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TO: Cass County Commission

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DATE: April 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Agenda topic for April 19, 2021 Commission Meeting:
Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Flood Diversion Authority
and Cass County Regarding Road Rights-of-Way Acquired as Part of Land
Acquisition

Cass County has been working with the Metro Flood Diversion Authority on completing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the construction of the diversion over road rights-of-way (ROW) for the last several months. The main purpose of this MOU is to properly manage the road ROW as the project progresses through land acquisition to completed construction of the Diversion Project. This MOU is necessary to follow state law and manage road ROWs through the construction process. This will also mean taking on responsibility for short segments of Township roads which has also been discuss with the various Townships in their MOU conversations with the MFDA staff.

The MOU outlines respective roles and responsibilities for the parties regarding road ROW. This MOU is similar in function and language to the recently approved MOUs for other Associated Infrastructure of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project. This MOU spells out the County's responsibility for performing all Routine Maintenance and Extraordinary Maintenance on the ROW until Turnover to the P3 Developer or USACE Construction Contractor. We don't anticipate this maintenance to be a significant burden financially or operationally due to the existing road conditions, lower traffic volumes, and short duration prior to the Diversion project work activities.

Over the last two months a small team of Cass County staff have worked with MFDA staff to finalize this MOU.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move that the Cass County Board of Commissioners grant approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Metro Flood Diversion Authority and Cass County Joint Water Recourse District Regarding Road Rights-of-Way Acquired as Part of Land Acquisition Infrastructure of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BY AND BETWEEN
METRO FLOOD DIVERSION AUTHORITY
AND
CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AND
CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Dated as of _____, 2021

Relating to:

A Memorandum of Understanding outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Parties regarding road rights-of-way acquired in North Dakota as part of land acquisition for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the “MOU”) is made effective as of _____, 2021 (the “Effective Date”), between METRO FLOOD DIVERSION AUTHORITY, a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota (the “Authority”); CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota (the “County”); and CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota (“CCJWRD”).

WHEREAS, Section 7002(2) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, Public Law 113-221, authorized construction of the locally preferred plan for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project, now defined as the Comprehensive Project; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, the City of Fargo, North Dakota, and the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, are the Non-Federal Sponsors for the Comprehensive Project and have entered into a Project Partnership Agreement (the “PPA”) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Comprehensive Project; and

WHEREAS, the PPA sets forth a split delivery method for the Comprehensive Project, establishing the respective responsibilities of both the Non-Federal Sponsors and USACE in completing the Non-Federal Work and the Federal Work; and

WHEREAS, the Member Entities, including the County and CCJWRD, created the Authority pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement to undertake and fulfill the Non-Federal Sponsors’ legal obligations under the PPA; and

WHEREAS, one such obligation of the Authority is to acquire all property interests necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Comprehensive Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 4.03 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Authority will generally allocate its responsibilities under the PPA to the Member Entities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has allocated the responsibility of acquiring all property interests necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Comprehensive Project in North Dakota to CCJWRD; and

WHEREAS, part of CCJWRD’s responsibility to acquire all property interests includes the responsibility to obtain property interests in road rights-of-way that will be turned over to the contractors of the Comprehensive Project and obstructed by the same; and

WHEREAS, the County will assist CCJWRD in the acquisition of road rights-of-way for the Comprehensive Project; and

WHEREAS, following acquisition but prior to Turnover for construction, the Parties desire to leave the road rights-of-way open for public travel; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this MOU to set forth their respective roles and responsibilities for operating and maintaining the road rights-of-way prior to and following Turnover.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants made herein and for other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Authority, the County, and CCJWRD agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Section 1.01 DEFINITIONS. All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in this MOU and as defined in this Section unless a different meaning clearly applies from the context.

“Authority” means the Metro Flood Diversion Authority, a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota and a permanent joint powers entity formed through the Joint Powers Agreement to provide the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area with permanent and comprehensive flood protection.

“Best Efforts” means an individual or entity will act in Good Faith, act in accordance with generally accepted commercial practices, and use reasonable due diligence to undertake all action contemplated by this MOU, in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations, and rules; however, the obligation to use Best Efforts does not mean a duty to take action that would be in violation of applicable federal or state law.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a State of North Dakota public holiday.

“Cass County Joint Water Resource District” or **“CCJWRD”** means the Cass County Joint Water Resource District, a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota.

