



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole – March 23, 2026
City Council – April 6, 2026

APPROVED & ACCEPTED

by City Council

04/06/2026

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Agenda Item: Plans and Specifications for City Project #8850.01, Paving & Street Lighting for 47th Ave S (S Columbia Rd – S 34th St)

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Matthew Maguire (Civil Engineer, Sr.)
Christian Danielson, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: **Approve Plans & Specifications and Direct Engineering Department to Advertise for Construction Bids for City Project #8850.01 – Paving & Street Lighting for 47th Ave S (S Columbia Rd – S 34th St)**

Committee Recommended Action:

Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to move staff recommendation to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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

BACKGROUND:

This paving project will provide a portion of connecting infrastructure to support the future interstate interchange. City project #8850.01 consists of paving, street lights, and a pedestrian underpass for 47th Ave S (S Columbia Rd to S 34th St). Funding will consist of a combination of NDDOT Flex Funding and City Funds.

47th Ave S in this location is currently a minimum maintenance gravel access road with recent annexation and right-of-way dedication. Utilities for this project were bid, and construction largely completed during the 2025 construction season with final completion scheduled for June of 2026.

The proposed new construction on 47th Ave S will be a divided 4-lane concrete urban roadway with curb & gutter, storm sewer, commercial street lights, a box culvert to serve as a pedestrian underpass, and bikepath on both sides of the roadway. Due to NDDOT spacing requirements, S 34th St and S 30th St intersections cannot be signalized based on their proximities to S 38th St and S Columbia Rd respectively. Instead, these intersections will have 3/4 intersection control. The intersection at S 34th St will include a temporary gravel turnaround to allow vehicles to navigate the intersection until the next phase of 47th Ave S is constructed.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- The work of this project is proposed to consist of paving on 47th Ave S from S Columbia Rd to S 34th St, install storm sewer catch basins and leads, streetlights, bikepath, pedestrian underpass, and other miscellaneous work.
- The project will have no special assessments; funding will come from a combination of NDDOT Flex Funding and City Fund 4815 Street/Infrastructure Fund.
- Estimated total construction cost for this project is \$6,804,000.
- The City was awarded \$5,069,000 in NDDOT Flex Funding for this project.
- City Fund 4815 includes \$1,331,000 in the 2026 City budget in for this project. If the low bid exceeds this budgeted amount a budget amendment will be requested at the time bids are presented to City Council for award.
- A timetable has been attached indicating milestone dates.
- Construction is anticipated to take place during the 2026 construction season.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Project Location Map (1 pages)
- Project Timetable (1 page)
- Page 341 from 2026 City Budget (1 page)

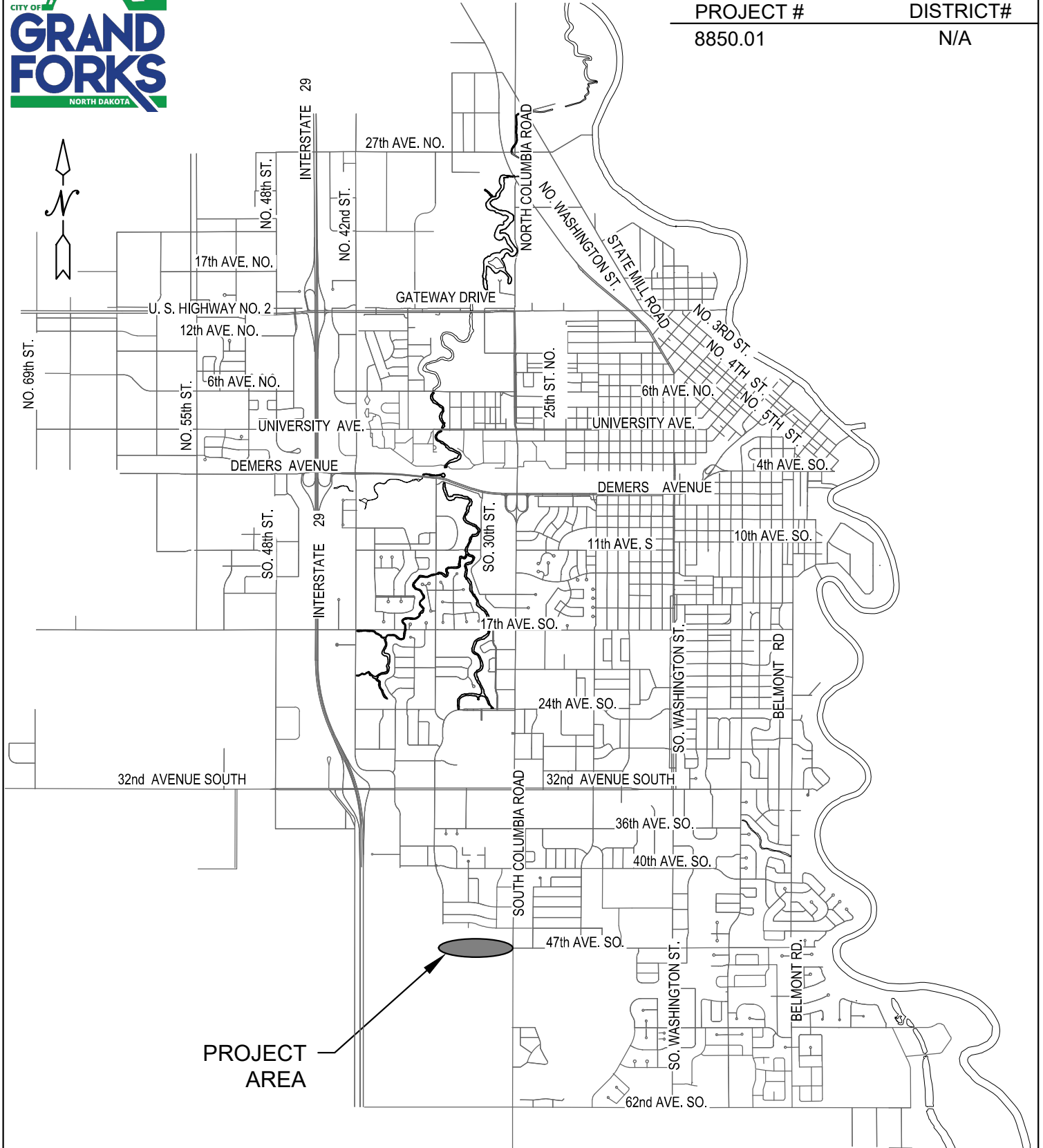
PROJECT LOCATION MAP GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

