

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What is the proposed project?**

*The City of Bismarck is proposing to convert Divide Avenue, Washington Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Street from 2-lane to 3-lane roadways. This improvement would consist of installing new pavement markings on the existing roadways in a 3-lane configuration with a center left turn lane. No widening or curb removals are proposed.*

**2. Why are these roadways being considered for conversion from 2-lanes to 3-lanes?**

*Improve safety and operations to better facilitate the movement of people and goods in our community. 3-lane roadways have been documented to have fewer rear end and head on collisions. They also provide operational improvements by removing slower moving (or stopped) left-turning traffic from the through traffic stream.*

**3. Why are bike lanes proposed?**

*Bike lanes are currently available for the public use on numerous streets in Bismarck. Previous planning studies have recommended bike lanes on the subject corridors to increase safety and connectivity of the bicycle network. This project includes alternatives that would incorporate bike lanes to improve the mobility of the bike mode of transportation.*

**4. What are the impacts to parking?**

*Each of the build alternatives would change how the street width is utilized. Generally speaking, the subject streets are currently two-lane roads with on-street parking permitted on both sides of the road. The alternatives developed could necessitate the removal of on-street parking on one or both sides of the road.*

**5. How is the project funded?**

*The project is funded through the NDDOT administered Highway Safety Improvement Program. Improvements are funded at 90% federal share and 10% local share. City of Bismarck would utilize sales tax for the local share.*

**6. What is the timeline for the project?**

*Final recommendations by the Engineering Department and project decisions by the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners would take place in summer of 2018 with implementation of the improvements scheduled for the 2019 construction season.*

