



## *Engineering Department*

**DATE:** March 17, 2020  
**FROM:** Gabe Schell, City Engineer  
**ITEM:** NDDOT Urban Grant Program

### **REQUEST**

Consider acceptance of the award of North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Urban Grant Program funding for a 2022 Downtown Street Improvement Project Phase 2.

Please place this item on the 3/24/2020 City Commission meeting agenda.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The NDDOT solicited for projects for 2022 fiscal year as part of an Urban Grant Program. Communities with greater than 5000 population are eligible to participate. The focus of this program is reinvesting and fortifying a community's existing transportation assets, primarily within the inner core of a community rather than outward expansion. There is \$4.6-\$7.6 million annually available statewide for this competitive grant program.

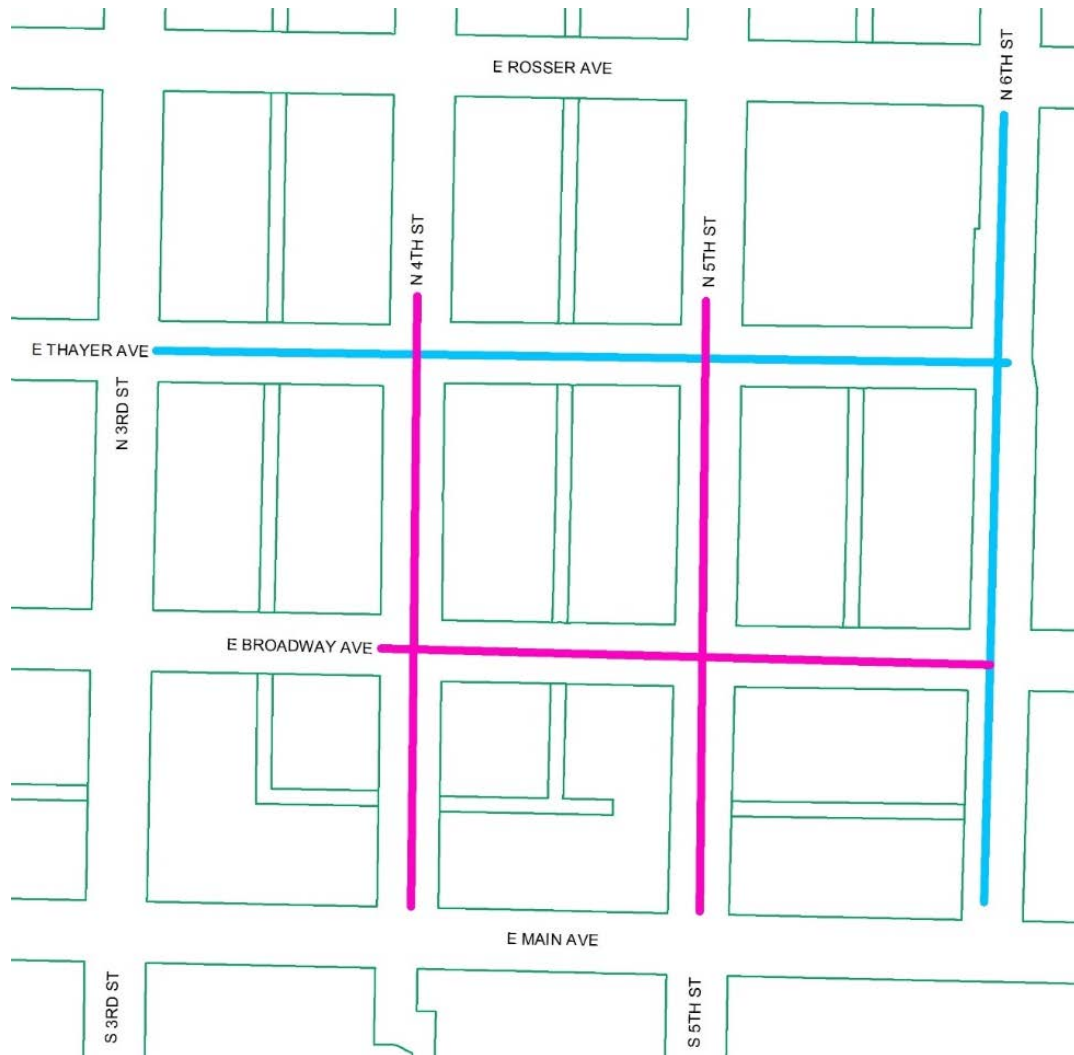
On November 21, 2019, the Board of City Commissioners approved pursuing Urban Grant Program funding for the Downtown Streets concrete pavement rehabilitation project.

Per the attached letter of March 16, 2020 from the NDDOT Director William T. Panos, the City of Bismarck has been awarded \$1,280,000 in federal funding for the \$1,600,000 estimated total construction cost for the Downtown Street Improvement Project Phase 2. The City will be responsible for the remaining 19.07% project match and all remaining costs to complete the project.

The Downtown Street Improvement Project Phase 2 includes 6th Street (Main Avenue to Thayer Avenue), and Thayer Avenue (3rd Street to 6th Street). The project consists of concrete pavement repairs, curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, inlaying plastic

pavement marking, roadway and pedestrian lighting and signage.

Funding for the local share of this project could include sales tax and/or special assessments and would be determined during the 2021 budgeting process. An exhibit of the project Phase 2 area is below in Blue.



With the Phase 1 of this project being awarded in 2019 for 2021 federal fiscal year, there may be an opportunity to combine both phases into one project and construct in 2022 construction season. This could minimize the impacts to businesses located within the project limits and result in more cost-efficient bids. This would require the completion of documentation and design for a November 2021 bid date. As these projects move forward and if it is determined that there is an advantage to combining the two phases, the decision to do so will be brought before the Board at a later date.

## **RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION**

Accept the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Urban Grant Program funding for a 2022 Downtown Street Improvement Project.

## **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION**

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March 11, 2020

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### URBAN GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTION

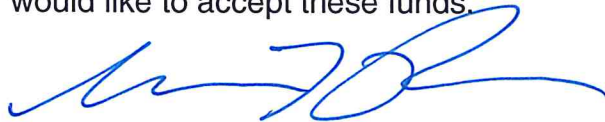
I am pleased to announce that phase 2 of your project on Thayer Ave (N 3rd St to N 6<sup>th</sup> St) and N 6<sup>th</sup> St (Main Ave to Rosser Ave) in Bismarck has been selected for funding from the fiscal year 2022 Urban Grant Program (UGP).

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will be the lead review agency on the project, which consists of concrete pavement repairs, curb and gutter repairs, curb extensions, sidewalk, ADA ramps, pavement marking, LED roadway lighting and pedestrian lighting, street trees, landscaping, and signing as outlined in your approved application.

The project will be funded with 80.93 percent federal funds, up to a maximum amount of \$1,280,000 for eligible items. The city of Bismarck will be responsible for the remaining 19.07 percent of the project match and all remaining costs to complete the project.

Congratulations on being the recipient of this grant for your project!

Please notify Stacey Hanson, NDDOT Assistant Local Government Engineer, by April 15, 2020, at 701-328-4469 or [smhanson@nd.gov](mailto:smhanson@nd.gov) whether the city of Bismarck would like to accept these funds.



William T. Panos  
Director

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