

**MEETING AGENDA
July 21, 2026**

**Ed "Bosh" Froehlich Meeting
Room**

Mandan City Hall

1:30 PM

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AGENDA

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2. CALL TO ORDER
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Restricted to Items on the current agenda or the prior Policy Board agenda excluding public hearing items

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PROJECTS UPDATE

<u>Project</u>	<u>% Complete</u>	<u>Contracted Completion Date</u>
Fringe Area Roads Master Plan (FARMP)	95%	12/31/2026
Mandan Signalized Traffic Data Analysis	15%	05/03/2027
Transit Development Plan (TDP)	7%	10/31/2027

Common MPO Acronyms

ATAC: Advanced Traffic Analysis Center	NDDOT: North Dakota Department of Transportation
CPG: Consolidated Planning Grant	TAZ: Traffic Analysis Zone
FHWA: Federal Highway Administration	TDMSE: Travel Demand Model & Socioeconomic Data
FTA: Federal Transit Administration	TIP: Transportation Improvement Plan
MTP: Metropolitan Transportation Plan	UPWP: Unified Planning Work Program

A full list of common MPO acronyms may be accessed online
<https://www.bismarcknd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/37890/MPO-acronyms>

BISMARCK-MANDAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2026

The Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board met June 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room, City/County Building, 221 N 5th St, Bismarck, ND. Chair Schmitz presided.

Members present or participating via Zoom included Mike Schmitz, James Froelich, Keli Berglund and Paul Tokach. The absent member was Steve Bakken.

Others present or attending via Zoom included Kim Riepl, Stephen Larson, Tracy Walters and Paulette Jacobsen of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO; Deidre Hughes, Bis-Man Transit; Will Hutchings, NDDOT; and Joel Mann, Bolton & Menk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmitz called the June 16, 2026, meeting of the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Schmitz called for public comments on items on the current agenda or the prior Policy Board meeting agenda, excluding public hearing items. Seeing and hearing none, he closed the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Schmitz called for a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Froelich made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Tokach seconded the motion and with Mr. Froelich, Ms. Berglund, Mr. Tokach and Chair Schmitz voting in favor, the motion was approved.

DRAFT 2027-2028 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Ms. Riepl stated the UPWP is a two-year program and budget for the Bismarck-Mandan MPO. She provided an overview of the draft 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the changes that were made to the document.

- Introduction and Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area map
- MPO Board membership tables for TAC and Policy Board
- MPO's meeting dates for 2027 and 2028; Previous Accomplishments (2025-2026)
- Source of UPWP funds including a Bismarck-Mandan MPO Revenue table for 2027 and 2028
- Safe and Accessible Transportation Options, which includes Complete Streets funding for 2027 and 2028
- MPO's Eligible Expenses and UPWP Amendment Guidance

- Federal planning factors, MTP performance goals, UPWP projects which included a table addressing MTP goals addressed by program area 200 activities planned for years 2027-2028
- Timeline for Metropolitan Transportation Plan update

Ms. Riepl noted that a change in the 2027-2028 UPWP included several items that were moved to an Appendix section.

Ms. Riepl stated that the 2027-2028 UPWP consists of three task categories; Task 100, Task 200 and Task 300 and she provided an overview of each task category:

- Task 100: Administration Task. Administrative tasks are outlined by the MPO's bylaws. Task 100 includes a table that provides a timeline for the BMMPO's required work products including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the UPWP and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) development for 2027 and 2028.
- Task 200: Professional Services/ Vendors/ Consultants. Task 200 provides an outline for BMMPO's studies and work program and includes a table for 2027 and 2028 Task 200 projects, descriptions and schedule. The table breaks down total project costs, budget allocation, target start or contract date and completion date for each study.

Ms. Riepl gave an overview of the studies, costs, budget allocation and projected start and completion dates in the 2027-2028 UPWP tables.

Mr. Tokach asked why the total of staff wages and benefits was reduced in 2028 table and noted that usually this number rises from year to year. He also noted that professional services amount was reduced in 2028 but said he could understand that possible item reduction.

Ms. Riepl stated the 2028 reduction in salary and benefits is because she is anticipating a staff vacancy, as she is planning her retirement. She intentionally built that into Task 200 for salaries and benefits, so that the MPO will not be held to a higher level of federal spending.

- Task 300: Capital, Operational and Travel Expenses. Task 300 provides for the operational expenses and capital investments necessary to carry out the transportation planning process. Task 300 is divided into four categories which include rental space, lodging and associated travel expense, office operations and office supplies and subscriptions.

Ms. Riepl stated TAC had two recommendations for changes to the draft 2027-2028 UPWP at their meeting yesterday. The first change was to the Traffic Data Analysis start date, which was changed from July 2026 to September 2026. The second change was to reformat the funding tables so that each table is on a separate page. Ms. Riepl noted that both of these changes have been made to the draft 2027-2028 UPWP. She asked that any reviewing parties for the draft 2027-2028 UPWP to please provide their comments to her by July 7th. TAC has recommended approval of the draft 2027-2028 UPWP and staff is seeking a motion to approve contingent upon a 30-day comment period. A final document of the 2027-2028 UPWP will be brought back to TAC and Policy Board for adoption once all comments have been addressed.

MOTION: Mr. Tokach made a motion to approve the draft 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) contingent on the 30-day comment period. Ms. Berglund seconded the motion and with Mr. Froelich, Ms. Berglund, Mr. Tokach and Chair Schmitz voting in favor, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) & TARGETS

Ms. Jacobsen stated the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires public transportation operators to develop the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) & Targets. The Transit Board adopts these targets and PTASP on an annual basis. Targets may be

set by a state department of transportation and adopted by local transit providers or the provider may set their own safety targets separately. Bis-Man Transit set its own Safety Targets for 2026-2027 and adopted them in May 2026. FTA asks that the MPO support Bis-Man Transit's PTASP and safety targets. She noted that TAC recommended approval of the PTASP & Targets at their meeting and added that staff is seeking a motion to adopt the Resolution of Support for the PTASP & Targets.

MOTION: Mr. Tokach made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Support for the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) & Targets. Ms. Berglund seconded the motion and with Mr. Froelich, Ms. Berglund, Mr. Tokach and Chair Schmitz voting in favor, the motion was approved.

SFY 2027 BIS-MAN TRANSIT MID-YEAR 5339 GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. Jacobsen stated the NDDOT has solicited a mid-year grant opportunity for the SFY 2027, Section 5339 grant program, which is a bus and bus facilities program. Bis-Man Transit is requesting approval to submit their grant application for the mid-year grant opportunity. Bis-Man Transit is applying for two cutaway buses and if they are awarded, the federal share would be \$305,592 and Bis-Man Transit will provide the local share of \$53,928. The 5339-grant application was presented and approved at the June 9, 2026, Bismarck City Commission meeting. She noted that staff is seeking a recommendation for approval to submit the 5339 mid-year grant application. She noted that TAC recommended approval of the SFY 2027 Bis-Man Transit mid-year 5339 grant application at their meeting and added that staff is seeking a motion of approval from the Policy Board.

MOTION: Ms. Berglund made a motion to approve the SFY 2027 Bis-Man Transit Mid-Year 5339 Grant Application. Mr. Tokach seconded the motion and with Mr. Froelich, Ms. Berglund, Mr. Tokach and Chair Schmitz voting in favor, the motion was approved.

BISMARCK-MANDAN MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION

Ms. Walters stated the Bismarck-Mandan MPO's self-certification is required by United States code. The MPO's must certify their planning processes are being carried out in accordance with federal law, and that the MTP and TIP that the MPO develops are consistent with federal law. The self-certification must be updated at least every four years, but the MPO updates it annually as part of the TIP development. The self-certification declares MPO compliance with current highway bill legislation, specifically in ten different areas including MPO operations and functions, air quality control standards, Title VI, the Civil Rights Act, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and five areas of non-discrimination. She noted that TAC recommended approval of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Self-Certification at their meeting and added that staff is seeking a motion of approval from the Policy Board.

MOTION: Mr. Tokach made a motion to approve the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Self-Certification. Mr. Froelich seconded the motion and with Mr. Froelich, Ms. Berglund, Mr. Tokach and Chair Schmitz voting in favor, the motion was approved.

2026 PASSENGER RAIL STATION SITING STUDY CONSULTANT SELECTION

Ms. Riepl stated the interview for the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Passenger Rail Station Siting study was held Tuesday, June 9, 2026. The selection team included representatives from the City of Bismarck, City of Lincoln, City of Mandan, Burleigh County and Morton County. KLJ Engineering LLC (KLJ) was interviewed as the prime contractor, along with David Evans and Associates, INC. and Übl Design Group, P.C. as sub-consultants for the study. She noted that the MPO received authorization on May 19th by NDDOT to interview a sole respondent. The selection committee's scoring indicates that they support the firms in their proposal and interview presentation. The MPO staff recommends KLJ, David Evans and Associates, INC. and Übl Design Group, P.C. to further negotiate and execute a contract. She noted that TAC recommended approval of the 2026 Passenger Rail Station Siting study consultant selection and contract negotiation and execution at their meeting and added that staff is seeking a motion of approval from the Policy Board.

MOTION: Ms. Berglund made a motion to approve the 2026 Passenger Rail Station Siting Study consultant selection along with the contract negotiation and execution by MPO staff. Mr. Froelich seconded the motion and with Mr. Froelich, Ms. Berglund, Mr. Tokach and Chair Schmitz voting in favor, the motion was approved.

Ms. Riepl added that the QBS letter is a letter certifying that the MPO has completed the qualification-based selection process outlined by NDDOT. The QBS letter will be signed by the Policy Board Chair and submitted to NDDOT but does not require formal approval.

NDDOT 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Ms. Riepl stated the amendment to the NDDOT 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Contract is needed to reconcile the MPO's 2026-2027 UPWP funding budget with the additional allocation of \$1,031.93 from FTA's apportionment of section 5303 funds for the 2026 year. She noted this is a standard contract amendment and that TAC and Policy Board approved this change to the UPWP at their May 2026 meetings. Ms. Riepl stated TAC recommended approval of the NDDOT 2026-2027 UPWP Contract and added that staff is seeking a motion of approval from the Policy Board.

Mr. Tokach asked Ms. Riepl to define subrecipient.

Ms. Riepl replied in this case, the actual contract is between NDDOT and the City of Bismarck. She stated the City of Bismarck is the host agency for the MPO and due to the financial arrangement between the MPO and City of Bismarck, the MPO is the subrecipient and that is why the President of the City Commissioners Board's signature is required for the 2026-2027 UPWP Contract.

MOTION: Mr. Froelich made a motion to approve the NDDOT 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Contract Amendment. Ms. Berglund seconded the motion and with Mr. Froelich, Ms. Berglund, Mr. Tokach and Chair Schmitz voting in favor, the motion was approved.

2026 FRINGE AREA ROAD MASTER PLAN (FARMP) UPDATE

Mr. Mann stated the Fringe Area Road Master Plan (FARMP) study drafts will be reviewed by the Steering Committee in late June to early July and ready for public review by the

end of July to early August. Presentations to member jurisdictions will occur in August and TAC and Policy Board adoption meetings are anticipated for September 2026. He noted the refinement of the Fringe Area Road Master Plan (FARMP) concept has recognized major regional routes will be subject to separate standards and expectations. NDDOT corridors that have been identified will be reviewed by the MPO to consider whether regional functions might be precluded by development action. The MPO, TAC and Policy Board would review these types of scenarios and make a recommendation back to the member jurisdiction.

Mr. Mann stated each of the six hot spot locations being addressed have potential design and management strategies. He noted that receiving feedback from staff, TAC, Policy Board and Stakeholders is important to determine new areas that need to be addressed. Mr. Mann provided an example targeting the topographical issues for the proposed on 57th Avenue Extension, and potential for a new northern bridge over the Missouri River. He added that the plan is considering multiple alternatives routes and locations to address factors that are currently unknown. By laying out different options, they can weigh the pros and cons of each one to determine the best route while addressing cost and the functionality of connecting roads.

Mr. Mann stated public review for upcoming study drafts will include report documents to provide detail on processes and overall recommendations. Future FARMP updates will include feedback from public comments and provide ways that detailed parts of the FARMP plan are developing. He noted that the anticipated adoption meetings for TAC and Policy Board will potentially take place in September 2026.

Ms. Berglund stated that she appreciates the City of Lincoln's future City Center being recognized as part of that regional destination. She noted that this will benefit Lincoln's long-term case for economic development and transportation investment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Riepl stated that the next Policy Board meeting will be held on July 21, 2026, at the Mandan City Hall in the Ed "Bosh" Froehlich Meeting Room, 205 2nd Ave NW, Mandan ND.

Mr. Larson stated that the proposal period for the Curb Management Study has closed. He added that the MPO received three compliant proposals from KLJ, SRF and Walker Consulting. Consultant interviews are anticipated to take place in July and consultant approval will be brought back to TAC and Policy Board at the July meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Schmitz adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will take place July 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ed "Bosh" Froehlich Meeting Room, City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW, Mandan, ND.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Tracy Walters
Recording Secretary

MPO Policy Board Chair

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DATE: July 9, 2026

TO: Bismarck-Mandan MPO Technical Advisory Committee; Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board

SUBJECT: Self-Audit of the 2026 Title VI Plan

ACTION REQUIRED: No action required

DETAILS

The annual self-audit of the 2026 Title VI Plan has been completed. Minor changes were made including updating dates, complaint forms, goals and accomplishments, Limited English Proficiency plan, Title VI Maps, demographic profiles and demographics of the MPO's Boards. Because the changes were minor to the Title VI plan, no action is required from the Board.

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TITLE VI AND NON-DISCRIMINATION / ADA PLAN

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BISMARCK-MANDAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION/ADA PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO, hereinafter referred to as the “Recipient” is committed to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973/ADA of 1990, and all related regulations and statutes. Taken together, these requirements define an encompassing Title VI/ADA Program. Title VI and the additional Nondiscrimination requirements are applicable to programs receiving federal financial assistance due to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin. Specifically, 42 USC 2000d state that “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.” In addition to Title VI, there are other Nondiscrimination statutes which include: Section 162(a) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 USC 324) (sex), Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (age), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973/ADA of 1990 (disability).

There is a Presidential Executive Order that places further emphasis upon the Title VI protections. Executive Order 13166 directs recipients of Federal financial assistance that to ensure compliance with Title VI, they must take reasonable steps to ensure that limited English proficiency persons have meaningful access to their programs.

The Recipient is committed to and supports taking all steps to ensure that no person or groups(s) of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, limited English proficiency, or income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by the Recipient, regardless of whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

The Recipient also assures that every effort will be made to prevent discrimination through the impacts of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. In addition, the Recipient will provide meaningful access to services for persons with limited English proficiency.

In the event the Recipient distributes federal-aid funds to a subrecipient, the Recipient will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance.

The Recipient's Title VI/ADA Program Coordinator (Leanne Schmidt, Director of Human Resources, 701-355-1330, 221 N. 5th St., Bismarck, ND 58501, lschmidt@bismarcknd.gov), by appointment of the Chairperson of the Recipient, is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI/ADA Program activities, preparing reports and other responsibilities, and is granted the authority to develop, administer, and monitor the Title VI/Nondiscrimination and ADA Program as promulgated.

Further, the Chairperson of the Recipient sub-delegates and charges the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Principal Transportation Planner, Transportation Planners, and Transportation Specialist with the responsibilities to ensure compliance with Title VI/Nondiscrimination and ADA Program requirements in their respective program areas.

Anyone who believes that he or she has been discriminated against should contact Leanne Schmidt, Bismarck-Mandan MPO Title VI/ADA Program Coordinator, Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, 221 N. 5th Street, Bismarck, ND at 701-355-1330. TTY users may call Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888 (toll Free).

*Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 governs race, color, and national origin. Related Nondiscrimination Authorities govern sex, 23 USC 324; age, 42 USC 6101; disability, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973/ADA of 1990; and limited English proficiency, EO 13166.