“Comprehensive Project” means the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project authorized by Section 7002(2) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, as generally described in the Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement, Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management, dated July 2011 and approved in accordance with the Chief’s Report, as amended by the Supplemental Environmental Assessment, Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project, dated September 2013 and approved by the U.S. Army Engineer, St. Paul, on September 19, 2013, and as amended by the Second Supplemental Environmental Assessment dated August 27, 2018 (2018 SEA), and the Engineering Documentation Report, Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project, ND and MN, Modifications Through February 2019.

“Construction Site” means the site defined (i) by the Project Agreement between the Authority and the Developer to be utilized by the Developer for the construction of the SWDCAI, (ii) by a construction contract between the Authority and a Third Party Contractor to be utilized

by the Third Party Contractor for construction of Non-Federal Work, or (iii) by a construction contract between USACE and its contractor to be utilized by such contractor for the construction of Federal Work.

“County” means Cass County, North Dakota, a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota.

“Developer” means the individual, partnership, corporation, or joint venture that enters the Project Agreement with the Authority to design, finance, build, operate, and maintain the SWDCAI. References to the Developer throughout this MOU include references to other Person engaged by the Developer to complete such work.

“Effective Date” means the date on which all Parties have executed this MOU.

“Extraordinary Maintenance” means any repairs or maintenance that is required for the ROW outside of Routine Maintenance.

“Federal Work” means that portion of the Comprehensive Project consisting of the diversion inlet structure, the control structures on the Red River and Wild Rice River; the southern embankment; the overflow embankment; construction of road and railroad raises associated with the staging area; and all mitigation features not included in the Non-Federal Work.

“Good Faith” means the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing in a given trade or business.

“Joint Powers Agreement” means the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Moorhead, Minnesota; the City of Fargo, North Dakota; Clay County, Minnesota; Cass County, North Dakota; and the Cass County Joint Water Resource District, dated as of June 1, 2016, to create the Authority.

“Member Entities” means the City of Fargo, North Dakota; the City of Moorhead, Minnesota; Cass County, North Dakota; Clay County, Minnesota; and the Cass County Joint Water Resource District.

“Non-Federal Work” means that portion of the Comprehensive Project consisting of the SWDCAI; the in-town levees and the Oxbow-Hickson-Bakke levee; recreation features; environmental mitigation features located within the diversion channel and associated structures for the diversion channel; and applicable pre- and post-monitoring and adaptive management for the Comprehensive Project.

“NTP1” means as defined by the Project Agreement.

“Original Term” means as defined in Section 6.01.

“Party” means the Authority, the County, or CCJWRD, as the context requires, and its respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

“Person” means an individual, a general or limited partnership, a joint venture, a corporation, a limited liability company, a trust, an unincorporated organization, or a governmental authority.

“PPA” means the Project Partnership Agreement between the Department of the Army and the City of Fargo, North Dakota, the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, and the Metro Flood Diversion Authority for Construction of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project, dated July 11, 2016, and any amendments thereto.

“Project Agreement” means the contract between the Authority and the Developer for the Developer to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the SWDCAI.

“Project Limits” means the permanent property interests necessary for the construction of the Comprehensive Project, as currently projected on Exhibit A.

“Renewal Term” means as defined in Section 6.01.

“Road ROW” means the thirty-three (33) foot road right-of-way on either side of a section line.

“Routine Maintenance” means as defined in Section 3.02.

“ROW” means the Road ROW and Vacated ROW collectively.

“SWDCAI” means an approximately 30-mile, 20,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) diversion channel and associated features; the channel outlet; the Rush and Lower Rush River hydraulic structures; the Maple River aqueduct; the Sheyenne River aqueduct; the inflow design flood levee; and associated railroad bridges.

“Third Party Contractor” means a contractor engaged by the Authority to perform Non-Federal Work other than the SWDCAI.

“Turnover” means (i) in terms of a USACE contractor or a Third Party Contractor, the date, as defined by the applicable construction contract, on which the contracting entity provides control of a Construction Site to the contractor for the contractor to commence construction thereon, or (ii) in terms of the Developer, the date preceding the date on which the Developer commences construction on a Construction Site.

“Vacated ROW” means that portion of the thirty-three (33) foot road right-of-way on either side of 173rd Avenue Southeast that was platted and vacated in the FMD – Pleasant Subdivision, Cass County, North Dakota.

