



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – April 13, 2026
City Council – April 20, 2026

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

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Agenda Item: Plans and Specifications for City Project No. 9052.01 Southend Drainway Expansion and 9052.02 Southern Estates 9th Pond Outfall Lowering

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Anthony Ryan, PE (Civil Engineer, Senior)
Christian Danielson, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: **Approve Plans and Specifications and direct Engineering Department to advertise for construction bids for City Project No 9052.01 Southend Drainway Expansion & City Project 9052.02 Southern Estates 9th Pond Outfall Lowering.**

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Berg, second by Vein to move staff recommendation to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action:

Motion by Sande, second by Lunski to approve staff recommendation.
Motion passed on consent agenda.

BACKGROUND:

City Project 9052.01 consists of large-scale excavation work to expand the Southend Drainway from I-29 to S 34th St. This Project is an action item required by The City's South End Flood Protection Drainage Study, which identified that additional storage is required for future development of southern Grand Forks to maintain an acceptable FEMA flood elevation and limit localized flooding throughout existing and future neighborhoods. This Project is the second of two major Projects to be implemented as a result of the Study. The first Project related to the study was implemented in 2025, the Pond expansions along 40th Ave S.

The study, which was completed in Winter 2025, and subsequent City Stormwater Design Manual amendment were accepted by City Council on February 18, 2025.

City Project 9052.02 consists of excavation and lowering of the outfall pipe located at the Southern Estates 9th Pond. City staff have identified that the pipe is separated and will need to be repaired. At the time of conducting the repair, the outfall pipe will also be lowered to an elevation that lowers the permanent water surface elevation of the Pond.

This Project will be funded from the Flood Protection Capital Maintenance fund where \$600,000 has been budgeted for 9052.01 and \$300,000 has been budgeted for 9052.02. Given the total construction estimate for the drain way expansion, City staff may request a budget amendment after bids are received.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Total construction cost for City Project 9052.01 is estimated at \$1,275,455.
- Total construction cost for City Project 9052.02 is estimated at \$84,300.
- Total Project cost is \$1,359,755.
- This Project will be City funded.
- Approval of the Bids is currently scheduled for May 11, 2026, Committee of the Whole and May 18, 2026, City Council.
- Project will be paid for by Fund 4154 Flood Protection Capital Maintenance where \$600,000 and \$300,000 has been budgeted for.
- City staff may request a budget amendment after bids are received.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Project Location Map
- Project Timetable (1 page).
- Page 306 of the 2026 City Budget