Signature

Chair, Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board

Title

Date

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances

DOT Order No. 1050.2A

The **Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Bismarck, Burleigh County** (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through the Federal Highway Administration is subject to and will comply with the following:

Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled *Non-discrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation-Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964*);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity," for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the Federal Highway Administration.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted Federal-Aid Highway Program.

1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.
2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests for Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Federal-Aid Highway Program and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of

funding source:

"The Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Bismarck, Burleigh County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.
5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
 - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
 - a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
 - b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.
10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, the **Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Bismarck, Burleigh County** also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing the Federal Highway Administration's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. It is also recognized that compliance with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the Federal Highway Administration is required. Records and reports must be kept, and the material submitted for review upon request to the Federal Highway Administration, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, compliance with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance, will be satisfied.

The **Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Bismarck, Burleigh County** gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Federal-Aid Highway Program. This ASSURANCE is binding on **Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Bismarck, Burleigh County**, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Federal-Aid Highway Program. The person(s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

_____, Chair
Name (Type/print)

Bismarck-Mandan MPO, Bismarck, Burleigh County
Recipient

Signature

Date

ORGANIZATION, STAFFING, RESPONSIBILITIES

BISMARCK-MANDAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMMPO) employs 3 full-time staff members and 1 part-time. Staff is comprised of the following: one Principal Transportation Planner, who, pursuant to BMMPO By-Laws, also functions as the MPO Executive Director; one Transportation Planner; one part-time Transportation Planner; and one Transportation Specialist. Additionally, the Human Resources Director for the City of Bismarck serves the BMMPO in the capacity of Title VI Coordinator and ADA Coordinator and assumes both roles by appointment.

GENDER			RACE							
F	M	NR	W	HL	AA	AI	AS	NH	TM	NR
4	1		4							1
80%	20%		100%							20%

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO (BMMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consists of 14 members (2 positions are currently vacant). Each member is appointed as prescribed within the BMMPO By-Laws. The membership is comprised of representatives (or their designees) from BMMPO jurisdictions and stakeholders as follows: Bismarck City Engineer, Bismarck Community Development Director, Burleigh County Building Official/Director, Burleigh County Engineer, City of Lincoln, Freight Interests, Mandan City Engineer, Mandan City Planner, Morton County Engineer, Morton County Planner, MPO Executive Director or MPO Transportation Planner, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Bismarck District Official, NDDOT MPO Coordinator, and Transit Director.

GENDER			RACE							
F	M	NR	W	HL	AA	AI	AS	NH	TM	NR
3	7	2	9					1		2
25%	58%	17%	75%					8%		17%

POLICY BOARD

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO (BMMPO) Policy Board consists of 5 members. Each member is appointed as prescribed within the BMMPO By-Laws. The membership is comprised of representatives (or their designees) from BMMPO member jurisdictions as follows: Mayor, City of Bismarck; Mayor, City of Lincoln; Mayor, City of Mandan; Commissioner, Burleigh County; Commissioner, Morton County.

GENDER			RACE							
F	M	NR	W	HL	AA	AI	AS	NH	TM	NR
1	3	1	4							1
20%	60%	20%	80%							20%

KEY: F=Female NR=No Response AI=American Indian/Alaska Native AS=Asian HL=Hispanic/Latino
M=Male AA=African American NH=Native Hawaiian/Pacific islander TM = 2 or More Races W=White

A. MPO Executive Director

The Executive Director of the MPO is appointed pursuant to the Bylaws of the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, Revised October 2015, Article IV, 6.c The Principal Transportation Planner of the MPO shall serve as Executive Director of the MPO.” The Executive Director of the MPO is responsible for the overall implementation and administration of the Title VI and Non Discrimination/ADA Program Access Plan for the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Executive Director is responsible for designation of an ADA Coordinator, a Title VI Coordinator (program administrator), and providing adequate staffing to effectively implement the Title VI and Non Discrimination/ADA Program Access Plan.

B. Transportation Planner

Transportation Planners assist in the implementation of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO’s Title VI responsibilities. Such responsibilities include:

1. Maintain knowledge of and adhere to Bismarck-Mandan MPO’s Title VI and Non Discrimination/ADA Program Access Plan.
2. Ensure compliance with Title VI requirements in their respective program areas.
3. Assure prompt reporting, processing, and disposition of Title VI issues or complaints in their respective program areas to the Title VI Coordinator.
4. Communicate and coordinate with the Title VI Coordinator all program area Title VI issues or concerns in a timely manner.
5. Assure that practices and procedures involving all programs and activities within their area of responsibility are applied uniformly and equitably in conformance with federal Title VI regulations.

C. Transportation Specialist

Transportation Specialists will support and assist the Transportation Planners, Title VI Coordinator, and ADA Coordinator in their involvement in the program.

D. ADA Coordinator and the ADA Program Access Plan

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is companion civil rights legislation with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. ADA implementing regulations to Title II of the act prohibit discrimination in the provision of services, programs, and activities by state and local governments such that “...No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity.” 28 CFR §35.130(a).

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO abides by the ADA. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO implements, monitors, and updates the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI and Non Discrimination/ADA Program Access Plan to ensure no individual is discriminated against on the basis of disability in the provision of its services, programs, and activities.

Appendix A and Appendix E of the Title VI Assurances is required in all contracts which are federally funded to ensure compliance with The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987.

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons, and to ensure that communications with applicants, participants, and member of the public with disabilities are as effective as communications with others, 28 CFR §35.160. Individuals may request appropriate provisions, auxiliary aids or services (such as sign language, interpreter, accessible parking, or materials in alternative format), by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Leanne Schmidt, Director of Human Resources, City of Bismarck, at 701-355-1330 , or at lschmidt@bismarcknd.gov. TTY users may call Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888 (toll free).

The BMMPO has developed a Request for Reasonable Accommodations Form for individuals to request accommodations necessary to access BMMPO programs, services, and activities. The form is available by contacting the ADA Coordinator or at <http://www.bismarcknd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23201> .

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires public agencies with more than 50 employees to create and maintain an ADA Transition Plan. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO employs less than 50 employees and is therefore exempt from creating and maintaining an ADA Transition Plan.

As the Americans with Disabilities Act is companion civil rights legislation with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all disability related complaints will follow the complaint procedures and forms as outlined in the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Title VI and Non Discrimination Program.

Complaints about violations of ADA by units of state and local governments may also be filed directly with the US Department of Justice. The form may be found at: <https://www.ada.gov/file-a-complaint/>. For assistance, please call the toll-free ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301(voice), or 800-514-0383 (TTY), or go to: <http://www.ada.gov/>.

E. Title VI Coordinator

The Title VI Coordinator is charged with the responsibility for implementing, monitoring, and ensuring the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) compliance with Title VI regulations. Title VI responsibilities are as follows:

1. Process the disposition of Title VI complaints received by the Bismarck-Mandan MPO.
2. Collect Statistical data (race, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin) of participants in and beneficiaries of state highway programs, e.g. affected citizens and impacted communities.
3. Conduct annual Title VI reviews to determine the effectiveness of program activities at all levels for each reporting year ending December 31 prior to March 31 of the following calendar year.
4. Conduct Title VI reviews of consultant contractors and other recipients of federal-aid highway fund contracts administered through the Bismarck-Mandan MPO.
5. Review Bismarck-Mandan MPO program directives. Where applicable, include Title VI language and related requirements.

6. Conduct training programs consisting of, at a minimum, one hour of training per reporting period on Title VI and other related statutes for Bismarck-Mandan MPO employees and recipients of federal highway funds. Post a copy of the Title VI Plan on the Bismarck-Mandan MPO web-site. Post the Title VI Plan on employee bulletin boards at the Bismarck-Mandan MPO worksite. Inform all employees that a copy of the Title VI Plan is available upon request. Instruct all new employees about the Title VI Plan during orientation.
7. Prepare a yearly report of Title VI accomplishments and goals, as required.
8. Develop Title VI information for dissemination to the general public and, where appropriate, in languages other than English. Post the Title VI Plan on the Bismarck-Mandan MPO web-site. Post Title VI and Non Discrimination Plan and all relevant Title VI materials at main entrances of MPO worksite.
9. Conduct post-grant reviews of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO programs and applicants for compliance with Title VI requirements.
10. Identify and take corrective action to help eliminate discrimination.
11. Establish procedures to promptly resolve identified Title VI deficiencies. Document remedial actions agreed to be necessary. Provide remedial actions within 90 days of identification of a deficiency.

F. Technical Advisory Board (TAC)

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO represents the member cities/counties, the North Dakota Department of Transportation, local freight interests, and the local transit authority. It is comprised primarily of planning and engineering staff members who are appointed by their affiliation with their respective agency or transportation related interest group. The TAC is comprised of one representative from each of the following agencies/interest group based on Bismarck-Mandan MPO Bylaws, 2026, and is subject to change as new individuals assume those positions within each agency/interest group:

- Bismarck City Engineer
- Bismarck Planning Department Director
- Burleigh County Engineer
- Burleigh County Building Official/Director
- City of Lincoln
- Freight Representative
- Mandan City Engineer
- Mandan City Planner
- Morton County Planner
- Morton County Engineer/Road Superintendent
- MPO Executive Director or MPO Transportation Planner
- North Dakota Department of Transportation MPO Coordinator
- North Dakota Department of Transportation Bismarck District Official
- Transit Director

The purpose of the TAC is to discuss and coordinate technical transportation matters under consideration of the MPO, including, but not limited to, highway, transit, auto/rail, bicycle, and pedestrian planning activities; and to facilitate the recommendations to assist the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board in the transportation planning decision making process for the MPO study area.

G. Policy Board

The Policy Board is a five-member board comprised of the mayors of Bismarck, Lincoln, and Mandan, as well as a commissioner each from Burleigh and Morton counties. The Burleigh County Commissioner and the Morton County Commissioner members are appointed members determined by their respective commissions pursuant to assignment to the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board within their respective portfolios. The Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation is an Ex-Officio member of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board in accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Bylaws.

The Policy Board is the governing body of the MPO and seeks to harmonize the general plans of the cities and counties within the area and plans and planning activities of the federal, state, and local agencies.

BISMARCK-MANDAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (BMMPO) TITLE VI/ADA COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Introduction

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO (BMMPO) has developed a Title VI/ADA External Complaint Process that provides a prompt process for investigation and dispositions of complaints. All complaints are recorded on a Title VI/ADA Complaint Log. The BMMPO's Title VI External Complaint Process is consistent with the North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT), the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Procedures Manual for Processing External Complaints of Discrimination filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The nondiscrimination statutes, regulations, Executive Orders (E.O.), directives, and other references are available upon request.

Agencies Authorized to Receive Complaints

Bismarck-Mandan MPO (BMMPO)

Title VI/ADA Coordinator
221 N. 5th Street
Bismarck, ND 58506
Phone: 701-355-1330
Fax: 701-222-6450
TTY: 711 or 800-366-6888
E-mail: lschmidt@bismarcknd.gov

North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT)

Civil Rights Division
608 E. Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58507-0700
Phone: 701-328-2576
Fax: 701-328-0343
TTY: 711 or 800-366-6888
E-mail: civilrights@nd.gov

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

North Dakota Division Office
4503 Coleman St. N., Suite 205
Bismarck, ND 58503
Phone: 701-250-4204
Fax: 701-250-4395
E-mail: NorthDakota.fhwa@dot.gov

United States Department of Transportation (FHWA)

FHWA Headquarters Office of Civil Rights
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE (HCR-40)
8th Floor E81-105
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: 202-366-0693
Fax: 202-366-1599
TTY: 202-366-5132
E-mail: CivilRights.FHWA@dot.gov

Federal Transit Administration

Office of Civil Rights
Attention: Complaint Team
East Building, 5th Floor – TCR
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: 888-446-4511

United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

Departmental Office of Civil Rights
US Department of Transportation
Office of Civil Rights
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: 202-366-4648
Fax: 202-366-5575
TTY: 202-366-9696

USDOJ – ADA COMPLAINTS

US Department of Justice (USDOJ)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section – 1425 NYAV
Washington, DC 20530
Fax: 202-307-1197
ADA Information Line: 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY)
Main Section Telephone Number: 202-307-0663 (voice and TTY)

US DOJ – RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN COMPLAINTS

Federal Coordination and Compliance Section – NWB
Civil Rights Division
US Department of Justice (USDOJ)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530
Phone: 888-848-5306 (English and Spanish)
Phone (voice): 202-307-2222
Phone (TTY): 202-307-2678

Persons Eligible To File

Members of the public, or any specific class of persons, by themselves or by a representative, that believe they have been subjected to discrimination or retaliation prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and related statutes, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) may file a complaint.

Filing a Complaint

A complaint is a written or electronic statement concerning an allegation of discrimination that contains a request for the receiving office to take action. Complainants should complete and sign BMMPO's Title VI/ADA Complaint Process form and file by mail, fax, in person, or e-mail. A complaint should contain, at a minimum, the following information:

A written explanation of what has happened;

A way to contact the complainant;

The basis of the complaint, i.e., age, sex, race, color, national origin, disability, income status, or limited English proficiency;

The identification of the respondent, e.g., agency/organization alleged to have discriminated;

Sufficient information to understand the facts that led the complainant to believe that discrimination occurred; and,

The date(s) of the alleged discriminatory act(s).

While the above indicates a complaint should be in writing and signed, BMMPO will accept complaints in alternate formats from persons with disabilities, upon request.

The complainant may contact BMMPO for assistance in filing a complaint.

BMMPO will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide:

- accommodation for people with disabilities
- language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP) and
- translation of written material necessary to access BMMPO programs and information

To request accommodations, complainants may contact Title VI / ADA Coordinator, BMMPO at 701-355-1330 or hr@bismarcknd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Timeframes For Filing a Complaint

Complaints must be filed within 180 calendar days of the last date of the alleged discrimination, unless the time for filing is extended. The filing date of the complaint is the earlier of:

- The postmark of the complaint, or
- The date the complaint is received by any agency authorized to receive complaints.

Complainant is Represented by an Attorney

Complainants represented by an attorney shall provide a letter of representation.

Complaints Received by BMMPO

Complaints filed under Title VI in which BMMPO is named as the respondent will be forwarded within two (2) days of receipt by BMMPO to the Civil Rights Division of the NDDOT.

NDDOT provides the FHWA Bismarck Division office the complaint. FHWA will determine the correct agency to review the complaint. The reviewing agency will then make the final decision and will communicate directly with the complainant.

Complaints filed under the Section 504/ADA with BMMPO will be forwarded within two (2) days of receipt by BMMPO to the Civil Rights Division of the NDDOT.

NDDOT provides the complaint to the FHWA Bismarck Division office to be determined by FHWA if the complaint will be investigated in accordance with 49 CFR 27.13(b).

MPO Area Demographic Profile & Analysis:

Introduction:

As part of the Title VI program and to meet the requirements of FTA Circular 4702.1B, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO monitors and tracks statistical demographic data on race, national origin, age, languages spoken, income level, persons with disabilities, and sex for the population of the Bismarck-Mandan metropolitan area. This information is normally drawn from the latest available U.S Census Bureau data for Burleigh and Morton Counties as a whole. The MPO routinely updates these demographics as new data is produced. The following charts include the racial composition of the Burleigh-Morton region, population breakdowns by age and sex in Burleigh and Morton County, and the percentage of the population below the poverty level in Burleigh-Morton. The MPO's LEP Plan contains a demographic breakdown for languages spoken in the region, and the MPO's Title VI maps identify the locations of minority populations in the aggregate. All data is based on the latest available Census information.

