



# PROGRESS REPORT

SRF NUMBER 6505  
 PROJECT NAME Williston  
 Comprehensive and  
 Transportation Plan  
 STATUS REPORT # 5

**DATE** - 07/07/09

**REPORTING PERIOD –**  
 May and June,  
 2009

**ROUTE/COPY TO**

- Kent Jarcik
- Planning Advisory Committee
- Jeff Rodacker, Ackerman-Estvold Engineers

**CLIENT –** City of Williston, ND

**PREPARED BY –** Cindy Gray

**PROJECT MANAGER -** Cindy Gray

## COMPLETED ACTIVITIES THIS PERIOD

SRF and City staff discussed concerns about the draft land use plan and refined it accordingly after consultation with the Planning Commission Chairman. The revised plan was distributed to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), and the changes were explained.

On June 2, 2009, the PAC met to review the refined land use plan. They agreed with the changes made based on their previous meeting and discussions that had taken place since then, and felt it could be used as the basis for the traffic projections once 2020 and 2035 Growth Tiers were prepared. The Hwy 2 alternatives were also presented to the PAC. A record of meeting has been prepared.

Various approaches were taken to the 2035 Growth Tier. Two scenarios were closely limited to the acreage consumption estimated for city growth by 2035. Another scenario reflected the acreage consumption for city growth, but also recognized the on-going growth outside city limits and outside the ETA in Williams County (Williston Township). After discussion with city planning and engineering staff, it was decided that the scenario that reflected both city and county growth was the most realistic, regardless of whether that growth occurs under the jurisdiction of the city or the county.

Based on the 2035 Growth Tier, job and household estimates have been prepared for the traffic analysis zones in the study area. These socio-economic estimates will be used in the traffic projection model as the basis from which traffic forecasts are developed.

Conceptual Highway 2 Corridor alternatives were prepared and distributed to the Highway 2 Corridor Committee for review, with a written explanation of the alternatives. On July 2, 2009, the Committee met and SRF presented the alternatives. Feedback was received. A record a meeting has been prepared.

## ONGOING ACTIVITY THIS PERIOD

SRF is fine tuning concept drawings and preparing a write-up of Highway 2 Alternatives in preparation for a public meeting.

The 2020 Growth Tier needs to be developed as a subset of the 2035 Growth Tier.

The model is being run for both scenarios to arrive at future traffic volume projections.

Various plan chapters are being prepared

## **PROJECTED ACTIVITY NEXT PERIOD**

Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – date to be determined

Public Forum – date to be determined after traffic projections are available and SRF has identified needed future roadway improvements based on projected congestion and other known problems and issues of the transportation system. Review with technical staff.

Continue with written portions of Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

Need to request transportation revenue data from City Engineer and possibly from NDDOT (five-year history). Data will be used to create projected revenue, which will be used to financially constrain a list of future transportation improvements.

Make request to City Engineer and NDDOT regarding future maintenance needs (i.e. rehabilitation or reconstruction projects) that should go into list of future roadway improvements.

## **PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/ITEMS OF CONCERN**

The project involves portions of the County outside the city limits. In the original scope of work, the Williams County Commission was identified, but not the Planning Commission. Kent and Cindy discussed including the Williams County Planning Commission in the approval process, which could mean an additional meeting or a joint meeting with the City Planning Commission. Further consideration of the approval process is needed.

Costs of public meeting notification in the Williston Herald and the Shopper have exceeded estimates.

## **REQUIRED ACTION BY SRF, THE CITY OF WILLISTON, WILLIAMS COUNTY, AND/OR NDDOT**

Review goals and objectives. Provide input to Kent Jarcik or Cindy Gray. Advise Planning Advisory Committee that comments on goals and objectives are needed very soon, such as prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.

Post this progress report, the land use plan, and the most recent Record of Meeting documents on the project website.