



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole – May 11, 2026
City Council – May 18, 2026

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

05/18/2026

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Agenda Item: Bids 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: **Award Contract to low bidder, Gowan Construction, in the amount of \$775,649.84 for City Projects 9051.01 Southend Drainway Expansion and 9052.02 Southern Estates 9th Pond Outfall Lowering**

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

Council Action: Motion by Berg, second by Fridolfs to approve on consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for this Project were received on 5/14/2026. Four bids were received and four bids were opened. The low bid was submitted by Gowan Construction in the amount of \$775,649.84 which is approximately 45% under the engineer's total estimate of \$1,393,336.00.

City Project 9052.01 consists of large-scale excavation work to expand the Southend Drainway from I-29 to S 34th St. 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.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Four bids were received and four bids were opened.
- Low bidder is Gowan Construction in the amount of \$775,649.84.
- Engineer's Estimate is \$1,393,336.00.
- Bid is approximately 45% under the Engineer's Estimate.
- Project will be paid for by Fund 4154 Flood Protection Capital Maintenance where \$900,000 has been collectively budgeted for these Projects.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

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

Abstract of Bids Received City Project No. 9052

Project Name - Southend Drainway Expansion & Southern Estates 9th Pond Outfall Lowering
Bid Opening - 2:00 PM on Thursday, 05/14/2026

		Acknowledge Addendum 1	Bid Bond	Contractor's License	Non-Collusion Affidavit	Base Bid
Contractor						
1 Gowan Construction PO Box 228, Oslo, MN-56744		N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$775,649.84
2 R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc. 1706 Bygland Road SE, East Grand Forks, MN-56721		N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,069,987.15
3 United Crane & Excavation PO Box 12846, Grand Forks, ND-58203		N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,199,070.40
4 Wagner Construction 3151 Hwy 53, International Falls, MN-56649		N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,317,431.82
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9			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>						\$1,393,336.00

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

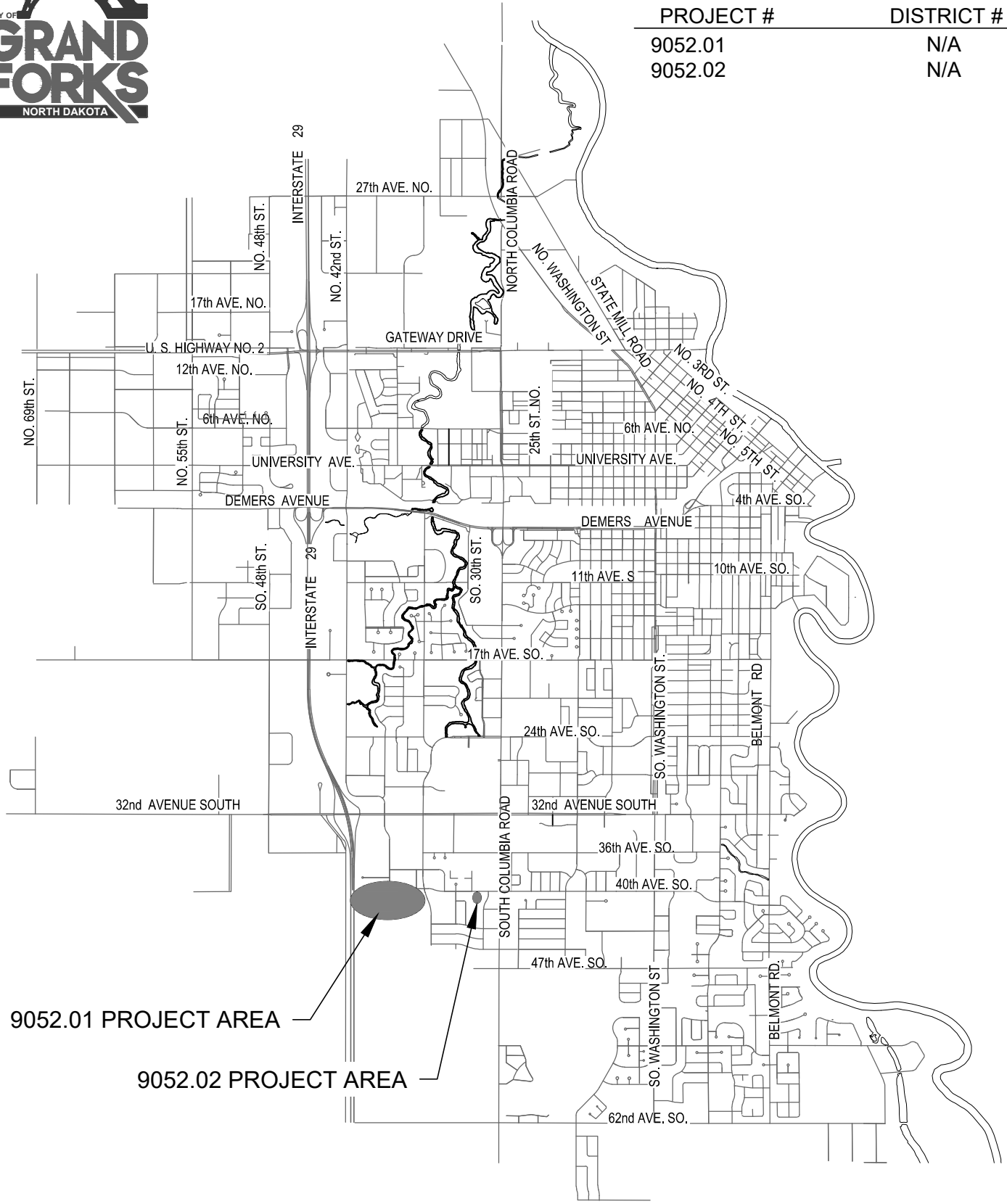
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

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			We are here

*Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Services Office

**Responsibility of Engineering Department.

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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 Clearing/Mtce	1.0000	300,000.00	300,000.00
Council Adopted Totals				\$5,085,000.00