Demographic Profile Charts:

Race	Burleigh-Morton Population	% Population
White	113,145	85.88
Black	2,689	2.04
American Indian & Alaska Native	5,291	4.02
Asian	1,214	0.92
Hispanic or Latino	4,396	3.34
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	355	0.27
Some other Race	284	0.22
Two or more Races	4,375	3.32
Total	131,749	100.00

Based on Table P2 2020 Decennial Census

Age	Burleigh-Morton Population	% Population
Under 65	110,502	82.23
Over 65	23,875	17.77

Total	134,377	100.00
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Based on Table S0101 American Community Survey (2024, 5-year total)

Sex	Burleigh-Morton Population	% Population
Male	67,670	50.35
Female	66,707	49.65
Total	134,377	100.00

Based on Table S0101 American Community Survey (2024, 5-year total)

Population In Poverty	Burleigh-Morton Population	% Population
10,279	129,426	7.90

Based on Table S1701 American Community Survey (2024, 5-year total), population total is based on the number of people for whom poverty status is determined

A description of the procedures by which mobility needs of minority populations are identified and considered:

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO seeks to identify the mobility needs of minority populations during the transportation planning and programming process through early and continuing public outreach to minority populations to obtain their input, and through data and GIS analysis of the location of minority population concentrations relative to existing and planned jobs and services and their travel patterns. In addition to these general and ongoing practices, the MPO recently completed a transportation study, the Safe Routes to Services/Complete Streets Study, designed to closely evaluate the locations of minority and vulnerable populations with the Bismarck/Mandan area and the routes to essential services being utilized by these populations. This study proposed potential transportation investments and improvements to address the mobility needs of the identified populations.

The MPO also incorporates Title VI concerns, and the mobility needs of minority populations, through its major documents, which guide the MPO in providing transportation planning to the metropolitan area.

1: The MPO's Public Participation Plan assists the MPO in seeking the participation and involvement of a broad range of interest groups, organizations, governments, and citizens in the transportation planning and decision-making process. The Public Participation Plan aims to involve the public early in the decision-making process, to give all citizens (with an emphasis on vulnerable populations) opportunity to participate in the decision-making process, to provide the public with clear, accurate, and timely information about the MPO's work, and to use a variety of techniques to assist the public in its interaction with the MPO and transportation planning efforts.

2: The MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), updated every 5 years to provide a long-range transportation planning horizon for the MPO's jurisdictions, helps set a policy direction and identify intended investments across all modes of the transportation system. The goals of the current, Arrive 2050 MTP include improving safety and security, maintaining infrastructure conditions, congestion reduction, system reliability for freight movement and economic vitality, supporting alternative transportation modes to automobile travel, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delivery. Each of these goals look to improve access and address barriers and gaps for all users of the transportation system.

3: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which the MPO updates annually, is a coordinated listing of short-range transportation improvement projects anticipated to be undertaken in the next four-year period. The TIP is the mechanism by which the MTP is implemented and represents the transportation improvement priorities for the MPO region. Projects within the MPO's planning area must be included in the TIP to be eligible for federal funding assistance, and included projects must be consistent with the MTP. The TIP project list is multi-modal and is a cooperative effort by state and local implementing agencies and MPO staff, primarily based upon state and local capital improvement programs and budgets. Many of the projects included in the TIP are submitted to the MPO (after local government approval) for review and possible approval by the MPO's TAC and Policy Board, prior to submission to the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) for consideration. A public comment period and public hearing, as specified within the Public Participation Plan, is undertaken prior to board approval of each annual TIP update and TIP amendment. TIP projects are also overlaid through GIS mapping against known concentrations of minority and vulnerable populations in the draft stage to help the MPO prevent discrimination and promote the mobility needs of these populations in transportation planning.

4: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual MPO publication that outlines major transportation planning issues, describes the planning activities the MPO will undertake over the following year, summarizes the MPO's recent accomplishments, and identifies how federal, state, and local transportation funding will be spent on the MPO's planning activities. The UPWP is required by federal law as a condition of receiving federal transportation funding, and it includes a Statement of Non-discrimination and a self-certification summary that details how the MPO complies with applicable federal laws, including Title VI.

5: Other plans and studies the MPO undertakes, whether regularly (such as the Transit Development Plan, updated every 5 years in coordination with Bis-Man Transit, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, most recently updated in 2017), or in response to the requests and needs of its local jurisdictions (such as the Safe Routes to Services/Complete Streets Study), all strive to incorporate Complete Streets concepts, address the mobility needs of minority populations, and provide the public with transparent and nondiscriminatory access to the transportation planning process.

Analysis of State/Federal Funding Distribution:

FTA Circular 4702.1B discusses the need for MPO Title VI Plans to analyze the distribution of state and federal funds in aggregate for transportation purposes and to identify any disparate impact on the basis of race, color or national origin. Further, the MPO seeks to minimize disparate impacts on other vulnerable populations within its jurisdictions and benefit the entire community through its planning processes.

The information shown in the Title VI maps provided with this document depicts distributions of minority or vulnerable populations within the MPO's urban area and their proximity to projects programmed in the 2026-2029 TIP. As identified in these maps, a variety of programmed projects are within or close to high concentrations of minority and vulnerable populations. This balanced dispersion of projects throughout the MPO's urban area will have equal benefit to these populations and to the public by improving safety and traffic operations for all roadway users, as well as enhancing multi-modal transportation access. The MPO's analysis shows no projects will have a disproportionately negative impact on minority populations.

Title VI Survey Analysis

The MPO collects voluntary Title VI surveys from participants in its public hearings/meetings over the course of the year to evaluate the demographics of attendees. In 2025, the MPO held 5 public hearings, and hosted 3 public meetings. Of the 55 estimated attendees at the MPO's public hearings/meetings in 2025, 2 completed Title VI Surveys. A table analyzing the demographics of these attendees is included below. The MPO has analyzed these survey results, and concluded that, taken as a whole, its Title VI Plan and efforts to reach vulnerable and minority populations within the metropolitan area are achieving their goals.

Age		%	Disability		%	Public Assistance		%	Sex		%
18-40			Yes			Yes			Male	1	50
41-65	1	50	No	2	100	No	2	100	Female	1	50
65+	1	50	TOTAL	2		TOTAL	2		TOTAL	2	
TOTAL	2										

Race		%	Language		%	Heard about Study		%
Asian			Arabic			Newspapers	1	50
American Indian/ Alaskan Native			Bosnian			TV		
Black			Coatian			Radio		
Hispanic			English	2	100	Internet		
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander			Nepali			Social Service/ Advocacy group		
White	2	100	Russian			Mailing		
Other			Serbian			Advocacy Group		
TOTAL	2		Somali			NDDOT Contact		
			Spanish			Other	1	50
			Swahili			TOTAL RESPONSES	2	
			Turkish			TOTAL RESPONDENTS		
			Vietnamese					
			Other					
			TOTAL	2				

Limited English Proficiency Plan

BISMARCK-MANDAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

TITLE VI/ADA COORDINATOR
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701-355-1330

INTRODUCTION

This *Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP)* has been prepared to address the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsibilities as a recipient of federal financial assistance as they relate to the needs of individuals with limited English proficiency language skills. The plan has been prepared in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, et seq, and its implementing regulations, which state that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.

Executive Order 13166, titled ***Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency***, indicates that differing treatment based upon a person's inability to speak, read, write or understand English is a type of national origin discrimination. It directs each agency to publish guidance for its respective recipients clarifying their obligation to ensure that such discrimination does not take place. This order applies to all state and local agencies which receive federal funds, including all Bismarck-Mandan MPO departments receiving federal grant funds.

Plan Summary

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO has developed this ***Limited English Proficiency Plan*** to help identify reasonable steps for providing language assistance to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) who wish to access services provided. As defined Executive Order 13166, LEP persons are those who do not speak English as their primary language and have limited ability to read, speak, write or understand English. This plan outlines how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, staff training that may be required, and how to notify LEP persons that assistance is available.

In order to prepare this plan, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO used the four-factor LEP analysis which considers the following factors:

1. The number or proportion of LEP persons in the service area who may be served by the Bismarck-Mandan MPO.
2. The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with Bismarck-Mandan MPO services.
3. The nature and importance of services provided by the Bismarck-Mandan MPO to the LEP population.
4. The interpretation services available to the Bismarck-Mandan MPO and overall cost to provide LEP assistance. A summary of the results of the four-factor analysis is in the following section.

MEANINGFUL ACCESS: FOUR-FACTOR ANALYSIS

1.) The number or proportion of LEP persons in the service area who may be served or are likely to require Bismarck-Mandan MPO services.

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO staff reviewed the 2020-2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates* for North Dakota and determined that **5,375.65** individuals in **Bismarck, Lincoln, and Mandan, ND**** (5.2% of the population aged 5 years and older) speak a language other than English. Of those, **1,670** individuals have limited English proficiency; that is, they speak

English less than “very well” or “not at all.” This is only **1.34%** of the overall population aged 5 years and older in the service area. In **Bismarck, Lincoln, and Mandan, ND,**** of those persons with limited English proficiency, **.51%** speaks **Spanish**, **.12%** speaks **French, Haitian, or Cajun**, **.11%** speaks **Arabic**, **.12%** speaks **German or Other West Germanic Languages**, **.12%** speaks **Tagalog (including Filipino)**, **.12%** speaks **Other and Unspecified Languages**, **.07%** speaks **Other Asian and Pacific Island Languages**, **.05%** speaks **Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese)**, **.04%** speaks **Russian, Polish, or Other Slavic Languages**, **.03%** speaks **Other Indo-European Languages**, and **.01%** speaks **Vietnamese**.

Following is a table identifying the number of individuals with the ability to speak English less than “very well” and the associated language spoken at home:

**Ability to Speak English Less than "Very Well" and
Associated Language Spoken at Home -
Bismarck, Lincoln, and Mandan, ND****

Language Spoken at Home	Percent of Total Population	Total Number of Individuals
Spanish	0.54%	687
French, Haitian, or Cajun	0.22%	290
Arabic	0.07%	99
German or Other West Germanic Languages	0.14%	139
Tagalog (including Filipino)	0.10%	133
Other and Unspecified Languages	0.18%	238
Other Asian and Pacific Island Languages	0.08%	99
Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese)	0.04%	47
Russian, Polish, or Other Slavic Languages	0.05%	62
Other Indo-European Languages	0.05%	63
Vietnamese	0.02%	25

Based on Table C16001 of the 2020-2024 US Census Bureau American Community Survey

**The US Census Bureau has changed collection methodology from the “Long Form” to the American Community Survey. One of the significant differences between the methodologies is that the “Long Form” was a point in time survey collected once every ten years compared to the American Community Survey which is a period survey covering a five-year time frame. Given the relatively small number of individuals who speak languages other than English at home and speak English less than “very well” there may be significantly high Margins of Error associated with some or all of the subject languages.*

***The Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) boundary was expanded to include Sioux and Oliver counties in 2013. Population statistics for the updated MSA boundary now include all four counties (Burleigh, Morton, Oliver, and Sioux), an area far beyond the MPO area. In an effort to maintain consistent and relevant growth statistics for communities within the MPO area, staff has dedicated to utilize data for the cities of Bismarck, Lincoln, and Mandan, which comprise the Urbanized Area of the MPO rather than the entire MSA data. Both data sets are supplied by the US Census Bureau, but differ in coverage area. Using data for the cities which comprise the MPO Urbanized Area preserves the statistical area as reflected within the Bismarck-Mandan MPO's Monitoring Report and more accurately shows population changes within the Bismarck-Mandan MPO area.*

2.) The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with Bismarck-Mandan MPO services.

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO staff reviewed the frequency with which their office staff have or could have contact with LEP persons. This includes documenting phone inquiries or office visits. To date, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO has had 0 requests for interpreters and 0 requests for translated program documents. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board and TAC members have had very little contact with LEP persons.

3.) The nature and importance of services provided by the Bismarck-Mandan MPO to the LEP population.

There is no large geographic concentration of any type of LEP individuals in the service area for the Bismarck-Mandan MPO. The majority of the population aged 5 years and older, 95.35%, speak only English. As a result, there are only a few social, professional, or leadership service organizations within the Bismarck-Mandan MPO service area that focus on outreach to LEP individuals. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO staff is most likely to encounter LEP individuals through public meetings, office visits, phone conversations or attendance at Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board and TAC meetings.

4.) The resources available to the Bismarck-Mandan MPO, and overall costs to provide LEP assistance.

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO reviewed its available resources that could be used for providing LEP assistance for oral interpretation and written translation. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO has, through the City of Bismarck, contracted with a telephone-based interpreter service to provide immediate interpreter services at no cost to LEP individuals. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO has identified and contacted written translation service providers. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO provides notice to the public of the availability to request accommodations for language assistance. All requests for translation are considered based on the possible impacts and known LEP population.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

A person who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English may be a Limited English Proficient person and may be entitled to language assistance with respect to Bismarck-Mandan MPO services. Language assistance can include interpretation, which means oral or spoken transfer of a message from one language into another language and/or translation, which means the written transfer of a message from one language into another language.

How the Bismarck-Mandan MPO staff may identify an LEP person who needs language assistance:

- Post notice of LEP Plan and the availability of interpretation or translation services free of charge in languages LEP persons would understand.
- All Bismarck-Mandan MPO staff will be provided with language lists to assist in identifying the language interpretation needed if the occasion arises.

- All Bismarck-Mandan MPO staff who has encountered LEP will be informally surveyed periodically on their experience concerning any contacts with LEP individuals during the previous year.
- When the Bismarck-Mandan MPO sponsors an informational meeting or event, a staff person may greet participants as they arrive. By informally engaging participants in conversation it is possible to gauge each attendee's ability to speak and understand English. Although translation may not be able to be provided at the event it will help identify the need for future events.

Language Assistance Measures

Although there is a very low percentage of LEP individuals in the Bismarck-Mandan MPO service area, that is, persons who speak English less than "very well" or "not at all", it will strive to offer the following measures:

1. The Bismarck-Mandan MPO staff will take reasonable steps to provide the opportunity for meaningful access to LEP clients who have difficulty communicating English.
2. The following resources will be available to accommodate LEP persons:
 - Language interpretation will be accessed for most languages through a telephone interpretation service.

STAFF TRAINING

The following training will be provided to all staff:

- Information on the Title VI Policy and LEP responsibilities.
- Description of language assistance services offered to the public.
- Use of language lists.
- Documentation of language assistance requests.
- Title VI Complaint Process.

All contractors or subcontractors performing work for the Bismarck-Mandan MPO will be required to follow the Title VI/LEP guidelines.

TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO weighed the cost and benefits of translating documents for potential LEP groups. Considering the expense of translating the documents, the likelihood of frequent changes in documents and other relevant factors, at this time it is an unnecessary burden to have any documents translated.

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO has developed a Public Participation Plan and has an outreach procedure in place, as of 2020. Translation resources have been identified and are limited in this region. However, when and if the need arises for LEP outreach, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO will consider the following options:

- When staff prepares a document, or schedules a meeting, for which the target audience is expected to include LEP individuals, then documents, meeting notices, flyers, and agendas³⁴ will be printed in an alternative language based on the known LEP population.

MONITORING

Monitoring and Updating the LEP Plan - The Bismarck-Mandan MPO will update the LEP Plan as required. At a minimum, the plan will be reviewed and updated when data from the 2030 U.S. Census is available, or when it is clear that higher concentrations of LEP individuals are present in the Bismarck-Mandan MPO service area. Updates will include the following:

- The number of documented LEP person contacts encountered annually.
- How the needs of LEP persons have been addressed.
- Determination of the current LEP population in the service area.
- Determination as to whether the need for translation services has changed.
- Determine whether local language assistance programs have been effective and sufficient to meet the need.
- Determine whether the Bismarck-Mandan MPO's financial resources are sufficient to fund language assistance resources needed.
- Determine whether the Bismarck-Mandan MPO fully complies with the goals of this LEP Plan.
- Determine whether complaints have been received concerning the agency's failure to meet the needs of LEP individuals.
- Maintain a Title VI complaint log, including LEP to determine issues and basis of complaints.