PAVING & STREET LIGHTING FOR 47TH AVE S
(S COLUMBIA RD TO S 34TH ST)



PROJECT #
8850.01

DISTRICT#
N/A



PROJECT
AREA

TIMETABLE FOR CITY PROJECTS

Project Name: Paving & Street Lighting for 47th Ave S (S Columbia Rd to S 34th St)

Project Number: 8850.01

District No. N/A

- Paving
- Street Lighting
- Other _____

This timetable prepared by MEM

Date 3/13/26

Revised by _____

Date _____

Action	Date of Action			Approved
	Other	Committee	Council	
Approval of plans & specs.		3/23/26	4/6/23	We are Here
**Advertisement for bids prepared.		4/9/26		
*Advertisement for bids published.		4/15/26		
***Bids received, opened & tabulated.		5/7/26		
#Recommend award of contract.		5/11/26		
Award of contract.			5/18/26	

*Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Services Office

**Responsibility of Engineering Department.

***Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Service Office & Engineering Department.

#If bids are more than 25% higher than engineers estimate, Finance & Administrative Services Office will notify property owners and protest period will be extended 2 weeks.



Street/Infrastructure Fund

G/L Account	Account Description	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget	
Fund 4815 - Street/Infrastructure Fund								
	Council Adopted					1.0000	350,000.00	350,000.00
	42nd St Utility Relocation & Environmental Mitigation							
4815.100.650.0010	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
	47th Ave Interchange Support							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,331,000.00	1,331,000.00
	47th Ave S (S Columbia Rd to S 34th St)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
	70th Ave N (N Washington St to 1/2 Mile of N 55th)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
	AISAC 17th Ave S							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Bikepath Development							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Bikeway Capital & Mtce							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	250,000.00	250,000.00
	Bridge/Box Culvert Rehabilitation							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	210,000.00	210,000.00
	Demers Ave (Central Fire Sta to 6th Ave N) CPR & Grind							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	87,500.00	87,500.00
	Fog & Scrub Seal							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Industrial Park Rehabilitation							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	90,000.00	90,000.00
	Intelligent Transportation System							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00
	Korynta-Lemm Paving N 55th St and 17th Ave N							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	60,000.00	60,000.00
	LED Street Light Replacement Program							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	525,000.00	525,000.00
	M&O 62nd Ave S (S Washington St to S Columbia Rd)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	542,500.00	542,500.00
	M&O Belmont Rd (S 5th St to 17th Ave S)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Pavement Management							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	230,000.00	230,000.00
	Point Bridge Rehabilitation							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Quiet Zone Redundancy							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Railroad Crossing Improvements							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	154,000.00	154,000.00
	Reconstruct 11th Ave N (Gateway to N 4th St)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	966,000.00	966,000.00
	Reconstruct 17th Av S (S 20th St to Rider)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	420,000.00	420,000.00
	Reconstruct 5th Ave S (Demers to Xcel)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	168,000.00	168,000.00
	Reconstruct Alley between N 3rd St & N 4th St							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	819,000.00	819,000.00
	S 34th St (45th Ave to 47th Ave S)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	833,600.00	833,600.00
	Street Mtce (Traffic Signal/Minor Street Repair/Etc)							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	80,000.00	80,000.00
	Transportation Studies							
	Council Adopted					1.0000	300,000.00	300,000.00
	US 2/Gateway Dr & N Columbia Rd Intersection Improvements							