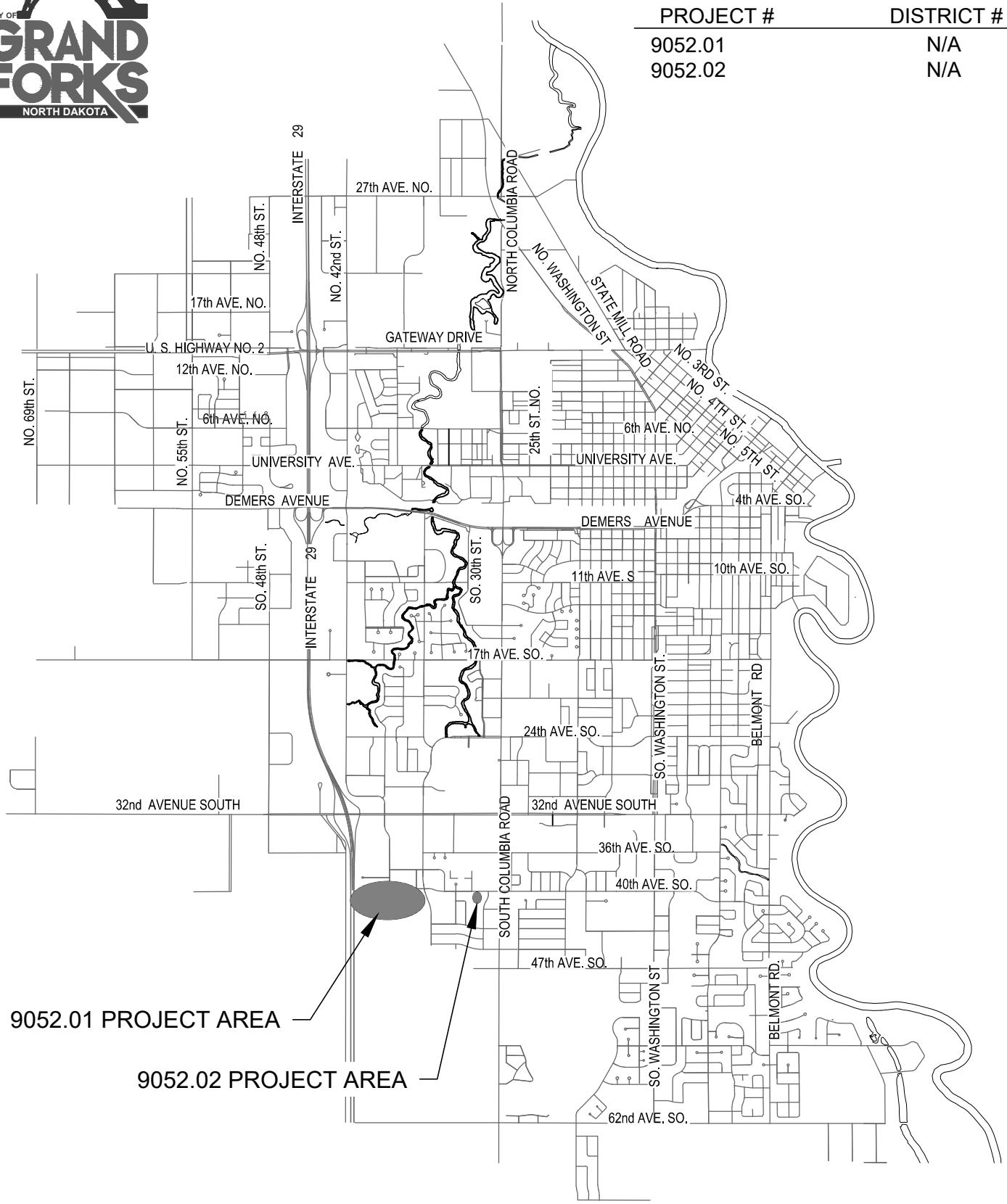
PROJECT LOCATION MAP

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

SOUTHEND DRAINWAY EXPANSION SOUTHERN ESTATES 9TH POND OUTFALL LOWERING



PROJECT #	DISTRICT #
9052.01	N/A
9052.02	N/A



9052.01 PROJECT AREA

9052.02 PROJECT AREA

TIMETABLE FOR CITY FUNDED PROJECTS

Project Name Sed Expansion & Outfall Lowering

Project Number 9052.01 & 9052.02

- Water
- Sewer
- Water & Sewer
- Sidewalk
- Other

This timetable prepared by ajr

Revised by _____

Date 3/26/2026

Date _____

Action

Date of Action

Action	Date of Action			Approved
	Other	Committee	Council	
Approval of plans & specs/set bid date		4/13	4/20	
**Advertisement for bids prepared.	4/16			
*Advertisement for bids published.	4/22			
***Bids received, opened & tabulated.	5/14			
Recommend award of contract.		5/11		
Award Contract.	5/18			

*Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Services Office

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Flood Protection Capital Mtce

G/L Account	Account Description	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget
Fund 4154 - Flood Protection Capital Mtce							
EXPENSE							
Department 100 - Expenditures							
Contractual Services							
4154.100 430.0090	Advertising	4,636.00	4,635.52	.00	1,203.70	.00	.00
4154.100 430.0150	Consultants	3,500.00	3,500.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
<i>Contractual Services Totals</i>		\$8,136.00	\$8,135.52	\$0.00	\$1,203.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Operating Expenses							
4154.100 460.0040	Postage	.00	.00	.00	4.14	.00	.00
<i>Other Operating Expenses Totals</i>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operating Transfers Out							
4154.100 900.0010	Operating Transfers Out	18,537.00	18,536.75	.00	.00	.00	.00
<i>Operating Transfers Out Totals</i>		\$18,537.00	\$18,536.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Outlay							
4154.100 650.0010	Work In Progress	1,074,557.00	1,159,158.43	3,173,264.00	1,514,224.40	3,770,000.00	5,085,000.00

Budget Transactions

Level	Transaction	Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Amount
Council Adopted	English Coulee Diversion Maintenance	1.0000	475,000.00	475,000.00
Council Adopted	English Coulee Flooding Improvements	1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
Council Adopted	Flood Station Rehab	1.0000	500,000.00	500,000.00
Council Adopted	Floodwall Restrain/Recaulk/Spall Repair	1.0000	500,000.00	500,000.00
Council Adopted	Greenway Downtown Project	1.0000	1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00
Council Adopted	Greenway Trail Overlay	1.0000	110,000.00	110,000.00
Council Adopted	Outfall Pipe Rehab/Riprap	1.0000	300,000.00	300,000.00
Council Adopted	Red River Riprap Replacement	1.0000	500,000.00	500,000.00
Council Adopted	South End Drainage Improvements (East)	1.0000	600,000.00	600,000.00
Council Adopted	Stormwater Pond Cleaning/Mtce	1.0000	300,000.00	300,000.00
Council Adopted Totals				\$5,085,000.00