DISSEMINATION OF THE BISMARCK-MANDAN MPO LEP PLAN

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO may disseminate its LEP Plan in any manner as follows:

- Post signs in Bismarck-Mandan MPO service area notifying LEP persons of the LEP Plan and how to access language services.
- State on agendas and public notices that a Request for Reasonable Accommodations form is available to LEP individuals to request documents in various languages.
- Post on the Bismarck-Mandan MPO website the LEP Plan and how to access language services.
- Publish Press Release
- Send copy of press release to advocacy groups and other agencies serving LEP population

Socio-Economic Information

PROJECT FUNDING YEAR 2026
ESTIMATED COST IN DOLLARS

LEAD AGENCY	REFERENCE NUMBER	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	FEDERAL PROGRAM SOURCE	PCN	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION YEAR	AMENDMENT/ MODIFICATION (Date)
BISMARCK	26.1.01	~~Safety - Bismarck 19th St and Century Ave (19th St and Century Ave Intersection east-west and north/south turn lanes) (Reconstruct the east-west and north/south turn lanes to remove the existing negative offset signal work)~~	~~\$1,433,625~~	~~\$1,160,162~~	~~\$0~~	~~\$273,373 (Bismarck)~~	~~HEU~~	~~23645~~	~~NA~~	~~Amendment Moved to 2025, 25-28 TIP (DECEMBER 2025)~~
BISMARCK	26.1.02	*Urban Roads - Bismarck S Washington St (Burleigh Ave to drainage ditch, and Burleigh Ave from S Washington St to Boston Dr) (Widening from 2 to 3 lanes, Reconstruction)	\$18,510,930	\$2,177,455 in \$2,322,545 FY 2025	\$0	\$14,010,930 (Bismarck)	NHU	23859	2024	
MANDAN	26.4.01	~~Transportation Alternatives - Mandan High School Trail (8th Ave NW from 24th St NW to 27th St NW) (Pedestrian Trail Construction)~~	~~\$484,213~~	~~\$391,874~~	~~\$0~~	~~\$92,339 (Mandan)~~	~~TAU~~	~~24407~~	~~2026~~	~~Modification Moved to 2027 (JANUARY 2026)~~
MANDAN	26.4.02	Urban Grants Project - Mandan Downtown (Phase 1) (1st St NW from 6th Ave NW to 4th Ave NW, 5th Ave NW from 1st St NW to 2nd St NW, & 4th Ave NW from Main St to 2nd St NW) (Reconstruction, with beautification elements, storm sewer, sidewalks, and LED lighting)	\$4,461,410	\$2,356,000	\$0	\$2,105,410 (Mandan)	UGP-CPU	24136	NA	
NDDOT	26.6.02	^{MPO} Rural - I-94 (East of 161 Interchange to east of Menoken Interchange, westbound) (Fencing, PCC Pave, related to 25.6.09)	\$31,971,081	\$28,773,973	\$3,197,108	\$0 (Burleigh)	IM	22958	NA	
NDDOT	26.6.03	Urban Regional - Bismarck Expressway (Main Ave to end of asphalt) (Microsurfacing, pavement marking)	\$129,612	\$104,895	\$11,756	\$12,961 (Bismarck)	NHU	24403	NA	
NDDOT	26.6.04	Urban Regional - ND 810 (Expressway Bridge to Main Ave) (Microsurfacing, pavement marking)	\$3,400,000	\$2,751,620	\$308,380	\$340,000 (Bismarck)	NHU	24404	NA	Amendment Extends, Cost Increase (JANUARY 2026)
NDDOT	26.6.05	Urban Regional - Bismarck ND 1804 (Bismarck Expressway to 48th Ave SE) (Microsurfacing, pavement marking)	\$2,173,510	\$1,759,022	\$197,137	\$217,351 (Bismarck)	NHU	24405	NA	
NDDOT	26.6.07	Bridge - I-94 (2 miles west of US 83 N) (Approach Slabs, Spall Repair, Expansion Joint Modifications)	\$520,000	\$468,000	\$52,000	\$0 (Bismarck)	IM	23769	NA	
NDDOT	26.6.08	Bridge - I-94 (5 miles east of ND 25, eastbound) (Structure Repair)	\$500,000	\$450,000	\$50,000	\$0 (Mandan)	IM		NA	
NDDOT	26.6.09	Bridge - I-94 (5 miles east of ND 25, westbound) (Structure Repair)	\$500,000	\$450,000	\$50,000	\$0 (Mandan)	IM		NA	
NDDOT	26.6.10	^{MPO} Rural - ND 1804 (Various locations along ND 1804) (Culvert Rehab)	\$775,000	\$627,207	\$147,793	\$0 (Multiple)	SS	23911	NA	
NDDOT	26.6.11	^{MPO} Rural - Statewide ITS equipment (Statewide ITS project including 3 locations along I-94 within the MPO area) (ITS equipment maintenance, road weather-DMS & ESS)	\$1,235,635	\$1,000,000	\$235,635	\$0 (Multiple)	IM	24565	NA	
NDDOT	26.6.12	Rural - I-94 (East of Midway to east of Junction US 83) (Microsurfacing)	\$1,911,956	\$1,720,760	\$191,196	\$0 (Bismarck)	IM	24743	NA	Modification Cost Increase (FEBRUARY 2026)
NDDOT	26.6.13	Rural - I-94 (East of Midway to ND 810/Expressway) (Microsurfacing)	\$333,551	\$300,196	\$33,355	\$0 (Mandan)	IM	24744	NA	Modification Cost Increase (FEBRUARY 2026)
NDDOT	26.6.14	Urban Regional - ND 810 (Memorial Hwy Interchange to Expressway Bridge) (Microsurfacing)	\$256,098	\$207,260	\$23,228	\$25,610 (Mandan)	NHU	24745	NA	Amendment Cost Increase (FEBRUARY 2026)
NDDOT	26.6.15	Rural - Interstate Ave (Bismarck Interstate Ave E) (Right of Way preliminary engineering work by old K-Mart)	\$25,000	\$22,500	\$2,500	\$0 (Bismarck)	NH	24731	NA	Amendment New Project (DECEMBER 2025)
NDDOT	26.6.16	^{MPO} Rural - Statewide Automatic Traffic Record (ATR) (Statewide ATR project including one location in the MPO area) (ATR equipment maintenance)	\$1,127,945	\$912,846	\$215,099	\$0 (Multiple)	SS	24815	NA	Amendment New Project (MARCH 2026)
NDDOT	26.6.17	^{MPO} Safety - Statewide (Statewide Project on various highways throughout NDDOT's Bismarck District) (Pavement Markings)	\$1,595,719	\$1,436,147	\$159,572	\$0 (Multiple)	HES	24784	NA	Amendment New Project (MARCH 2026)
LINCOLN PARK DISTRICT	26.7.01	Transportation Alternatives - 66th St SE (66th St SE from Santee Rd to just south of Humbert Rd) (New gravel pathway with ADA compliant crossings)	\$129,907	\$103,840	\$0	\$25,967 (LPD)	RTP		NA	

* Represents an "Expansion" project. An expansion project is focused on improving traffic flow through efforts such as: adding through lanes or turn lanes; new streets/roads; upgrading an intersection to a roundabout; or new/improved interchanges.

*Pending Availability of Federal Funds

^{MPO} Project area extent is larger than the MPO area. Costs have not been prorated.

2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (Year 2026)

- - 2026 TIP Lines
- + 2026 TIP Points
- TIP_Points_Master
- - TIP_Lines_Master
-  MPO Boundary
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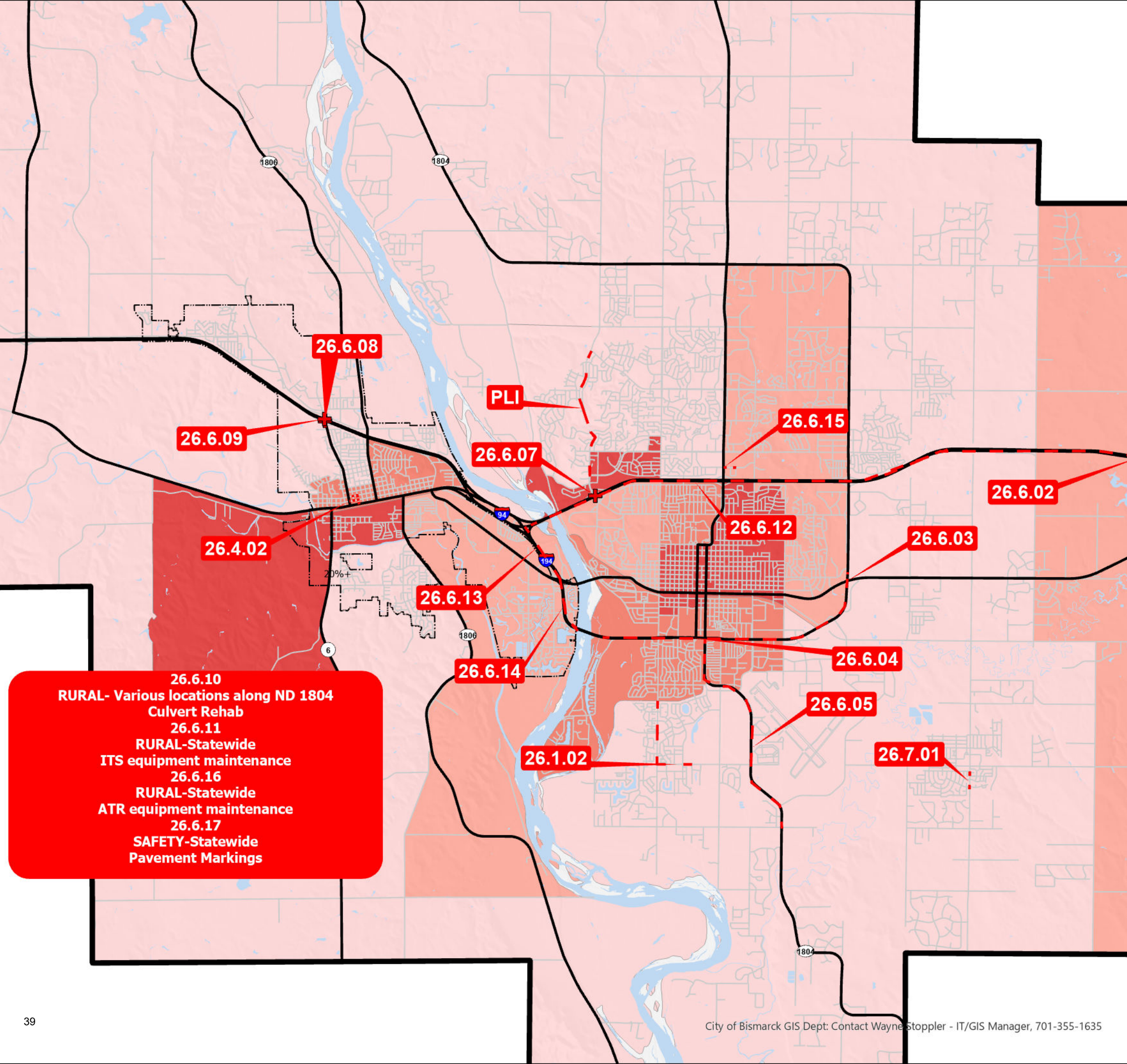
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-  0% - 5%
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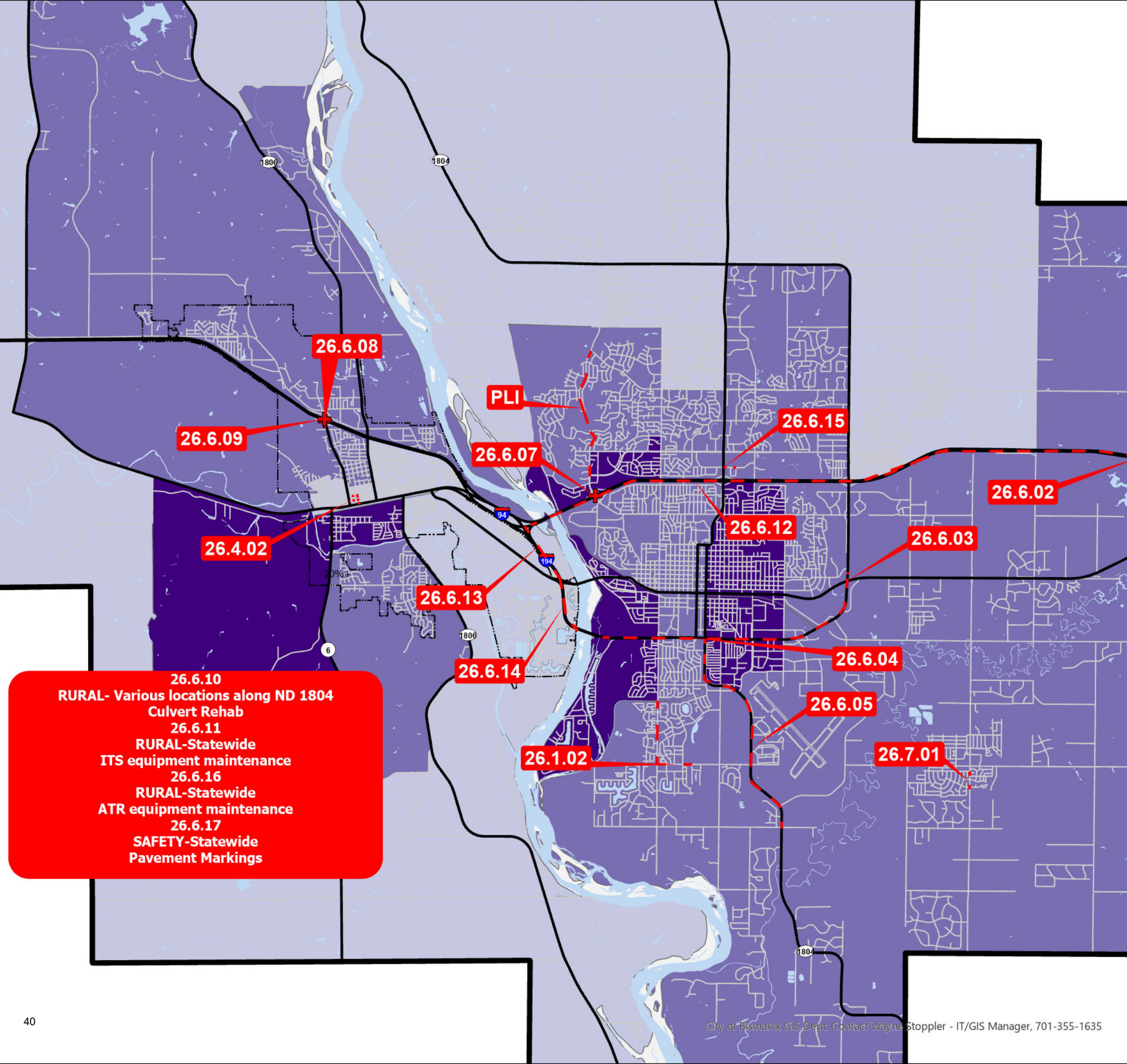
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-  MPO Boundary
-  Corporate Limits
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- - 2026 TIP Lines
- + 2026 TIP Points
- TIP_Points_Master
- - TIP_Lines_Master
-  MPO Boundary
-  Corporate Limits
- Elderly Population
- Percent of Population that is 65+
-  0% - 10%
-  10% - 20%
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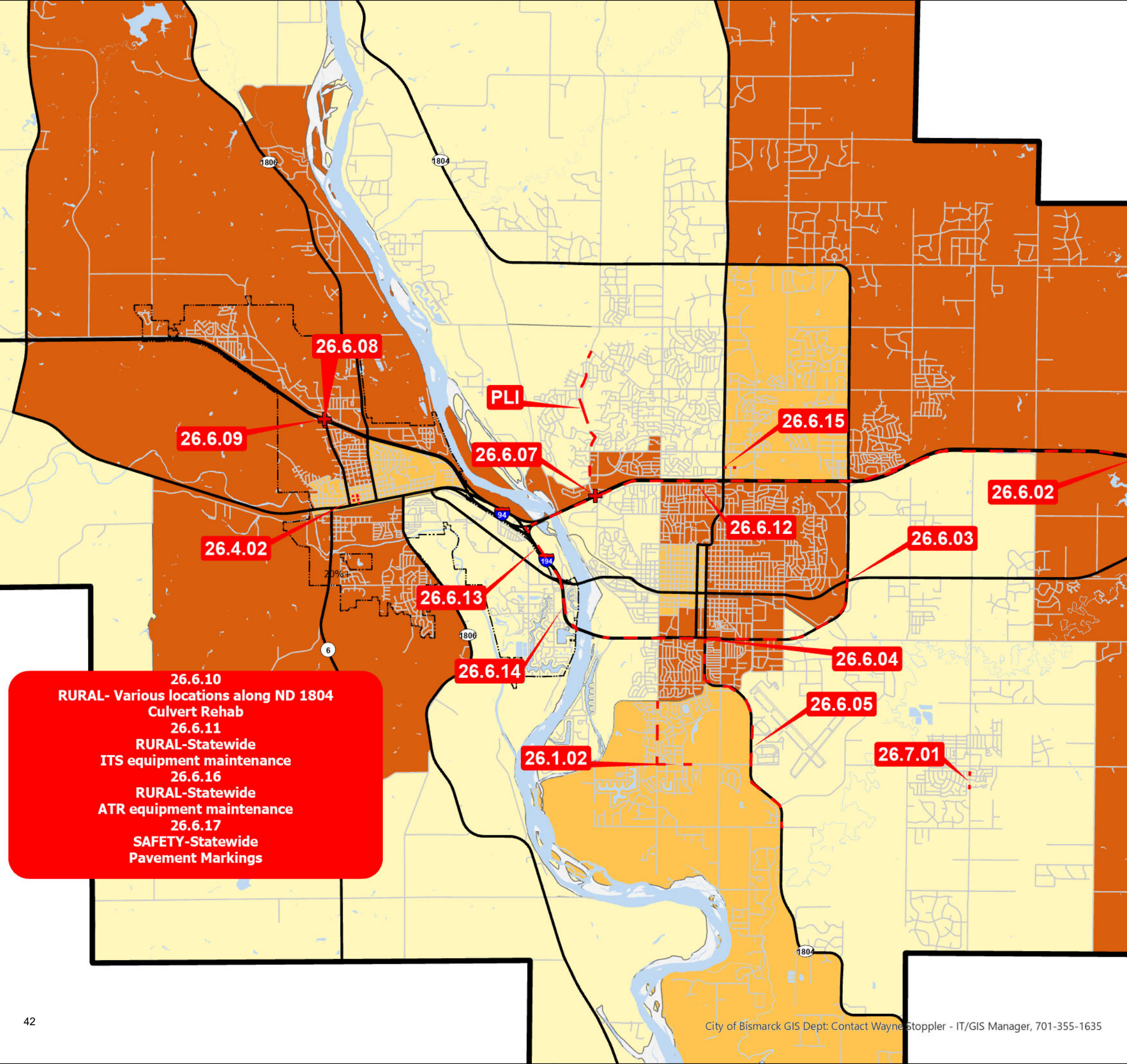
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-  MPO Boundary
-  Corporate Limits
- Percent Spanish Spoken at Home
-  0% - 0.5%
-  0.5% - 1%
-  1+%



