



Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPO Staff Report Technical Advisory Committee: December 14, 2016 MPO Executive Board: December 21, 2016

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Update on the Kennedy and Sorlie Bridge Projects

Matter of the Kennedy and Sorlie Bridges.

Background:

Sorlie: The Decorative Lighting Plan had drafted text to allow temporary events to be decided by both Mayors. The Historic Preservation interests would not agree to that language. A new draft has been distributed with the added change highlighted.

8.3.3 Determining Temporary Events: It is the intent of The Plan to give local control of determining appropriate Temporary Events to Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, with reporting and review at the Annual Meeting by The Team. A written proposal for the Temporary Event shall include: 1) The purpose of the Temporary Event, 2) The dates that the lighting was changed from that specified in The Schedule, and 3) The colors to employ during the Temporary Event. This written proposal shall be signed by the Mayor of Grand Forks and the Mayor of East Grand Forks **and approved by the Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission**. Notification and the signed proposal shall be sent to all members of The Team via email before the lights are manually changed from that specified in The Schedule.

A meeting on this was held on Dec 8th in the morning. The above draft was not approved. The outcome of this meeting will be causing a change in the process of how temporary event lighting is determined. A new draft will be circulated for consideration.

Kennedy: Apparent low best bid was Zenith Tech, Inc. out of Waukesha, WI r with a bid of \$15,662,619.76. The amount programmed in the TIP is \$18M.

Staff continue to work out the traffic operations, particularly regarding the signal timing plans being adjusted to account fo the change in traffic during the work on the Kennedy Br.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- None

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- NONE