

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why is it necessary to look at extending Veterans Boulevard?

With the considerable growth that has already occurred and is expected to continue in the southwest area of the Fargo-Moorhead metro area, roadways to connect these growth areas are vital. This study aims to address the following items:

- » Extending this roadway will see some challenges that will require a close review including Drain 27, public and private utilities, floodplains, and a proposed stormwater pond. This study will determine the most appropriate alignment in response to these challenges.
- » Additionally, south of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Veterans Boulevard is a section line road, with 66 feet of statutory right-of-way already provided by the North Dakota Century Code. This study will help determine the future additional right-of-way needs so the City of Fargo and City of Horace can properly plan during subdivision applications.
- » Constructing Veterans Boulevard south of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will have impacts on parallel north-south corridors, including 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Sheyenne Street/Cass County Road 17. This study will anticipate these impacts to assist with the planning on those corridors, as well as identify potential east-west connections that will support a safe and efficient transportation network.

### Why is Veterans Boulevard from 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue being studied too?

Extending Veterans Boulevard to the south may increase vehicle traffic on the segment between 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Studying this segment will help determine if the existing two-lane corridor section and roundabouts will properly serve all modes of transportation or if modifications will be necessary. Proactively evaluating the corridor's needs will help Metro COG and the City of Fargo understand if and when investments will be necessary so they can secure funding from the proper sources.

### Will the existing roundabouts on Veterans Boulevard be removed?

This study will analyze future traffic conditions pertaining to an extension of Veterans Boulevard. The results of the projected traffic analysis will help determine how well the existing roundabouts will function in the following years and decades. Based on the projected operations of the roundabouts, and other factors, this study will provide recommendations on traffic control at the intersections along the corridor (which may include keeping/modifying the roundabouts).

### Veterans Boulevard between 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue was just constructed ten years ago. Is this study looking to reconstruct this roadway section?

A full reconstruction of this segment of Veterans Boulevard will be avoided unless absolutely necessary. Any major change to the roadway would likely not be in the immediate future and would ideally be coordinated with pavement maintenance projects. However, this study could find that some minor modifications along the corridor might be needed to address safety or other issues. These changes could occur in the short- or mid-term before pavement maintenance activities are necessary.

## How will the extension of Veterans Boulevard be funded?

The extension is currently in the early stages of planning, so no specific funding sources have been identified. Typically, roadways like Veterans Boulevard are funded through a mix of Federal highway funds, City of Fargo sales tax funds, City of Horace funds, and special assessments. It is very likely the extension will be built in segments, instead of the whole extension (52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to spread the costs out over time.

## If changes are proposed to Veterans Boulevard between 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, how will they be funded?

Since no specific needs have been identified yet, no specific funding sources have been identified. However, if changes to this section of roadway are deemed necessary, funding could come from Federal highway funds, City of Fargo sales tax funds, and special assessments, depending on the scope of the improvements.