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2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (Year 2026)

- - 2026 TIP Lines
- + 2026 TIP Points
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- - TIP_Lines_Master
-  MPO Boundary
-  Corporate Limits
- Population Speaking Other Language
- Percent Other Spoken at Home
-  0% - .5%
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-  1%+



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**Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization, Bismarck, Burleigh County, RECIPIENT
APPENDIX A OF THE TITLE VI ASSURANCES**

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the Contractor) agrees as follows:

1. Compliance with Regulations: The Contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. Non-discrimination: The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. Information and Reports: The Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the Contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. Incorporation of Provisions: The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the Contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Bismarck, Burleigh County
APPENDIX E OF THE TITLE VI ASSURANCES

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the Contractor) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*).

E

REQUEST FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Civil Rights

SFN 60135 (7-2025)

Date

PART I

Name		Telephone Number	
Street/Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Preferred Method of Contact ☐ Day Phone ☐ Email ☐ USPS		Email Address	
Type of Event: ☐ Public Meeting/Public Hearing ☐ Training ☐ Other (specify) _____			
Date of Event	and/or	Date Needed	Location of Event

PART II: LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP)

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you need language assistance for LEP?
Language Assistance ☐ Oral Interpretation (specify language) _____ ☐ Written Translation (specify language) _____
Name of Documents

PART III: AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you need an accommodation for a disability?	
Types of Accommodation ☐ Interpreter for deaf (specify ASL, tactile, etc.) _____ ☐ Assistive Listening device (specify) _____ ☐ Physical location accessible for persons with a physical mobility impairment. ☐ Other (specify) _____	
Nature of Disability (Medical documentation may be requested) ☐ Physical Mobility Impairment (specify) _____ ☐ Speech Impairment (specify) _____ ☐ Visual impairment (specify) _____ ☐ Hearing Impairment (specify) _____ ☐ Other (specify) _____	
Alternative Format (Indicate first, second, third choice if possible.) ☐ Braille ☐ Large Print (font point size) _____ ☐ Other (specify) _____	Date Needed ☐ Audio Recording -MP3 _____ ☐ CD/Flash Drive _____
Name of Documents	
For Office Use Only The accommodation request is: ☐ Granted as requested ☐ Granted with change - see additional information ☐ Denied - see additional information	

Instructions for Reasonable Request for Accommodations Form:

Requests for Reasonable Accommodations can be made by completing this form.

If you prefer to complete the Request for Reasonable Accommodations form electronically go to the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization's website at: <http://www.bismarcknd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23201> . You may then submit the form in one of the following ways:

1. Save the completed form to your computer and email a copy of it to: mpo@bismarcknd.gov .
2. Mail a printed copy of the completed form to:
Bismarck-Mandan MPO
ADA Coordinator
P.O. Box 5503
Bismarck, ND 58506-5503

If you need assistance to complete the Request for Reasonable Accommodations form, please contact ADA Coordinator, Bismarck-Mandan MPO at 701- 355-1330 or hr@bismarcknd.gov . TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

REQUESTS MUST BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Appropriate provisions will be considered when the MPO/ADA Coordinator is notified at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date or fifteen (15) days prior to the date the written comments are due.

Converting printed material may take several weeks.

PART I

Complete all information in this section.

PART II: Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Check all boxes that apply to the type of language assistance that you are requesting.

PART III: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Check all boxes that apply to the accommodation(s) that you are requesting.

EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Civil Rights
SFN 51795 (4-2026)

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION (Complete all items below.)

Name		Telephone Number	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Email Address			

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION (Check all that apply.)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ☐ Race ☐ National Origin ☐ Color	Other Nondiscrimination Statutes/Executive Orders ☐ Sex ☐ Disability ☐ Age ☐ Limited English Proficiency
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Name of public entity complaint is against.
Provide an explanation of what happened and date(s) of the alleged discriminatory act and location.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR COMPLAINT WITHOUT A SIGNATURE AND DATE.

Complainant's Signature	Date
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Any person or specific class of persons, who believes they were subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin; or sex, age, disability, or limited English proficiency in the programs and activities of NDDOT or its sub-recipients (e.g., a city, county, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Transit Agency, etc.) may by himself/herself or through his/her legally authorized representative, make, sign and date a written complaint and file such complaint with the Department within 180 calendar days following the date of the last instance of the alleged discriminatory action. Complainants must complete in its entirety, sign, and date NDDOT's External Complaints of Discrimination form (SFN 51795) and file by mail, in person, or e-mail. However, the complainant may call NDDOT and provide the allegations by telephone. NDDOT will transcribe the complainant's allegations into the complaint form and send the written complaint to the complainant for corrections, signature, and date.

To request accommodations, contact the NDDOT Civil Rights Division by telephone at (701) 328-2978 or by email at civilrights@nd.gov. Teletypewriter (TTY) users may contact Relay North Dakota by dialing 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

The NDDOT Civil Rights Division Program Administrator will review the complaint, gather additional information from the complainant if necessary, and refer the complaint to the appropriate federal agency, which in most cases will be the Federal Highway Administration. It is also within your rights to file directly with the appropriate Federal agency that oversees the transportation activities, services or facilities.

FHWA JURISDICTION (Roads and Bridges)

Title VI Complaints will be forwarded to the Division Office.

For Title VI complaints against sub recipients, NDDOT is required to follow the timeframes in 23 CFR 200.9(b)(3) as follows: A copy of the complaint, together with a copy of the NDDOT's report of investigation shall be forwarded to the FHWA Division Office within 60 days of receipt of the delegated complaint from FHWA.

ADA Complaints will be forwarded to the FHWA Division Office.

For a Section 504/ADA complaint against subrecipients, NDDOT shall forward a copy of the complaint, together with a copy of the report of investigation within 90 days of receipt of the delegated complaint to the FHWA Division Office.

The FHWA HCR has delegated authority for dismissing and issuing letters of findings (LOFs) for Title VI, and Section 504/ADA complaints processed by FHWA. LOFs issued by the FHWA HCR are administratively final.

FTA JURISDICTION (Public Transit)

Complaints filed under Title VI, related statutes, and Section 504/ADA in which NDDOT is named as the respondent will be handled informally if possible. If the complaint cannot be resolved by informal means, the NDDOT may investigate the complaint as follows:

1. The complaint will be reviewed within 10 business days to determine whether it contains all necessary information required for acceptance.
2. If the complaint is complete and no additional information is needed, the complainant will be sent a letter of acceptance along with the Complainant Consent/Release form (SFN 60741) and the notice about Investigatory Uses of Personal Information fact sheet.

Title VI, related statutes, and Section 504/ADA complaints filed directly with NDDOT against NDDOT, its sub recipients, or contractors will be processed by NDDOT in accordance with the FTA approved complaint procedures under FTA C 4710.1, FTA C 4702.1B, 49 CFR 27.13(b).

For Title VI or related statutes Complaints, NDDOT is required to follow the FTA C 4702.1B to comply with reporting requirements of 49 CFR 21.9(b). The investigation information is recorded on the Transit Title VI - List of Investigations, Lawsuits, and Complaints (SFN 60805) and included in the Title VI/Nondiscrimination and ADA Program submitted to FTA every three years. Although, FTA regulations do not specify a time frame for the investigation of Title VI complaints, the NDDOT attempts to complete investigations within 90 days of receipt of the complaint.

For a Section 504/ADA complaint, NDDOT shall forward a copy of the complaint, together with a copy of the report of investigation within 90 days of receipt of the complaint to the FTA Office of Civil Rights.

The FTA has delegated authority for issuing LOFs for Title VI, related statutes, and Section 504/ADA complaints processed by NDDOT. Closure letters or LOFs issued by NDDOT under FTA jurisdiction on Title VI, related statutes, and Section 504/ADA complaints are administratively final. Individuals or a specific class of individuals, personally or through a representative, may submit a complaint to FTA within 180 days from the date of the alleged discrimination.

If NDDOT receives a complaint against its sub recipients, the sub recipient will be contacted to handle the complaint informally at the local level if possible. If the complaint cannot be resolved informally at the local level, NDDOT will use the same process above to resolve the complaint.

Agencies Authorized to Receive and Process Complaints

North Dakota Department of Transportation

Civil Rights Division
608 E Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58507-0700
Telephone: (701) 328-2576
TTY: 711 or (800) 366-6888
E-mail: civilrights@nd.gov

United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

Departmental Office of Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Civil Rights
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590
Telephone: (202) 366-4648
Fax: (202) 366-5575
TTY/Assistive Device: (202) 366-9696

FHWA

North Dakota Division Office
4503 Coleman St. N., Suite 205
Bismarck, ND 58503
Telephone: (701) 250-4204
Fax: (701) 250-4395
E-mail: NorthDakota.fhwa@dot.gov

USDOJ - Race, Color, National Origin Complaints

Federal Coordination and Compliance Section - NWB
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530
Telephone: (888) 848-5306 (English and Spanish)
(202) 307-2222 (voice)
(202) 307-2678 (TDD)

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Office of Civil Rights
Attention: Complaint Team
East Building, 5th Floor - TCR
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: (888) 446-4511

United States Department of Transportation (FHWA)

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Civil Rights
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
8th Floor E81-105
Washington, DC 20590
Telephone: (202) 366-0693
Fax: (202) 366-1599
TTY: (202) 366-5132
E-mail: CivilRights.FHWA@dot.gov

USDOJ - ADA Complaints

U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section - 1425 NYAV
Washington, DC 20530
Fax: (202) 307-1197
ADA Information Telephone Line:
(800) 514-0301 (voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TTY)
Main Section Telephone Number:
(202) 307-0663 (voice and TTY)

**COMPLAINANT CONSENT/RELEASE
(EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION)**



Name			
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Complaint Number(s) if known:			

Please read the information below, check the appropriate box, and sign this form.

I have read the Notice About Investigatory Uses of Personal Information by the Sub Recipient. As a complainant, I understand that in the course of an investigation it may become necessary for Sub Recipient to reveal my identity to persons at the organization or institution under investigation. I am also aware of the obligations of Sub Recipient to honor requests under the Freedom of Information Act and North Dakota Century Code 44-04-18. I understand that it may be necessary for Sub Recipient to disclose information, including personally identifying details, which it has gathered as a part of its investigation of my complaint. In addition, I understand that as a complainant I am protected by Sub Recipient's regulations from intimidation or retaliation for having taken action or participated in action to secure rights protected by nondiscrimination statutes enforced by Sub Recipient.

CONSENT/RELEASE

☐ CONSENT - I have read and understand the above information and authorize Sub Recipient to reveal my identity to persons at the organization or institution under investigation. I hereby authorize the Sub Recipient to receive material and information about me pertinent to the investigation of my complaint. I understand that the material and information will be used for authorized civil rights compliance and enforcement activities. I further understand that I am not required to authorize this release, and do so voluntarily.	
☐ CONSENT - The respondent named in this complaint may receive a copy of my complaint upon request.	
☐ CONSENT DENIED - I have read and understand the above information and do not want Sub Recipient to reveal my identity to the organization or institution under investigation, or to review, receive copies of, or discuss material and information about me, pertinent to the investigation of my complaint. I understand this is likely to impede the investigation of my complaint and may result in the closure of the investigation.	
Signature	Date

**NOTICE ABOUT INVESTIGATORY
USES OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
(External Complaints of Discrimination)**

Enclosure 2

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**Sub Recipient
NOTICE OF COMPLAINANT/INTERVIEWEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES**

Complainants and individuals who cooperate in an investigation, proceeding or hearing conducted by Sub Recipient are afforded certain rights and protections. This brief description will provide you with an overview of these rights and protections.

- A respondent may not force its employees to be represented by the respondent's counsel nor may it intimidate, threaten, coerce or discriminate against any employee who refuses to reveal to the respondent the content of an interview. An employee does, however, have the right to representation during an interview with Sub Recipient. The representative may be the respondent's counsel, the employee's private counsel, or anyone else the interviewee authorizes to be present.

- The laws and regulations which govern Sub Recipient's compliance and enforcement authority provide that no respondent or other person shall intimidate, threaten, coerce or discriminate against any individual because he/she has made a complaint, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted under Sub Recipient's jurisdiction, or has asserted rights protected by statutes Sub Recipient enforces.

- Information obtained from the complainant or other individuals which is maintained in Sub Recipient's investigative files may be exempt from disclosure under the Privacy Act, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), or North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 44-04-18 if release of such information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The law governing personal information submitted to any public entity, including the Sub Recipient is NDCC 44-04-18.

