December 13, 2021

City of Minot
Mayor Shaun Sipma
515 2nd Avenue Southwest
Minot, North Dakota 58071

Re: Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project Phase MI-6
Anne Street Pedestrian Bridge Design Considerations

Dear Mayor Sipma:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on the letter sent on August 13, 2021, related to the City of Minot’s position on the future of the Anne Street Bridge. Since August, the Souris River Joint Board’s consultant for Phase MI-6 of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project, Houston Engineering, has consulted with the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (ND SHPO) and the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the potential modifications to the Anne Street Bridge. This consultation has provided a better understanding of the mitigation that would be required if the bridge is demolished as part of the project.

The future of the Anne Street Bridge is ultimately a City of Minot decision. If the City acts to preserve and restore the bridge, the SRJB will accommodate its presence with necessary modifications to the flood control project. Likewise, if the City acts to demolish the bridge, the SRJB will include the demolition as part of the construction of the flood control project.

The Souris River Joint Board met on December 9, 2021 and discussed the Anne Street Bridge. Enclosed is a presentation prepared by Houston Engineering which identifies three potential alternatives for the future of the Anne Street Bridge. After considering the information presented, the Souris River Joint Board has recommended that the City of Minot select Option 3B.1, which would remove the Anne Street Bridge, since this is the economical from a flood control project perspective.

We respectfully request that the City of Minot consider this recommendation at its next regularly scheduled City Council meeting so that the final design of the flood control project can proceed as quickly as possible.
The SRJB team will be available to present information at the next City Council meeting if that would be of value to you and the City Council.

Sincerely,

SOURIS RIVER JOINT BOARD

David Ashley
Chairman

Encl: Presentation of Options Related to the Anne Street Bridge

Cc: Souris River Joint Board
Ryan Ackerman
Jerry Bents
- Preliminary Alternative Refinement - Ongoing

- Preliminary Utility Layouts
- Cultural Assessments
- Environmental Assessments
- HTRW Reviews
- Geotechnical Evaluations
- Site Surveys

- Interim Drainage Design
- R/W Needs Assessment
- Industrial District was reevaluated and amended in 2018
- Eligibility appears to be based on the bridge’s connection to the community rather than its architecture
- Several changes to structure throughout the years
- Contributing property to Historic Industrial District since approximately 1986

- Anne Street Bridge Status
  - Early Coordination Calls – 9/28 and 10/27

Anne Street Impacts – SHPO/USACE Consultation
The bridge would not remove adverse impacts. As a result, the USACE would recommend pursing options that would pursue Section 106 NHPA to minimize/avoid adverse impacts. A section 3B.2/3 – Partial Bridge Reconstruction – Temporary Impacts / No Mitigation Expected.

Importance to the community and make available to the public.

- Oral interviews, Demographic, Document historic nature of the bridge in terms of its

- Impacts / Required Mitigation

Anne Street Impacts – SHPO/USACE Consultation
or 3B.3.

likely be required under Options 3B.2

- New Easement from BNSF would

"employment"...immediately cease...

"title", interest, benefits and

- "at any time cease to be used...all right,

built or rebuilt on these premises"...raised, relocated, no new structure will be

- BNSF - Existing Easement

- M16 - Refined Options - Other Considerations
- Bridge would remain closed until bridge repairs are completed by the City.
- Bridge north of steel truss would still require repairs.
- Under Options 3B.2 or 3B.3, layout changed without fundamentally changing the ADA standards and cannot reasonably be ramp over River is 9.33% does not comply with $1.2-1.6m in repairs needed.
- Bridge is currently closed.

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Table 1: Option or Feasible Cost

- More Historic Impacts / Mitigation
- Less Private Property Impacts
- Less Other Project Costs (Roadway, Utility, ...)
- Less NSP Permitting
- Least Expensive Bridge Option

MIG – Refined Options

- Other Considerations
Design Complete 2023
- 30% Design Complete – Public Meeting Early in 2022
- Needed R/W Acquisition
- SHPO/USACE Coordination

Phase MI-6 Project Development and Design Continues
- 12/20 or 1/3 City of Minot Council Action
- Requesting Concurrence

SRJB Letter to City of Minot – Preferred Alternative
- Option 3B.2/3 – Partial Bridge Reconstruction
- Option 3B.1 – Removal of Bridge, or
- 12/9 – SRJB Selection of Preferred Alternative