	-	-	3,315,000	-	-		3,315,000
	US 2/Gateway Dr (I-29 to N 55th St) CPR & Grind								
	Federal Share Regional	-	-	-	910,463	-	-		910,463
	State Share	-	-	-	214,537	-	-		214,537
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	50,000	-	-		50,000
	Total	-	-	-	1,175,000	-	-		1,175,000
	S Columbia Rd & 24th Ave S Intersection Improvements								
	Federal Share HSIP	-	-	-	1,100,000	-	-		1,100,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	300,000	-	-		300,000
	Total	-	-	-	1,400,000	-	-		1,400,000
	S Columbia Rd & 28th Ave S Intersection Improvements								
	Federal Share HSIP	-	-	-	1,100,000	-	-		1,100,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	300,000	-	-		300,000
	Total	-	-	-	1,400,000	-	-		1,400,000
	S Washington St (Demers Ave to Hammerling) Recon (2029)								
	Federal Share Regional	-	-	-	-	12,650,000	-		12,650,000
	State Share	-	-	-	-	1,580,000	-		1,580,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	-	1,580,000	-		1,580,000
	Total	-	-	-	-	15,810,000	-		15,810,000
	S 48th St (11th Ave S to 17th Ave S)								
	Federal Share URP	-	-	-	-	4,600,000	-		4,600,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	-		5,000,000
	Total	-	-	-	-	9,600,000	-		9,600,000
	Future Regional Project (2030)								
	Federal Share Regional	-	-	-	-	-	4,000,000		4,000,000
	State Share	-	-	-	-	-	500,000		500,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	-	-	500,000		500,000
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	5,000,000		5,000,000
	Future HSIP Project (2029)								
	Federal Share HSIP	-	-	-	-	1,100,000	-		1,100,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	-	300,000	-		300,000
	Total	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	-		1,400,000
	Future Urban Project (2030)								
	Federal Share URP	-	-	-	-	-	6,000,000		6,000,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	-	-	2,500,000		2,500,000
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	8,500,000		8,500,000
	Future Urban Grant Program Project (2030)								
	Federal Share Urban	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000		2,000,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	-	-	600,000		600,000
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	2,600,000		2,600,000
	Future HSIP Project (2029)								
	Federal Share HSIP	-	-	-	-	-	1,100,000		1,100,000
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	-	-	-	-	-	300,000		300,000
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	1,400,000		1,400,000
	Industrial Park Rehabilitation								
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		300,000
	Total	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		300,000
	Contingencies (Pre & Post Project Costs)								
	City Share (Street/Infrastructure)	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		600,000