NDCC 44-04-18 protects individuals from misuse of personal information held by the Sub Recipient. The law applies to records that are kept and that can be located by the individual's name or social security number or other personal identification system. Persons who submit information to the public entity should know that:

- Sub Recipient is required to investigate complaints of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, and, in some instances, religion against respondents of Federal financial assistance. Sub Recipient also is authorized to conduct reviews of federally funded respondents to assess their compliance with civil rights laws.

- Information that Sub Recipient collects is analyzed by authorized personnel within the agency. This information may include personnel records or other personal information. Sub Recipient staff may need to reveal certain information to persons outside the agency in the course of verifying facts or gathering new facts to develop a basis for making a civil rights compliance determination. Such details could include the physical condition or age of a complainant. Sub Recipient also may be required to reveal certain information to any individual who requests it under the provisions of NDCC 44-04-18. (See below)

- Personal information will be used only for the specific purpose for which it was submitted, that is, for authorized civil rights compliance and enforcement activities. Except in the instances defined by NDCC Chapter 44-04, Sub Recipient will not release the information to any other agency or individual unless the person who supplied the information submits a written consent. One of these exceptions is when release is required under NDCC 44-04-18. (See below)

- No law requires a complainant to give personal information to Sub Recipient, and no sanctions will be imposed on complainants or other individuals who deny Sub Recipient's request. However, if Sub Recipient fails to obtain information needed to investigate allegations of discrimination, it may be necessary to close the investigation.

- NDCC 44-04-18 permits certain types of systems of records to be exempt from some of its requirements, including the access provisions. It is the policy of Sub Recipient to exercise authority to exempt systems of records only in compelling cases. Sub Recipient may deny a complainant access to the files compiled during the agency investigation of his or her civil rights complaint against a respondent of Federal financial assistance. Complaint files are exempt in order to aid negotiations between respondents and Sub Recipient in resolving civil rights issues and to encourage respondents to furnish information essential to the investigation.

- Sub Recipient does not reveal the names or other identifying information about an individual unless it is necessary for the completion of an investigation or for enforcement activities against a respondent that violates the laws, or unless such information is required to be disclosed under NDCC 44-04-18. Sub Recipient will keep the identity of complainants confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the civil rights laws, or unless disclosure is required under NDCC 44-04-18 or otherwise required by law.

NDCC 44-04-18 gives the public access to certain files and records of the public entity. Individuals can obtain items from many categories of records of the public entity--not just materials that apply to them personally. Sub Recipient must honor requests under NDCC 44-04-18, with some exceptions. Sub Recipient generally is not required to release documents during an investigation or enforcement proceedings if the release could have an adverse effect on the ability of the agency to do its job.

Also, a public entity may refuse a request for records compiled for law enforcement purposes if their release could be an "unwarranted invasion of privacy" of an individual. Requests for other records, such as personnel and medical files, may be denied where the disclosure would be a "clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy."

Instructions for Title VI Complaint Process Form:

General

1. Instructions provided within this form are not meant to be all inclusive. Members of the public or external applicants for employment filing a Title VI/ADA complaint are responsible for all procedural requirements contained in the Bismarck-Mandan MPO's Title VI/ADA External Complaint Process.
2. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the related statutes and regulations, no person or group(s) of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, limited English proficiency, or income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by the Bismarck-Mandan MPO. Members of the public, external applicants for employment, or group(s) of persons who feel they have been discriminated against may file a complaint.
3. Complainants **must** include all required information and **must** meet all timeframes as defined in the Bismarck-Mandan MPO's Title VI/ADA External Complaint Process.
4. Legible copies of all available pertinent documentation should be attached to this form.
5. All inquiries should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Bismarck-Mandan MPO, 221 N. 5th Street / P.O. Box 5506, Bismarck, ND 58506-5503, Telephone (701)355-1330, TDD 711.

Part I

Complete all information in this section.

Part II

Check all boxes that apply indicating the basis for the complaint. The discrimination **must** be based on at least one of the listed categories.

Part III

State the specific complaint in a manner that clearly identifies the issues upon which the complaint is based.

Part IV

Sign and date this section to verify the information contained in Parts I through III.

PART I - COMPLAINANT INFORMATION (Print all items legibly.)

Name		Telephone Number
Mailing Address		Email Address
City	State	ZIP Code

PART II - STATUS OF COMPLAINANT

Check appropriate box[es]		
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ☐ Race ☐ National Origin ☐ Color		Other Nondiscrimination Statutes/Executive Orders ☐ Sex ☐ Disability ☐ Limited English Proficiency ☐ Age ☐ Income Status
Nature of Complaint		
Recipient (Processor of Complaint)		
Date Filed	Date Investigation Completed	Date of Disposition
Disposition		
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PART I - COMPLAINANT INFORMATION (Print all items legibly.)

Name		Telephone Number
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Nature of Complaint		
Recipient (Processor of Complaint)		
Date Filed	Date Investigation Completed	Date of Disposition
Disposition		
☐ Add Another Section		

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO is committed to providing non-discriminatory service. No person shall, on the basis of a person's national origin, race, color, disability, sex, age and/or income status, be excluded from participation or be subjected to discrimination or harassment by the Bismarck-Mandan MPO. Contact the Bismarck-Mandan MPO Project Director at 701-355-1840 to request additional information on our nondiscrimination obligations or to file a complaint.

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|--------------------------|---|------------------------|
| ☐ | ضع علامة في هذا المربع إذا كنت تقرأ أو تتحدث العربية. | 1. Arabic |
| ☐ | Խոսողո՞ւմ ե՞ս, և՛ խոսում կատարե՞ք այս քանակություն, եթե խոսում կամ կարդում ե՞ք հայերեն: | 2. Armenian |
| ☐ | যদি আপনি বাংলা পড়েন বা বলেন তা হলে এই বাক্সে দাগ দিন। | 3. Bengali |
| ☐ | ល្អប្រសើរណាស់ប្រសិនបើ បើអ្នកអាន ឬនិយាយភាសា ខ្មែរ ។ | 4. Cambodian |
| ☐ | Motka i kahhon ya yangin ûntûngnu' manaitai pat ûntûngnu' kumentos Chamorro. | 5. Chamorro |
| ☐ | 如果你能读中文或讲中文，请选择此框。 | 6. Simplified Chinese |
| ☐ | 如果你能讀中文或講中文，請選擇此框。 | 7. Traditional Chinese |
| ☐ | Označite ovaj kvadratić ako čitate ili govorite hrvatski jezik. | 8. Croatian |
| ☐ | Zaškrtněte tuto kolonku, pokud čtete a hovoříte česky. | 9. Czech |
| ☐ | Kruis dit vakje aan als u Nederlands kunt lezen of spreken. | 10. Dutch |
| ☐ | Mark this box if you read or speak English. | 11. English |
| ☐ | اگر خواندن و نوشتن فارسی بلد هستید، این مربع را علامت بزنید. | 12. Farsi |

☐	Cocher ici si vous lisez ou parlez le français.	13. French
☐	Kreuzen Sie dieses Kästchen an, wenn Sie Deutsch lesen oder sprechen.	14. German
☐	Σημειώστε αυτό το πλαίσιο αν διαβάζετε ή μιλάτε Ελληνικά.	15. Greek
☐	Make kazye sa a si ou li oswa ou pale kreyòl ayisyen.	16. Haitian Creole
☐	अगर आप हिन्दी बोलते या पढ़ सकते हैं तो इस बक्स पर चिह्न लगाएँ।	17. Hindi
☐	Kos lub voj no yog koj paub twm thiab hais lus Hmoob.	18. Hmong
☐	Jelölje meg ezt a kockát, ha megérte vagy beszéli a magyar nyelvet.	19. Hungarian
☐	Markaam daytoy nga kahon no makabasa wenno makasaoka iti Ilocano.	20. Ilocano
☐	Marchi questa casella se legge o parla italiano.	21. Italian
☐	日本語を読んだり、話せる場合はここに印を付けてください。	22. Japanese
☐	한국어를 읽거나 말할 수 있으면 이 칸에 표시하십시오.	23. Korean
☐	ໃຫ້ໝາຍໃສ່ຊ່ອງນີ້ ຖ້າທ່ານອ່ານຫຼືປາກພາສາລາວ.	24. Laotian
☐	Prosimy o zaznaczenie tego kwadratu, jeżeli posługuje się Pan/Pani językiem polskim.	25. Polish

☐	Assinale este quadrado se você lê ou fala português.	26. Portuguese
☐	Însemnați această căsuță dacă citiți sau vorbiți românește.	27. Romanian
☐	ометьте этот квадратик, если вы читаете или говорите по-русски.	28. Russian
☐	Обележите овај квадратик уколико читате или говорите српски језик.	29. Serbian
☐	Označte tento štvorček, ak viete čítať alebo hovoriť po slovensky.	30. Slovak
☐	Marque esta casilla si lee o habla español.	31. Spanish
☐	Markahan itong kuwadrado kung kayo ay marunong magbasa o magsalita ng Tagalog.	32. Tagalog
☐	ให้กาเครื่องหมายลงในช่องถ้าท่านอ่านหรือพูดภาษาไทย.	33. Thai
☐	Maaka 'i he puha ni kapau 'oku ke lau pe lea fakatonga.	34. Tongan
☐	Відмітьте цю клітинку, якщо ви читаете або говорите українською мовою.	35. Ukrainian
☐	اگر آپ اردو پڑھتے یا بولتے ہیں تو اس خانے میں نشان لگائیں۔	36. Urdu
☐	Xin đánh dấu vào ô này nếu quý vị biết đọc và nói được Việt Ngữ.	37. Vietnamese
☐	באצייכנט דעם קעסטל אויב איר לייענט אדער רעדט אידיש.	38. Yiddish

PLEASE USE DARK INK AND PRINT CLEARLY

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related nondiscrimination authorities require the North Dakota Department of Transportation to ensure everyone has the opportunity to comment on the transportation programs and activities that may affect their community.

To help with that, we ask that you respond to the following questions. You are not required to disclose the information requested in order to participate. Any information provided to the NDDOT will be retained solely for the purpose of collecting statistical data to ensure inclusion of all segments of the population affected by transportation programs and activities.

Sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐	Disability: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Age: ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-40 ☐ 41-65 ☐ 65+	
Race: ☐ White ☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ _____ ☐ Black/African American	
Language Most Frequently Spoken in your Home: ☐ Spanish ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Japanese ☐ German ☐ Arabic ☐ Other Slavic Language ☐ Other African Language ☐ Russian ☐ English ☐ Chinese ☐ Other India Language ☐ _____	
Do you receive public assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
How did you hear about this event? ☐ Internet ☐ NDDOT Contact ☐ Television ☐ Radio ☐ Newspaper ☐ Advocacy Group ☐ Mailing ☐ Social Service Agency ☐ _____	

For Office Use Only

Event Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	City	County	Div/Dist Number	PCN
 	 	 	 	

MPO:

- ☐ Bismarck-Mandan
- ☐ Fargo-Moorhead Metro COG
- ☐ Grand Forks-East Grand Forks

ROW:

- ☐ Negotiation
- ☐ Relocation

Subrecipient:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

*After you have completed this form, please place it in the designated location.

Sub Recipient Title VI Public Participation Survey

- **Instructions**
 - NDDOT developed the Title VI Public Participation Survey to collect statistical data of participants and beneficiaries of NDDOT and its' sub recipient's programs. This survey is a means to determine if FHWA or FTA financial assistance is reaching communities and populations that need the assistance as well to quantitatively monitor the performance of our Title VI and nondiscrimination programs.
 - At your event, explain the purpose of the survey. The purpose of the survey is printed on the survey along with instructions on filling out the survey. The language question is intended to capture Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons attending. The public assistance question is intended to capture traditionally underserved populations attending. Encourage event attendees to complete the survey. (Only the public attending the events should complete the survey. It is not intended for NDDOT, city, county, or consultant employees who are hosting the event.)
 - Process the survey information within your agency.
- **Survey Preparation**
- **Prior to printing the survey, certain fields need to be filled out.**
 - **Event Date:** Enter the date the event is being held.
 - **City:** Enter the ND city number. See code list on NDDOT website.
 - **County:** Enter the ND county number. See code list on NDDOT website.
 - **Division/District Number:** Enter Division/District Number. See code list on NDDOT website.
 - https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/civilrights/docs/titlevi/div-dist_city_county%20CODES.pdf
 - **Project Control Number (PCN):** Enter number if applicable. If there are multiple PCN's, only enter the Parent PCN.
 - **Right of Way (ROW):** Select the appropriate only if the survey is being completed for the specific activity selected.
 - **MPO:** For use by MPO's only. If you are an MPO, select your MPO area.
 - **Sub recipient:** Select appropriate answer.
- **Save the survey completed with identifying information to your files.**
- **Print as many original documents as you need for your event.**

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FY2026 Goals and Accomplishments

The Bismarck-Mandan MPO completed a self-audit of its Title VI and Non- Discrimination/ADA Program Access Plan in March 2026. These resulted in the following goals and/or accomplishments:

1. Update Title VI Plan
 - a. Organization, Staffing & Responsibilities
 - i. Circulated demographic surveys to the new members of MPO committees and a new MPO employee
 - ii. Updated the table depicting the demographic representation of the BMMPO to reflect changes
 - b. Socio-Economic/Year 2026 TIP Projects Maps
 - i. Minority, Elderly, Poverty, Limited English Proficiency
 - c. Updated Demographic Profile & Analysis section to account for new demographic information, and an analysis of the MPO's current program
 - d. Limited English Proficiency Plan
 - i. Updated LEP Plan to account for new demographic information available through the US Census Bureau
2. Provide a minimum of one hour of training annually related to Title VI to all MPO staff
 - a. Staff participated in training for the utilization of the City of Bismarck's new Language Line services for LEP persons, and training through the City's HR Dept.
3. Continue outreach efforts to ensure minority, elderly, disabled, low income, and LEP populations have equal opportunity to participate in MPO programs – *ongoing*
 - a. Local Social Service agencies
 - i. Reached out to a variety of agencies and services for the recently completed Safe Routes to Services Study
 - b. Increase public outreach efforts to engage citizens less likely to attend public meetings
 - i. Community sponsored events
 - ii. Citizen forums
 - iii. Focus groups
 - iv. Surveys (several study-related surveys have been utilized in 2025-26)
 1. Online
 2. Direct mail
 3. Public Events
 - v. Virtual public participation opportunities
 1. TAC and Policy Board meetings
 2. Public Input Meetings
4. GOAL COMPLETED: Completed the Safe Routes to Services Study to support the MPO's outreach to vulnerable populations and areas in the community.

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DATE: July 7, 2026

TO: Bismarck-Mandan MPO Technical Advisory Committee; Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board

SUBJECT: ATAC Project Report – Mandan Signalized Intersection Traffic Data Collection

ACTION REQUIRED: No Action Required

DETAILS

An addendum to the Master Agreement with Advanced Traffic Analysis Center (ATAC) was signed in December 2025 to set up automated traffic and pedestrian data collection on up to 5 signalized intersections in Mandan. The collection provides 15-minute turning movement count and average stop bar speeds 24/7/365. The collected data can then be used for generating reports using the Traffic Analysis Tool website which can be used for transportation planning, traffic operations, to calibrate and validate regional travel demand model or to design traffic signal phasing and splits.

The project is anticipated to be completed in June of 2027. Invoices and progress reports are received on a quarterly basis and will be provided for informational purposes to the TAC and Policy Board. The Quarter 2 progress report is attached.

