



# Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

**MPO Staff Report**  
**Technical Advisory Committee: January 11, 2017**  
**Executive Policy Board: January 18, 2017**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: For Information Only**

Matter of the “Grand Forks Application for Recreational Trails-Transportation Alternatives Program”

**BACKGROUND:**

A solicitation letter was sent last December seeking applications for the Recreational Trails Program. The Recreational Trails Program provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.

**ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Various local agencies and departments are involved in the addressing trail related concerns. As indicated to MPO staff, this year, the City of Grand Forks Engineering Department initiated the research and planning analysis for the preparation of the Application to address trail connections, connectivity and accessibility concerns. However, inter-departmental coordination and logistics factors involved in the preparation of the application prevented the Department from successfully assembling together the Application for Recreational Trails. The short solicitation window did not allow sufficient time for staff to vet projects and gain approval from other entities and City Council to provide an application to this program. All materials gathered thus far will be used in the preparation of the Application for the next intake.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

None.