Section 1.02 INTERPRETATION. The definition of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the term defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun will include the corresponding masculine, feminine, and neuter forms. The words “include,” “includes,” and “including” will be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation.” The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall.” Unless

the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument, or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument, or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements, or modifications as set forth herein), (b) any reference herein to any person shall be construed to include such person's permitted successors and assigns, (c) the words "herein," "hereof," and "hereunder," and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this MOU in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (d) all references herein to articles, sections, exhibits, and schedules shall be construed to refer to articles and sections of, and exhibits and schedules to, this MOU, and (e) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts, and contract rights.

ARTICLE II. PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE CONTROL

Section 2.01 LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS. Road ROW in North Dakota, and the authority to construct the Comprehensive Project upon, over, and across such Road ROW, will be acquired through the following means:

(a) The Authority will request that the County take over Road ROW, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 24-05-09, based on the design of the Comprehensive Project. The current projected Project Limits of the Comprehensive Project, and the corresponding impacted Road ROW, are included in Exhibit A.

(b) In conjunction with the Authority's request for Road ROW takeover, CCJWRD will file a request with the County to permanently obstruct such Road ROW, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 24-06-28, with the applicable element of the Comprehensive Project. If CCJWRD's request is granted by the County, the intent is to allow the Road ROW to remain open until, as set forth in Section 3.01, construction on the applicable element of the Comprehensive Project is scheduled to commence.

(c) Upon making their requests to the County, the Authority and CCJWRD will notify all landowners, by certified mail, within a minimum distance of one thousand (1,000) feet of the Road ROW.

(d) In response to the requests, the County will set a time and place for a hearing on the requests, and at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing, it will provide notice to all landowners within a minimum distance of one thousand (1,000) feet of the Road ROW of the time and place set for the hearing.

(e) The County will hold a public hearing on the requests at the time and place set, and if appropriate following the hearing, it will (i) adopt a resolution granting the Authority's request and take over the Road ROW and (ii) adopt a resolution granting CCJWRD's request and allow the permanent obstruction of said Road ROW at an applicable time.

Section 2.02 NON-FEDERAL WORK AREAS. Prior to the Turnover of a Construction Site that includes Road ROW from the Authority to the Developer or a Third Party Contractor, the

County will have control of the Road ROW and will have the authority to make day-to-day decisions about the operation of the Road ROW. This authority includes the ability to temporarily close a Road ROW as needed in the discretion of the County. If the County decides to temporarily close a Road ROW, it will be responsible for placing barriers and, whenever possible, providing two (2) weeks' prior notification to the Authority and CCJWRD of such closure.

Section 2.03 FEDERAL WORK AREAS. Prior to the Turnover of a Construction Site that includes Road ROW from USACE to its construction contractor, the County will have control of the Road ROW and will have the authority to make day-to-day decisions about the operation of the Road ROW. This authority includes the ability to temporarily close a Road ROW as needed in the discretion of the County. If the County decides to temporarily close a Road ROW, it will be responsible for placing barriers and, whenever possible, providing two (2) weeks' prior notification to the Authority and CCJWRD of such closure.

Section 2.04 PUBLIC USE OF ROAD ROW AND PLATTING. The Parties intend that although CCJWRD may have authorization to permanently obstruct the Road ROW with the Comprehensive Project, the Road ROW will remain open for public use until the notices, as described in Section 3.01, are received. Following Turnover of a Construction Site that includes Road ROW, CCJWRD will use its Best Efforts as applicable fee simple is acquired to plat and vacate the Road ROW.

Section 2.05 VACATED ROAD ROW. CCJWRD will allow the Vacated ROW, although a private drive following vacation, to remain open for public travel. Prior to the recommencement of construction on the Vacated ROW by USACE's construction contractor, the County will have control of the Vacated ROW and will have the authority to make day-to-day decisions about the operation of the Vacated ROW. This authority includes the ability to temporarily close the Vacated ROW as needed in the discretion of the County. If the County decides to temporarily close the Vacated ROW, it will be responsible for placing barriers and, whenever possible, providing two (2) weeks' prior notification to the Authority and CCJWRD of such closure.

ARTICLE III. MAINTENANCE

Section 3.01 RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) Developer Works. The County will be responsible for performing all Routine Maintenance and Extraordinary Maintenance on the ROW until Turnover to the Developer, which will occur following notice from the Developer as set forth herein. The Developer will be responsible for notifying the Authority at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to the commencement of construction on the ROW. The Authority will notify the County and CCJWRD as soon as possible after its receipt of notice from the Developer. This notice will allow CCJWRD to exercise its authorization to permanently obstruct the ROW, which will include posting signs, in coordination with the County, stating the dates of the road closure and coordinating with the Developer for traffic control signage.