STAFF CONTACT: Kim Riepl, Executive Director, Bismarck-Mandan MPO

kriepl@bismarcknd.gov | 701.355.1844

Date: July 2, 2026

Progress Report as of: June 30, 2026

Sponsor: Bismarck Mandan MPO

Project Title: Signalized Intersections Traffic Data Collection Pilot Project for City of Mandan

Effective Dates: January 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027

PI: Kshitij Sharma

TASKS:

1. Traffic PC provision (ATAC)
2. Traffic software installation (City)
3. Intersection detection zones and calibration checks (ATAC)
4. Intersection traffic data collection setup and data download (ATAC)
5. VISION camera-based pedestrian counting, reporting, and dashboard(s) (ATAC)
6. VISION camera-based on-street bicyclist detection (ATAC)
7. Traffic count data quality audits (ATAC)
8. Traffic data transfer and import setup (ATAC & City)
9. Website setup (ATAC)
10. Training/Project report (ATAC)

Total Contract Amount: \$ 44,793

No.	Tasks	Completion (%)	Notes
1	Traffic PC provision (ATAC)	100	Completed
2	Traffic software installation (City)	100	Completed
3	Intersection detection zones and calibration checks (ATAC)		
4	Intersection traffic data collection setup and data download (ATAC)		
5	VISION camera-based pedestrian counting, reporting, and dashboard(s) (ATAC)		
6	VISION camera-based on-street bicyclist detection (ATAC)		
7	Traffic count data quality audits (ATAC)		
8	Traffic data transfer and import setup (ATAC & City)	50	Ongoing
9	Website setup (ATAC)		
10	Training/Project report (ATAC)		

CURRENT

Project Total Percent Complete: 15%

PAST

Q1 2026: 10%

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DATE: July 10, 2026

TO: Bismarck-Mandan MPO Technical Advisory Committee; Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board

SUBJECT: Bismarck Curb Management Study Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Process

ACTION REQUIRED: No action required (Policy Board Chair will sign)

DETAILS

The MPO is required to follow the QBS Process, as established by NDDOT, for each of its transportation studies. The QBS Letter, as provided in the July meeting packet, will be signed by the Policy Board Chair and provided to NDDOT to certify the MPO has complied with the QBS process in its selection of Walker Consultants to perform the Curb Management Study. NDDOT will review and approve the QBS Letter and supporting documentation submitted by the MPO as the final step of the QBS process.

STAFF CONTACT: Stephen Larson, Transportation Planner, Bismarck-Mandan MPO

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July 21, 2026

Will Hutchings
Local Government Division
ND Department of Transportation
608 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

Re: Qualifications Based Selection Process for the Bismarck Curb Management Study

The Designated Responsible Charge for the Curb Mgmt. Study is Stephen Larson.

Items to be provided to the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) by the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which serve as supporting documentation required by the NDDOT Consultant Administration Services Procedure manual include:

1. Cover Letter signed by LPA/MPO Representative
2. Request for Proposal
3. Selection Committee
4. Interview location, date, time and questions
5. Shortlist evaluation and rankings for firms interviewed
6. NDDOT approval for fewer than 3 interviews
7. Selection committee interview answers and notes
8. Ballots and ranking of selection
9. Selection and ranking memorandum
10. Approval of mayor or president of the LPA/MPO commission
11. Copies of proposals received
12. Copies of proposed Sub Consultant Request (SFN 60232)
13. Certification of Final Indirect Costs
14. Other information, if applicable.

The Policy Board of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO hereby certifies the appropriate federal and state requirements were followed in developing the Request for Proposal, selection of consultant, and execution of contract for the Curb Management Study. Said requirements are pursuant to the Qualifications Based Selection procedures, specifically as regards Local Public Agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, as prescribed by the North Dakota Department of Transportation in the Consultant Administration Services Procedure Manual. The selections process for the Curb Management Study led to the selection of Walker Consultants as the consultant, with Bolton & Menk serving as subconsultant.

ATTEST:

Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan
Planning Organization

Name (Print or Type)

Name (Print or Type)

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

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DATE: July 10, 2026

TO: Bismarck-Mandan MPO Technical Advisory Committee; Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board

SUBJECT: Bismarck Curb Management Study Consultant Selection

ACTION REQUIRED: Consider approval of the selected consultant for the Study

DETAILS

The MPO held interviews of the proposing consultants, KLJ, SRF, and Walker Consultants, for the Curb Management Study on July 6. The Selection Committee consisted of representatives from Bismarck Planning, Bismarck Engineering, Bismarck Police, and the Bismarck Downtowners. After a competitive and enjoyable proposal and interview process, the Selection Committee has recommended Walker Consultants (with a sub-consultant of Bolton & Menk) as the preferred consultant for this project. The MPO is seeking approval from its boards of this selection, and authorization to pursue contract negotiations with the selected consulting team.

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Fringe Area Roads Master Plan Update Monthly Progress Report #8

Submission Date:

July 13, 2026

Performance Period:

May 23 – June 30, 2026

Project:

 Fringe Area Roads Master
Plan Update

BMI Job No.:

25X.139841.000

Recipient: Bismarck-Mandan
MPO

Prime Consultant:

Bolton & Menk

Mr. Larson:

Enclosed is Bolton & Menk's invoice for the Bismarck-Mandan Safe Routes to Services project, for the period ending June 30, 2026. The total fee for work completed during this time period is \$35,180.80. A brief overview of the project progress is provided below.

Tasks complete to date:

Task	% Billed	% Complete
Task 1: Discovery, Outreach, and Engagement	97.3%	95%
Task 2: Assessing Technical Needs	100%	100%
Task 3: Balancing Needs with Community Priorities	95.3%	95%
Task 4: Final Deliverables	81.1%	80%
Total:	89.8%	89%

Summary of Activities Within Invoice Period:

Task 1: Discovery, Outreach, and Engagement

- Continued coordination with BMMPO for project management.

Task 2: Assessing Technical Needs

- Work is completed.

Task 3: Balancing Needs with Community Priorities

- Further developed concepts on focus areas/hotspots, including exploration of alternative alignments and intersection/interchange locations. These are intended to allow multiple approaches to addressing major transportation challenges when either capital projects are advanced, when development proposal may change the available options for transportation system connections, or both.

Task 4: Final Deliverables

- Continued development of report deliverables and other public-facing products.
- Development of online map tool to allow public review and comment.

FARMP Update – Monthly Progress Report (cont.)

Required Action by BMMPO:

- None in this reporting period.

Problems Encountered:

- None in this reporting period.

Summary of Project Decisions:

- BMMPO and consultant team set schedules for review of draft documents and presentation of the plan to elected officials for review.

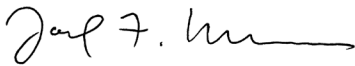
Out of Scope Services:

- None in this reporting period.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-509-6771.

Sincerely,

Bolton & Menk, Inc.



Joel Mann

Transportation Project Manager

Fringe Area Roads Master Plan Update

July 2026 Updates for MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board

Overview

The study team is moving toward completion with development of a draft report. The project Steering Committee has begun review of the draft report, distributed July 1, and is asked for comments back to the planning team by July 23.

MAJOR CHANGES IN THE PLAN'S APPROACH

As discussed in previous updates, the FARMP is keeping a similar structure to what it has been in previous iterations: a 'plan without a timeline' that serves as more of a thoroughfare master plan framework to guide development and make sure the region's road network is building out in a connected manner. However, the plan has noted a few significant factors that call for a revised approach in some areas.

- **Fewer arterials proposed for this update.** The previous FARMP network used a fairly regular designation of arterials (generally every mile and along section-line alignments) and collectors (generally spaced between the arterials and forming a half-mile grid). The designation in the plan has implications for numerous elements of development review: right-of-way dedication, access spacing, and street design. However, recent development patterns are generally less dense/less intense than previous development, suggesting that traffic impacts may never reach a point that capacity expansions are needed.

Consequently, the new plan designates fewer roads as arterials, and refers to both types of road as 'candidates', suggesting these would be the most likely classifications if the Cities or Counties ever wish to designate any of them as functionally classified with NDDOT/FHWA.

TAC AND POLICY BOARD FEEDBACK: What concerns, if any, do you have with this approach?

- **Northern Bridge and the Beltway concept.** As noted in previous updates, the potential Northern Bridge over the Missouri River is included for planning purposes in this FARMP update, but the plan does not provide specific direction on that project and how to advance it. Likewise, the North-South Beltway concept that had first proposed that plan has largely been incorporated into the FARMP as the major regional corridors network, but would be treated as a series of discrete projects and built out through the more incremental process the region has used for developing its road network.

TAC AND POLICY BOARD FEEDBACK: Should the FARMP emphasize any greater priority on any of these corridors than it currently does?

- **MPO Review on Major Regional Corridors.** The FARMP proposes a new system in which the MPO will have a voice in development review in a limited number of circumstances. This would only be on roads

designated as the FARMP Major Regional Corridors, and only when development applications propose a substantial enough change that the regional nature of the corridor might be limited or compromised. The plan has proposed this such that these cases are probably rare, as the intent of this review is not to add complexity or time to the development review process. It is also not intended to allow the MPO to have the ability to approve or deny developments, a power not within its statutory authority. It is intended to provide an additional voice in considering the region's needs when one local government is taking action.

The Steering Committee is still reviewing the specific thresholds proposed (especially intersection spacing standards in the last row), but these consist of the following:

Table 7.1.1 Significant Changes to Merit MPO Review and Advisory to Local Governments	
Roadway Alignment	When any of the MRC corridors as shown in the FARMP are realigned in a way that reduces their regional function through lower design speeds or added turning movements to follow a path
Roadway Operations	When intersections proposed in a development require more than two installations of traffic control in a single mile
Regional Continuity	- When any of the MRC corridors are proposed to end at a crossing road rather than continue on a previously-direct alignment - When any of the MRC corridors are removed outright
Direct Driveway Access	When any site development proposes driveway access any closer than the following: 660 feet from an intersection with a NDDOT highway 300 feet from an intersection with all MRC corridors or Candidate Arterials from FARMP 150 feet from all other intersections

TAC AND POLICY BOARD FEEDBACK: There is likely no official resolution or action needed to establish this kind of a system; it would be a new custom the MPO begins to follow and will rely on member jurisdictions noting when an application meets any of these thresholds and the local government cannot negotiate with an applicant for something less impactful. Should the TAC and PB follow a more formal process that the FARMP would define?

REGIONAL FOCUS AREAS AND SETTING PREFERENCES

As discussed in previous updates, the study has also included an emphasis on transportation system hotspots that represented unique challenges to implementing the FARMP and continuing to provide a connected transportation network. The draft report presented options for these but did not intend to recommend a preferred alternative, since the team does not currently have the benefit of considering development applications. Based on conversations the team has had with member jurisdictions, these focus areas seem to be received differently and serving different purposes from one jurisdiction to the next.

It will be helpful for TAC members to advise on whether a single approach should be taken for all six focus areas or whether each one can take its own approach to setting a preferred alternative. This is important to manage the expectations of developers and the integration of the FARMP into the development review process. If a focus area does not provide a preferred alternative, the development review process is likely to be more of a negotiation between developers and local government to identify a mutually beneficial option, but if one response is preferred, it suggests that will be the basis for right-of-way dedication.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE TAC and POLICY BOARD

- The TAC members who are also on the Steering Committee will provide valuable overlap to help inform larger TAC discussions on how the plan's direction has evolved and how feedback from the Steering Committee has shaped this.
- Our schedule of a public review/comment period has been moved out one month, with this public comment to wrap up in September. **This would put presenting the plan to member jurisdiction legislative bodies in October, with TAC and Policy Board final adoption presentations October 19 and 20 (respectively).**
- The updates to TAC and Policy Board over the next several months will likely focus on what feedback helped to shape the plan, as well as a summary of public input to date in September (though the public comment period may still be open at the time that agenda materials are submitted to the TAC and Policy Board.
- It is important to note that although the FARMP has recommendations for a revised process tied to a regional roadway network, the FARMP does not recommend changing any standards or requirements of development ordinances or other local government legislation. Local standards are still intended to govern how the FARMP is implemented.

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2026 Transit Development Plan Monthly Progress Report

Performance Period:

June 1-30, 2026

Project:

2026 Transit Development Plan

BMI Project No.

25X.141188.000

Recipient:

Bismarck-Mandan MPO

Prime Consultant:

Bolton & Menk

Dear Paulette,

Enclosed is Bolton & Menk's invoice for the 2026 Transit Development Plan. A brief overview of the project progress is provided below.

Task	% Billed	% Complete
1. Project Management	22%	7%
2. Community Involvement	5%	5%
3. Existing Conditions Evaluation	13%	10%
4. Future System Needs	0%	0%
5. Policy Guidance & Federal Requirements	0%	0%
6. Plan Development	0%	0%

Summary of Activities Within Invoice Period

Task 1: Project Management

- Developed project management plan
- Coordinated and held Project Management Team (PMT) kickoff meeting on 6/11
- Sub-consultant coordination

Task 2: Community Involvement

- Prepared draft Stakeholder and Public Engagement Plan for PMT review.

Task 3: Existing Conditions Evaluation

- Initiated data collection with PMT
- Began analysis of existing conditions data.

Task 4 – Future System Needs

- No activity during this time period.

Task 5 – Policy Guidance & Federal Requirements

- No activity during this time period.

Task 6 – Plan Development

- No activity during this time period.

Required Action by BMMPO:

- None in this reporting period.



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2026 Transit Development Plan Monthly Progress Report (cont.)

Problems Encountered:

- None in this reporting period.

Summary of Project Decisions:

- None in this reporting period.

Out of Scope Services:

- None in this reporting period.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (952) 256-0976.

Sincerely,

Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Aaron Bartling
Senior Transit Planner



TAC and Policy Board
July 20-21, 2026

TAC and Policy Board Updates



Project Update

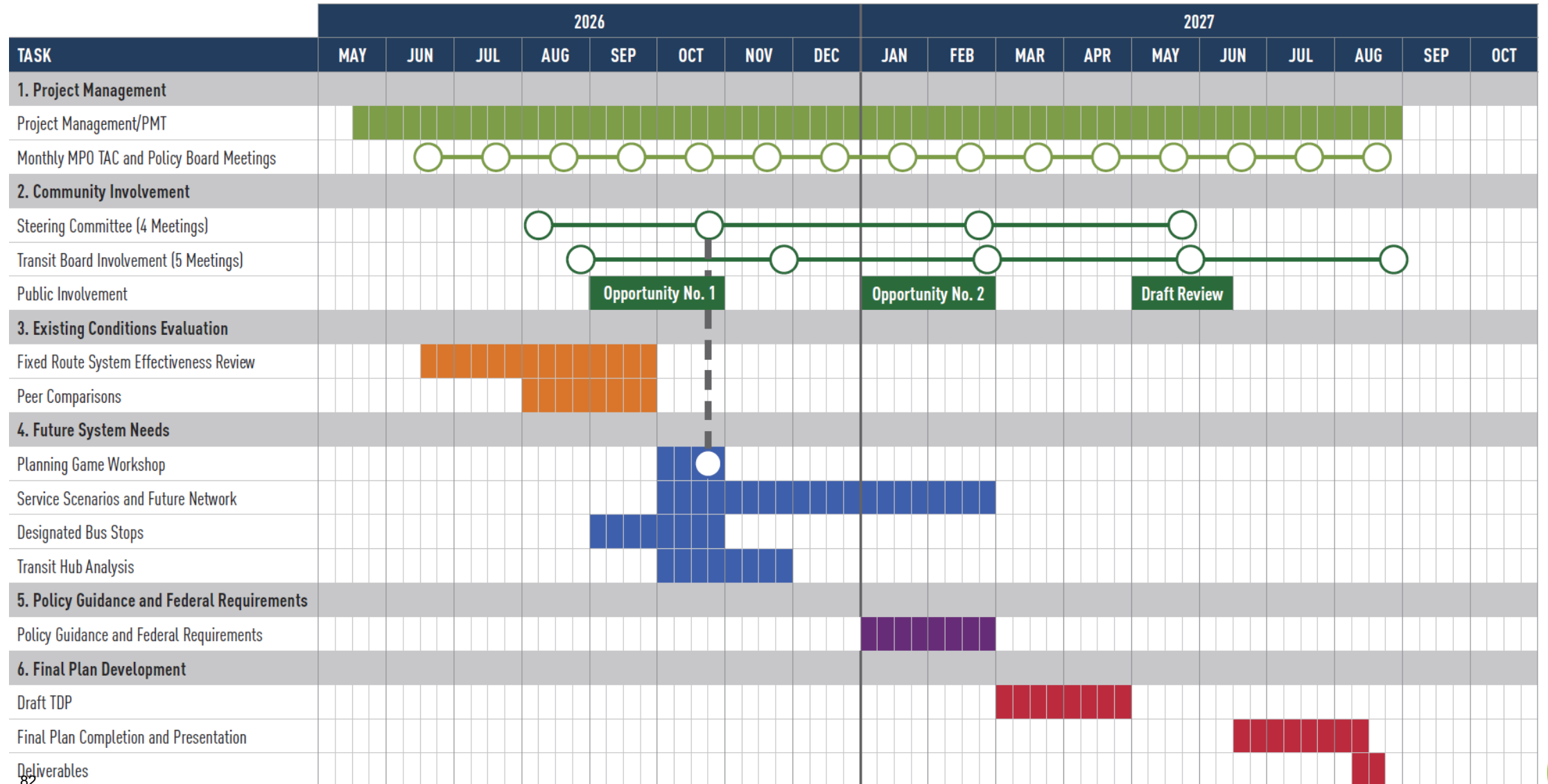
- ✓ PMT Kickoff Meeting (6/11)
- ✓ Initiate data collection and analysis
- ✓ Draft Stakeholder & Public Engagement Plan
- ✓ Project branding



