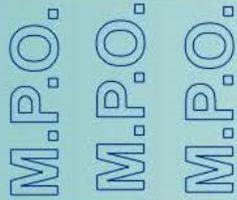


**Overcoming Barriers**

**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: March 13, 2019**

**MPO Executive Board: March 20, 2019**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Progress Report on 2020-2023 TIP**

Matter of the Progress Report on 2020-2023 TIP

**Background:** Basically, in December of 2018 the MPO had vetted all candidate projects for the next TIP. The purpose of this report is to inform everyone on the progress towards adopting the 2020-2023 TIP. The information is separated between Minnesota information and North Dakota information.

### **MINNESOTA**

The NWATP has reviewed a draft ATIP. During the MPO solicitation for candidate project, none were submitted for consideration within the MPO Study Area. Information shared to the ATP concerning MnDOT financial planning revealed the following impacts. The adjustments to our program are related to three issues. 1) Inflation factors increased by 17% between last year and this year. So many of the project estimates increased resulting in projects being shifted back. 2) Secondly, MnDOT scaled back the District targets. For NWATP that meant a reduction of \$6M in FY 2022; reduction of \$7M in FY 2023 and a reduction of \$5M in the Chapter 3 Bonds. Overall, this was a decision of risk. The previous year's targets were aggressive and MnDOT was showing deficits in these outer years of the program. There was also the adjustment in the Federal obligation rate from 93% to 91%, which has effect on our revenue projections. Lastly, within the District, we had taken an aggressive approach to programming and had under budgeted a few of our projects. All of these issues led to a significant number of projects sliding back 1 year.

During the development and adoption of the 2045 MTP, a 2023 project was included into the short-range of the fiscally constrained list. Replacement of 3 traffic signals in the downtown area of East Grand Forks was identified. The draft ATIP does not list this project in the 2023 funding year. MnDOT still intends to replace these signals in 2023; however, the funding will come from fiscal year 2024.

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

So far, NDDOT has only announce one program award. The City of Grand Forks was awarded Urban Program (Mainstreet) funds towards the reconstruction of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St between DeMers Avenue and University Avenue. The award was up to \$2.45 Million in federal funds.

The rest of the programs are still under development or are awaiting Upper Management decisions. The hope is still to release awards soon so that a draft TIP can be promulgated in April.

### **Findings and Analysis:**

- NONE

### **Support Materials:**

- NONE