(b) Third Party Contractor Works. The County will be responsible for performing all Routine Maintenance and Extraordinary Maintenance on the ROW until Turnover to the Third

Party Contractor, which is currently anticipated to be close in time to the commencement of construction. The Authority must give the County and CCJWRD at least ninety (90) calendar days' written notice of when it is anticipated the Third Party Contractor will begin construction on the ROW. This notice will allow CCJWRD to exercise its authorization to permanently obstruct the ROW, which will include posting signs, in coordination with the County, stating the dates of the road closure and coordinating with the Third Party Contractor for traffic control signage.

(c) USACE Contractor Works. The County will be responsible for performing all Routine Maintenance and Extraordinary Maintenance on the ROW until Turnover to the USACE construction contractor, which is currently anticipated to be close in time to the commencement of construction. The Parties will work with USACE to get as much notice as possible regarding the scheduled date for the commencement of construction. Upon receipt of this notice, CCJWRD will exercise its authorization to permanently obstruct the ROW, which will include posting signs, in coordination with the County, stating the dates of the road closure and coordinating with the USACE Contractor for traffic control signage.

Section 3.02 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS. The County will perform, or ensure the performance of, the following maintenance tasks on the ROW (collectively, "Routine Maintenance"):

- (a) The ROW will be graded twice a calendar month.
- (b) A 3-inch minimum thickness of gravel will be maintained.
- (c) The graded cross slopes across each lane will match its existing range of two percent (2%) to four percent (4%). If the current infield slope is not within that range, it will be upgraded to the two percent (2%) to four percent (4%) range.
- (d) Class 13 gravel will be placed for any aggregate needs.
- (e) Snow removal along the ROW will be dependent on the applicable township's current plow locations. The township will need to provide information to the County if a certain ROW was being plowed as needed by the township or private individuals in the winter.

Section 3.03 COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT. The County may seek reimbursement from the Authority, as set forth herein, for costs and expenses incurred for Routine Maintenance and Extraordinary Maintenance; provided, however, the County must seek prior written approval from both CCJWRD and the Authority before performing Extraordinary Maintenance that exceeds \$5,000.

Section 3.04 TOWNSHIP INVOLVEMENT. The County may engage an applicable township to perform Routine Maintenance. Reimbursement for such work, however, may be submitted by either the County or the township.

Section 3.05 SECURING CONSTRUCTION SITES. The Authority will include in the Project Agreement and in its construction contract with the Third Party Contractor that the Developer and the Third Party Contractor, respectively, are responsible for securing the ROW, upon the

commencement of construction, to limit public travel on the ROW. The Parties will work with USACE for USACE to include in its construction contract that the contractor is responsible for securing the ROW, upon commencement of construction, to limit public travel on the ROW.

ARTICLE IV. IMPACTED LANDS

Section 4.01 ROW. As set forth herein, the County will secure ROW, either inside or outside the Project Limits, to the extent necessary to allow for construction of the Comprehensive Project. CCJWRD will be responsible for securing property interests other than ROW that are necessary to construct termination tees.

Section 4.02 OBLITERATION. Following construction of the Comprehensive Project and the termination tees, the Parties will obliterate that portion of the ROW that exists between the termination tees and Project Limits that will no longer be utilized as a road. Timing of each obliteration will be agreed upon by the Parties. The Authority will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with obliteration and will be responsible for hiring a contractor for the obliteration work. The Authority will indemnify the County and CCJWRD for all obliteration work done on the ROW.

ARTICLE V. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Section 5.01 JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT.

(a) Pursuant to section 15.05 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Authority agreed to defend and indemnify the Member Entities, including both the County and CCJWRD, for any liability claims arising from the Authority's activities or operations, decisions of the Authority, or arising out of or regarding the Comprehensive Project.

(b) The Parties acknowledge and agree that section 15.05 of the Joint Powers Agreement is applicable to the County's and CCJWRD's control of the ROW and the County's maintenance of the ROW. As a result, the Authority will indemnify both CCJWRD and the County from third party claims relating to the ROW.

(c) The Authority has secured a commercial general limited liability policy from the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund ("NDIRF") and has listed both the County and CCJWRD as additional insureds under such policy. The Authority will continue to maintain such policy, or a like policy, in accordance with the terms of the Joint Powers Agreement and continue to list both the County and CCJWRD as additional insureds during the term of this MOU.