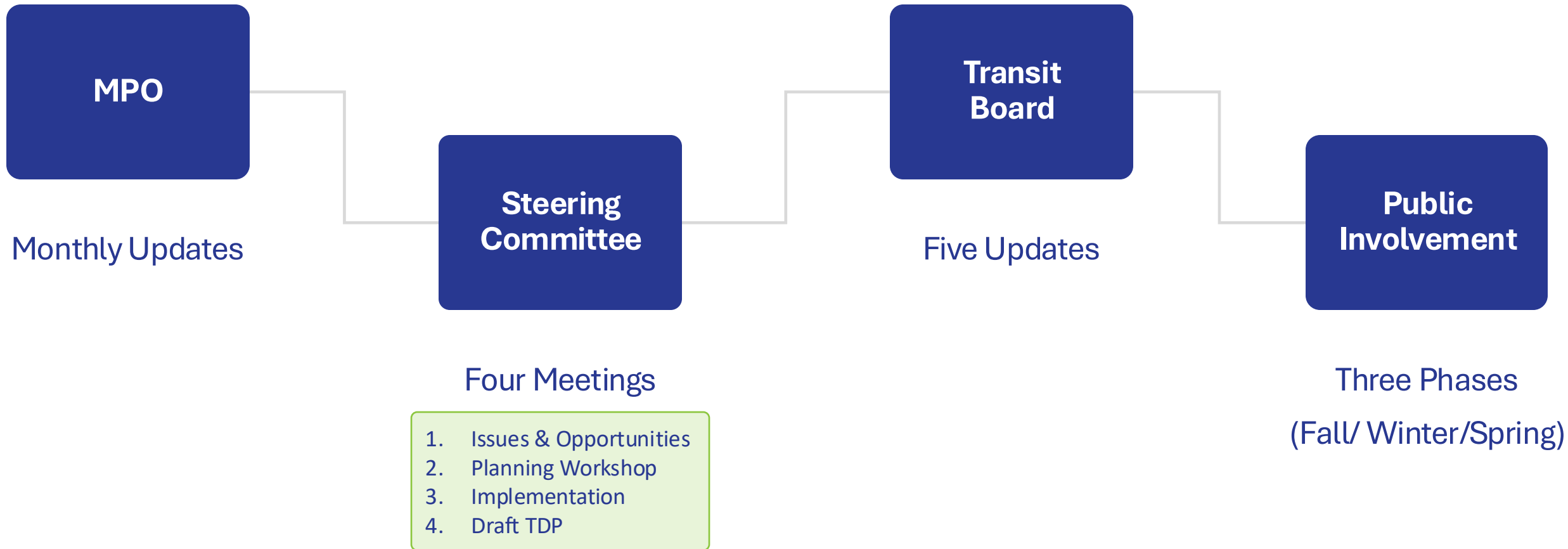
Project Overview



Project Schedule

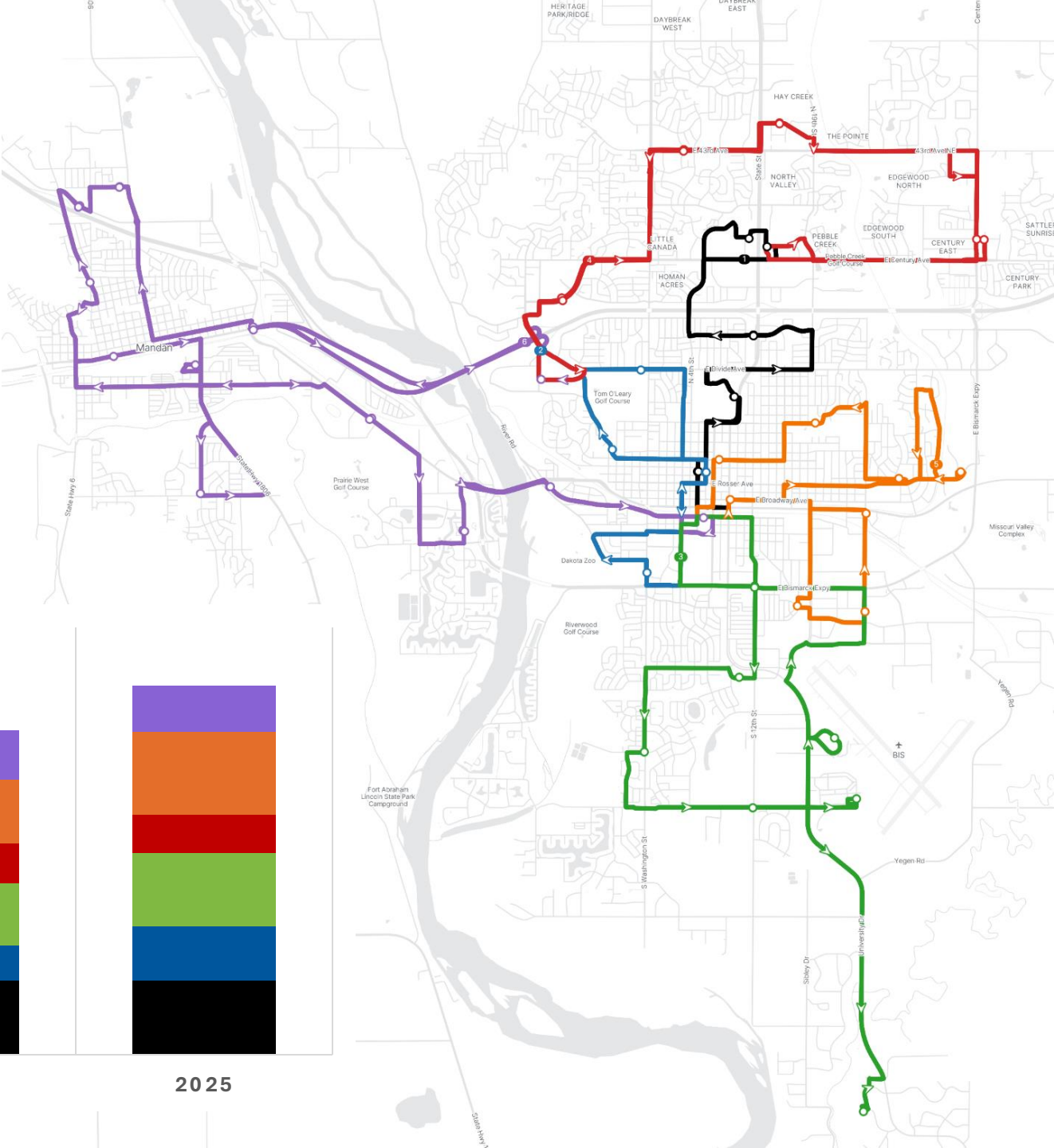
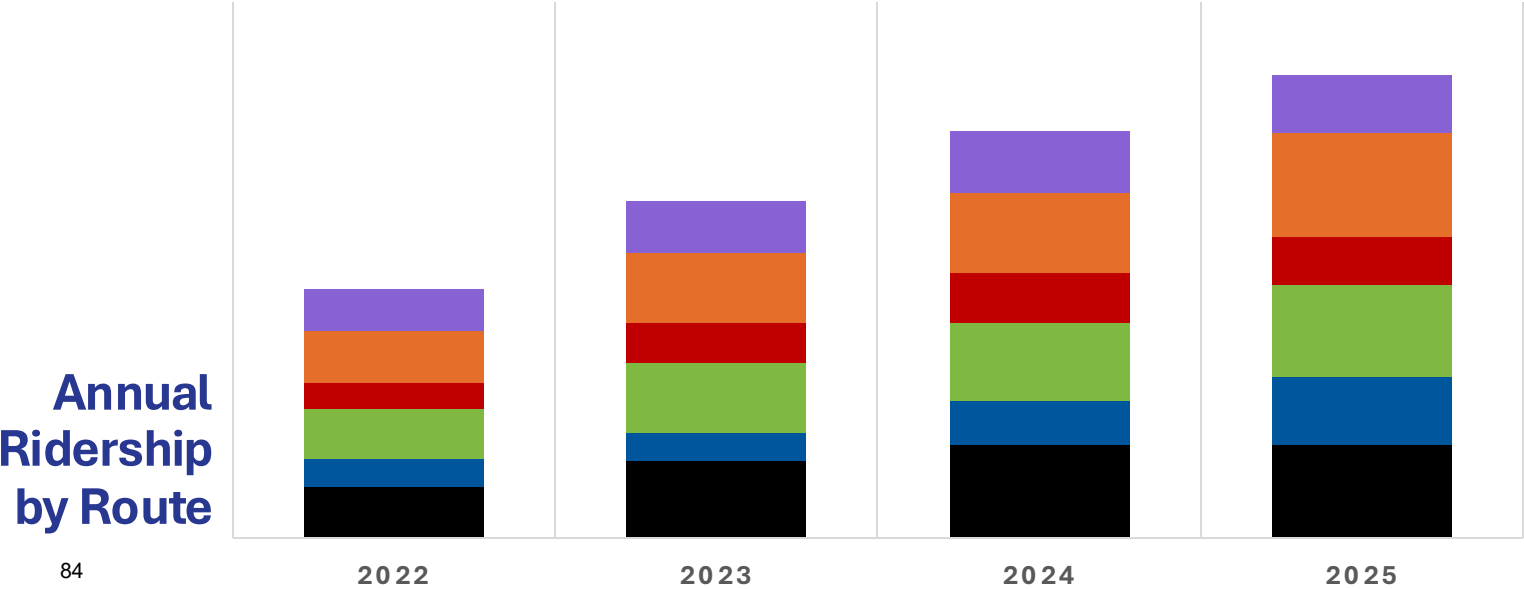


Community & Stakeholder Involvement



Existing Conditions Evaluation

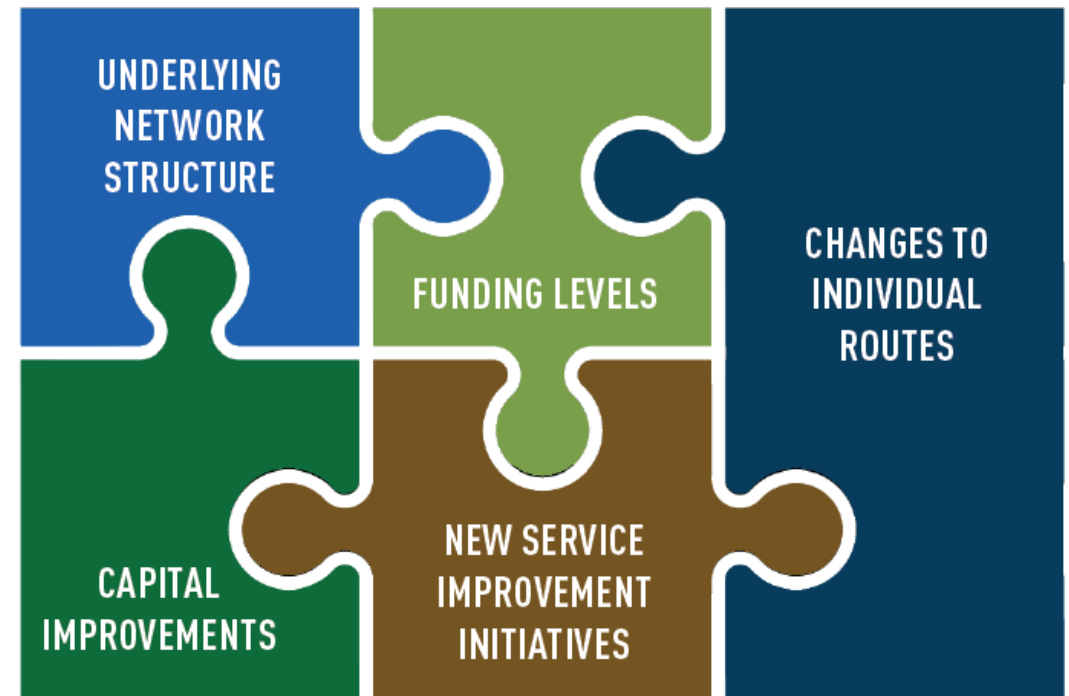
- » Fixed Route System Effectiveness
- » Peer Comparisons



Future System Needs

- Planning Workshop (October)
- Service scenarios & future network development
- Designated bus stops and transit hub analysis

Considerations



What's Next?

- » Existing conditions evaluation & peer comparisons
- » Steering Committee #1 (August)
- » Prepare for Public Involvement Opportunity #1 (Fall)





Aaron Bartling, Project Manager
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Questions?



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DATE: July 13, 2026

TO: Bismarck-Mandan MPO Technical Advisory Committee; Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board

SUBJECT: Passenger Rail Update & Discussion

ACTION REQUIRED: Discuss potential recipient of free registration for BSPRA Annual Conference

DETAILS

Passenger Rail Station Siting Study

The request for proposals for the Passenger Rail Station Siting Study resulted in one responsive proposal in May. The typical minimum number of candidates to comprise an interview pool is three, with any less requiring North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) authorization to proceed. The MPO requested and was given authorization to interview the sole responding firm which was KLJ with David Evans & Associated and Übl Design Group as subcontractors. The scoring by the selection committee supported the candidate team in both their proposal and interview for recommendation of selection. The Policy Board approved the recommendation in June and contract negotiations are in progress. The study is anticipated to last 12 months, concluding in 2027.

Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) Government Partner Program (GPP)

BSPRA Board Meetings: Held every two months and open to all GPP members, the most recent meeting was Wednesday, July 8. An update was provided on the Big Sky North Coast Corridor project, noting FRA requirements for Phase One have changed several times resulting in overall delays. BSPRA anticipated approval of a July submittal for this phase which will then allow them to move into Phase Two which includes identifying the full service development plan. Past meeting minutes are available on the BSPRA website here:

<https://bigskyrailauthority.sharepoint.com/sites/BSRPAExternal/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FBSRPAExternal%2FShared%20Documents%2FBSPRA%20Meeting%20Agendas%20and%20Minutes&p=true&ga=1>

BSPRA Annual Conference: The BSPRA Annual Conference will be combined with the Greater Northwest Rail Summit for 2026 and will take place August 25-27 in Helena, MT. Registration costs vary from \$50 for virtual attendance to \$275 for full 3-day registration. More information and a preliminary agenda is available at: <https://bigskyrailmt.gov/2026-gnwrs-bspra-annual-meeting>. BSPRA is offering free conference registration to GPP members or an elected official from a GPP member entity. This entitles us to ONE FREE three-day registration in the amount of \$275 for one Policy Board member or elected official from any of the MPO's member jurisdictions. This is first come, first served and I will convey the MPO's recipient information to BSPRA in the event someone tells me they want to use it.

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