

The Next Step

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared for this project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). After a draft EA has been completed, a Public Hearing will be conducted. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2007. Comments and concerns from the public hearing will be incorporated into the final EA. The EA phase is tentatively scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2007.

The following are the environmental impact categories that will be analyzed in the EA:

- Land Use
- Prime and Unique Farmland
- Social
- Cultural Resources
- Relocation
- Economic
- Considerations Relating to Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Water Quality
- Water Body Modification and Wildlife
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Hazardous Waste Sites
- Visual
- Energy
- Construction
- Relationship of local short-term uses vs. long-term productivity
- Irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources

This public input meeting is being conducted by the ND Department of Transportation in conjunction with the City of West Fargo. The Public Input Meeting is designed to allow for public comment, which is required for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.



US Highway 10 West Fargo Main Avenue I-94 to 45th Street North

Business and Public Input Meeting #2



**West Fargo City Hall
October 16-17, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Alternatives/Options Developed and Project Cost Estimates

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the city of West Fargo are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will evaluate alternatives and options for Main Avenue (US 10), from I-94 to 45th Street in West Fargo, North Dakota.

Due to the diversity in land use throughout the corridor, the corridor has been divided into three segments: Segment 1 (I-94 to the Sheyenne River), Segment 2 (Sheyenne River to 5th Street East) and Segment 3 (5th Street East to 45th Street West). For each of the segments, build alternatives and options were developed, as well as the no action alternative. All alternatives and options would require temporary and/or permanent right-of-way.

West Fargo Main Avenue Summary of Alternatives and Options	
Segment 1: I-94 to the Sheyenne River	
1A	Flush median with north frontage road
1B	Raised median with north frontage road
1C	Raised median with direct access on south alignment
<i>All alternatives include an option to realign 8th St. W. with County Road 19</i>	
Segment 2: Sheyenne River to 5th Street East	
2A	Flush median with south frontage road
2B	Flush median with diagonal parking turnout
2C	Raised median with one-way parking turnout
2D	Raised median with on-street parking
<i>All alternatives include an option to realign 6th St. NW with Francis St.</i>	
Segment 3: 5th Street East to 45th Street	
3A	Raised median with frontage road sections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative 3A includes an option at 17th St. E. 	
3B	Raised median with six lane section
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative 3B includes two options at 17th St. E. 	
<i>All alternatives include an option to modify the southeast corner of 9th St. E. and Main Avenue</i>	

West Fargo Main Avenue Project Cost* Estimate Summary	
Segment 1	\$9.8 to \$16.6 million
Segment 2	\$8.2 to \$12.6 million
Segment 3	\$11.8 to \$18.4 million
Total Cost*	\$29.8 to \$47.6 million
*Includes right-of-way and construction costs	

Environmental Assessment Phase and Timeline

The purpose of the West Fargo Main Avenue project is to improve the roadway deficiencies to meet NDDOT guidelines/standards for the facility type and to improve the safety and operational characteristics of the roadway. A number of deficiencies along the project corridor drive the need for the proposed reconstruction of Main Avenue including:

- Deteriorated pavement
- Poor intersection geometrics
- Uncontrolled access
- Inadequate drainage
- Lack of pedestrian/bicycle facilities

Due to the potential impacts to the human and natural environment associated with this project, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the NDDOT and the city of West Fargo have determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) should be prepared to assist them in reaching decisions regarding this project.

An EA is a concise document that discloses the potential impacts of a proposed project and the Federal actions that may be taken in regard to that project. It contains information regarding the existing environmental conditions in the project area, as well as an evaluation of both the adverse and beneficial environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The major components of the environmental process include:

- Define the purpose and need for the project
- Identify the reasonable alternatives to be evaluated
- Identify the existing conditions
- Evaluate the potential impacts of the alternatives
- Develop potential mitigation measures
- Prepare draft environmental assessment
- Provide public and agency review
- Conduct a public hearing
- Prepare the final EA, including responses to comments on the draft environmental assessment
- Obtain environmental clearance from the FHWA

The project is tentatively scheduled as follows:

- Draft EA, spring 2007
- Public hearing, summer 2007
- Completion of final EA, fall 2007
- Plans completion date, winter 2008/2009
- Begin construction, spring 2009

The project schedule may change pending the availability of funding and issues that may arise.