Section 5.02 GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Authority will not indemnify the County for grossly negligent or willful misconduct committed by the Person engaged by the County to perform maintenance. In lieu of such indemnification, the County must include in its maintenance contract that the contractor shall procure and maintain commercial general liability in the amount of \$3,000,000 and must name the County, CCJWRD, and the Authority as additional insureds under such policy.

Section 5.03 DEVELOPER CONSTRUCTION. The Developer will be responsible for procuring and maintaining the insurance set forth in the Project Agreement. The Authority will include provisions in the Project Agreement requiring the Developer (i) to procure and maintain commercial general liability in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$10,000,000 annual aggregate and must name CCJWRD, the County, and the Authority as additional insureds under such policy, and (ii) to indemnify and hold harmless CCJWRD, the County, and the Authority for construction performed on the ROW.

Section 5.04 THIRD PARTY CONTRACTOR CONSTRUCTION. Upon Turnover, the Third Party Contractor will be responsible for procuring and maintaining insurance requirements set forth in the construction contract. The Authority will include provisions in the construction contract requiring the Third Party Contractor (i) to procure and maintain commercial general liability in the amount of \$3,000,000 and must name CCJWRD, the County, and the Authority as additional insureds under such policy, and (ii) to indemnify and hold harmless CCJWRD, the County, and the Authority for construction performed on the ROW.

Section 5.05 USACE CONTRACTOR CONSTRUCTION. Upon Turnover, the USACE contractor will be responsible for procuring and maintaining insurance requirements set forth in the construction contract. The Authority will coordinate with USACE regarding insurance requirements for the contractor.

ARTICLE VI. TERM AND TERMINATION

Section 6.01 TERM. The Original Term of this MOU will be for two (2) years from the Effective Date. The MOU will automatically renew for successive one (1) year additional terms (each, respectively, a “Renewal Term”) unless the Parties mutually agree, in writing, to terminate this MOU.

Section 6.02 AGREEMENT. The Parties may mutually agree, in writing, at any time, to terminate this MOU.

ARTICLE VII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Section 7.01 INTENT AND PROCEDURE. The Parties will cooperate and use their Best Efforts to ensure that the various provisions of this MOU are fulfilled. The Parties agree to act in Good Faith to undertake resolution of disputes in an equitable and timely manner and in accordance with the provisions of this MOU. If disputes cannot be resolved informally by the Parties, the following procedures will be used.

Section 7.02 MEDIATION. If there is a failure between the Parties to resolve a dispute on their own, the Parties will first attempt to mediate the dispute. The Parties will agree upon a single mediator and will equally split any costs for mediation services.

Section 7.03 LITIGATION IF DISPUTE NOT RESOLVED. If the dispute is not resolved within forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of mediation proceedings, the Parties may litigate the matter.

Section 7.04 LITIGATION; VENUE. All litigation between the Parties arising out of or pertaining to this MOU or its breach will be filed, heard, and decided in the State District Court of Cass County, North Dakota, which will have exclusive jurisdiction and venue.

Section 7.05 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE PARTIES HEREBY KNOWINGLY, IRREVOCABLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS THAT ANY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, COUNTERCLAIM, OR DEFENSE BASED ON THIS MOU, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS MOU, OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, STATEMENTS (WHETHER ORAL OR WRITTEN), OR ACTIONS OF ANY PARTY HERETO RELATING TO THIS MOU. THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR ALL PARTIES ENTERING INTO THIS MOU. THIS PROVISION APPLIES ONLY TO SUITS BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND DOES NOT APPLY TO THIRD PARTY CLAIMS OR SUITS.

ARTICLE VIII. REIMBURSEMENT

Section 8.01 COSTS AND EXPENSES. Between the Effective Date and Turnover of a ROW, the County may seek reimbursement from the Authority for costs and expenses incurred for Routine Maintenance and Extraordinary Maintenance.

Section 8.02 INVOICING.

(a) The County will remit hard copy invoices to the Authority at the Authority's main office, and the invoices will be processed by the Authority for the following month. The County will also submit copies of the invoices to the Authority electronically at APInvoicesFMDiv@jacobs.com, copied to kbakkegard@fmdiversion.gov.

(b) The County's invoices must be detailed and precise, clearly indicate fees and expenses, and include at least the following information:

- (1) The County's name and address;
- (2) The County's federal employer identification number;
- (3) Unique invoice number;
- (4) Billing period;
- (5) Description of each activity performed for each day in which services were performed;

- (6) Work order number associated with each activity;
- (7) Name, billing rate, hours worked by each person involved in each activity;
- (8) Total amount of fees and costs “billed to date,” including the preceding months;
- (9) Preferred remittance address, if different from the address on the invoice’s coversheet; and
- (10) All of the work performed during that billing period.

