



Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Interim Report Released on the I-29 Traffic Operations Study

An Interim report on the I-29 Study has been made available through the Study's website: www.drivei29.com

The I-29 Traffic Operations study extends from the North Washington Street interchange to the Merrifield Road overpass. The project will analyze improvement strategies ranging from large-scale (i.e. new interchanges) to small-scale (i.e. improved pedestrian crossings). The purpose of this Interim report is to provide analysis and screening of alternatives to carry forward into the next stage of the study.

This report details the results of determining whether future grade separations, new Interchanges or modifying the existing interchanges would resolve the identified existing and future traffic operations along I29. The results indicate that the only alternatives of new interchanges focused on the 47th Ave S area and the Merrifield Overpass area are worthy of being further analyzed. Having both interchanges is being forwarded as well.

Not moving forward are alternatives that considered just grade

separations with no on/off ramps onto I29. Locations considered included 17th Ave S., 47th Ave S., and 62nd Ave S. An interchange at 62nd Ave S. was also studied. None of these met the established criteria to continue forward in the study.

The Interim Report included consideration of whether additional bridges over the Red River would help address traffic operations on I29. The report concludes that, while these new bridges would provide benefit to the region, very little benefit was being provided to the I29 corridor.

This study is being conducted by NDDOT and the Grand Forks/ East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization, with assistance from KLJ. Additional information can be found at www.theforksmpo.org or www.drivei29.com

Written statements or comments must be mailed by September 30th to Mike Bittner; KLJ Project manager; 728 Beaton Drive; West Fargo, ND 58078 or mike.bittner@kljeng.com with "I-29 Public Input" in the e-mail subject heading.

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