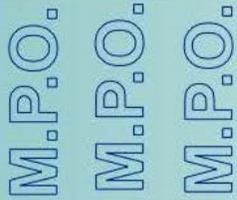


**Overcoming Barriers**

**Strengthening Connections**



**Grand Forks - East Grand Forks  
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**Ensuring Opportunities**

**Planning One Community**

*“A community that provides a variety of complementary transportation choices, that are fiscally constrained,  
for people and goods.”*

**MPO Staff Report**

**Technical Advisory Committee: December 12, 2018**

**MPO Executive Board: December 19, 2018**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend Adoption of 2045 Street/Highway Element**

Matter of the 2045 Street/Highway Element Approval.

**Background:** For the past 24 months, the MPO has been cooperatively working with its partners to develop an update to the 2040 Street/Highway Plan. The requirement is to have an updated planning document every 5 years. The end of December of this year ends the current five year cycle; we must adopt an update by then. We all have been working of a transit element and a bike and pedestrian element which together comprise the overall Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

As part of the MPO adoption, we request our respective local partners to consider amending their respective comprehensive plans to include the MPO Transportation Plan. The following action has been taken to date:

TAC recommended final adoption of the 2045 Street/Highway Element by unanimous vote at its December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

Grand Forks Planning and Zoning Commission gave final approval at its December 2018 meeting with removal of a second future bridge at 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.

Grand Forks City Council gave preliminary approval and is holding public hearing at its December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

East Grand Forks Planning and Zoning Commission gave approval at its November 2018 meeting.

East Grand Forks City Council gave preliminary approval and is holding a public meeting at its December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Polk County Board of Commissioners adopted the Board to support the 2045 Plan which includes continuing the preservation of the 32nd Avenue South and Merrifield Road corridors for future bridges.

Grand Forks Board of Commissioners adopted motion to support the 2045 Plan which includes the continuing the preservation of the Merrifield Road corridor for future bridge. The County determined that it was not within their review to act on a possible future bridge location inside the city limits of Grand Forks.

A presentation of the draft Plan was done before MnDOT Planning Working Group on November 14<sup>th</sup>. MnDOT has provided comments on the draft. Their main concern was that the current draft does not completely include the current TIP document to ensure all of the projects in the current TIP remain consistent with the Plan. This was done.

A presentation of the draft Plan was done before NDDOT Upper Management on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Comments from NDDOT were editorial in content causing no substantial change.

### **Findings and Analysis:**

- 2040 Street/Highway Plan needs to be updated.
- The deadline for adoption is end of December 2018.
- A Preliminary Approved Draft document was done in October and is being presented to the respective local agencies, and public, for their consideration and input.
- The draft document has been provided.

### **Support Materials:**

- Draft Resolution

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING  
THE YEAR 2045  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
FOR THE  
GRAND FORKS – EAST GRAND FORKS  
METROPOLITAN AREA**

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation requires the development of a metropolitan transportation plan by a metropolitan planning organization for each urbanized area and area expected to have growth over a twenty-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated as the policy body with the responsibility of performing transportation planning in the Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is designated by the Governors of North Dakota and Minnesota as the body responsible for making transportation planning decisions in the Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the existing metropolitan transportation plan was adopted in 2008 and, as in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 23 CFR 450.322, is being updated to remain current, maintain a twenty-year horizon and comply with new requirements from FAST; and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan transportation plan, in accordance with 23 CFR 450.322, is multi-modal in scope and accounts for all travel modes in the four sections of the plan: Street & Highway, Transit, Pedestrian, and Bicycle; and

WHEREAS, a 2040 long range transportation plan was adopted in December 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has worked with the North Dakota Department of Transportation, which is its lead agency for metropolitan planning activities, to ensure compliance with FAST; and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan transportation plan, in accordance with 23 CFR 450.322, shall be financially constrained to demonstrate that proposed projects have existing and/or reasonably projected sources of funds; and

WHEREAS, the MPO followed its adopted Public Participation Plan to proactively involve the public early and often in the transportation planning process and held a public hearing at the appropriate time for each action regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the MPO allow the MPO Executive Board to take action upon adoption of the Street/Highway Plan element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan sixty (60) days after said plan had been submitted to the representative city or sooner if the representative cities adopted the said plan prior to the 60 day period; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee of the MPO held public meetings on the proposed Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission for Grand Forks, North Dakota, held a public hearing on December 5, 2018, on the proposed Street/Highway element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for Grand Forks, North Dakota, held a public hearing on December 17, 2018, on the proposed Street/Highway element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission for East Grand Forks, Minnesota, held a public meeting on November 8, 2018, on the proposed Street/Highway element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for East Grand Forks, Minnesota, held a public meeting on December 18, 2018, on the proposed Street/Highway element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Policy Board of the Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization considered the actions taken by the local governmental agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Policy Board of the Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the proposed Year 2045 Street and Highway Element as presented with the following amendments:

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Date

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Ken Vein  
Chairman

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Earl Haugen  
Executive Director