(c) After the Authority receives a County invoice, the Authority will either process the invoice for payment or give the County specific reasons, in writing, within fifteen (15) Business Days, why part or all of the Authority’s payment is being withheld and what actions the County must take to receive the withheld payment.

(d) In the event of disputed billing, only the disputed portion will be withheld from payment and the Authority will pay the undisputed portion. The Authority will exercise reasonableness in disputing any bill or portion thereof. Interest will accrue on any disputed portion of the billing determined to be due and owing to the County.

(e) Payment does not imply acceptance of services or that the invoice is accurate. In the event an error is identified within three (3) months of receipt of payment, the County must credit any payment error from any payment that is due or that may become due to the County under this MOU.

ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.01 COMPLETE AGREEMENT. This MOU contains the entire and exclusive understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter thereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, statements, representations, and negotiations, in each case oral or written, among the Parties with respect to their subject matter.

Section 9.02 COUNTERPARTS. This instrument may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 9.03 AMENDMENTS. This MOU may be amended only by written instrument duly executed by the Parties or their respective successors or assigns, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in this MOU.

Section 9.04 SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE. Each provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, and word of this MOU is intended to be severable. If any provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word hereof is held by a court with jurisdiction to be illegal or invalid

for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity will not affect the validity of the remainder of this MOU.

Section 9.05 FORCE MAJEURE. A Party will not be liable to the others during any period in which its performance is delayed or prevented, in whole or in part, by any of the following circumstances: war, civil war, invasion, violent act of foreign enemy, or armed conflict; nuclear, chemical, or biological contamination; ionizing radiation; or any act of terrorism. If such a circumstance occurs, the Party claiming the delay must undertake reasonable action to notify the other Parties of the same.

Section 9.06 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. Each Party hereby designates the following individual as its initial authorized representative, respectively, to administer this MOU on its respective behalf:

- (a) Authority Representative: Kris Bakkegard, Director of Engineering
- (b) County Representative: Jason Benson, County Engineer
- (c) CCJWRD Representative: Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer

Section 9.07 NOTICE.

(a) All notices under the MOU will be in writing and: (a) delivered personally; (b) sent by certified mail, return receipt requested; (c) sent by a recognized overnight mail or courier service, with delivery receipt requested; or (d) sent by email communication followed by a hard copy, to the following addresses.

(b) All notices to the Authority will be marked as regarding the Comprehensive Project and will be delivered to the following addresses or as otherwise directed by the Authority Representative:

Director of Engineering
Box 2806
207 4th Street North
Suite A
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

(c) All notices to the County will be marked as regarding the Comprehensive Project and will be delivered to the following address or as otherwise directed by the County Representative:

County Engineer
1201 Main Avenue West
West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

(d) All notices to CCJWRD will be marked as regarding the Comprehensive Project and will be delivered to the following address or as otherwise directed by the CCJWRD Representative:

CCJWRD Secretary-Treasurer
1201 Main Avenue West
West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

(e) Notices will be deemed received when actually received in the office of the addressee (or by the addressee if personally delivered) or when delivery is refused, as shown on the receipt of the U.S. Postal Service, private courier, or other person making the delivery. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notices sent by facsimile after 4:00 p.m. central time and all other notices received after 5:00 central time will be deemed received on the first Business Day following delivery.

Section 9.08 GOVERNING LAW. This MOU will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

Section 9.09 CONFLICT WITH MOU REGARDING OTHER COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT WORK. Nothing in this MOU is intended to supersede, amend, or otherwise modify any other memorandum of understanding or agreement entered by and between the Parties for work regarding other aspects of the Comprehensive Project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority, the County, and CCJWRD caused this Agreement to be executed.

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Signature Page for the Metro Flood Diversion Authority

The governing body of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority approved this MOU on the ___ day of _____, 2021.

METRO FLOOD DIVERSION
AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson, Chair

By: _____
Joel Paulsen, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Dawn Lindblom, Secretary

Signature Page for Cass County, North Dakota

The governing body of Cass County, North Dakota, approved this MOU on the ___ day of _____, 2021.

CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By: _____
Chad Peterson, Chair of the Board of
County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Michael Montplaisir, County Auditor

Signature Page for the Cass County Joint Water Resource District

The governing body of the Cass County Joint Water Resource District approved this MOU on the ___ day of _____, 2021.

CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER
RESOURCE DISTRICT

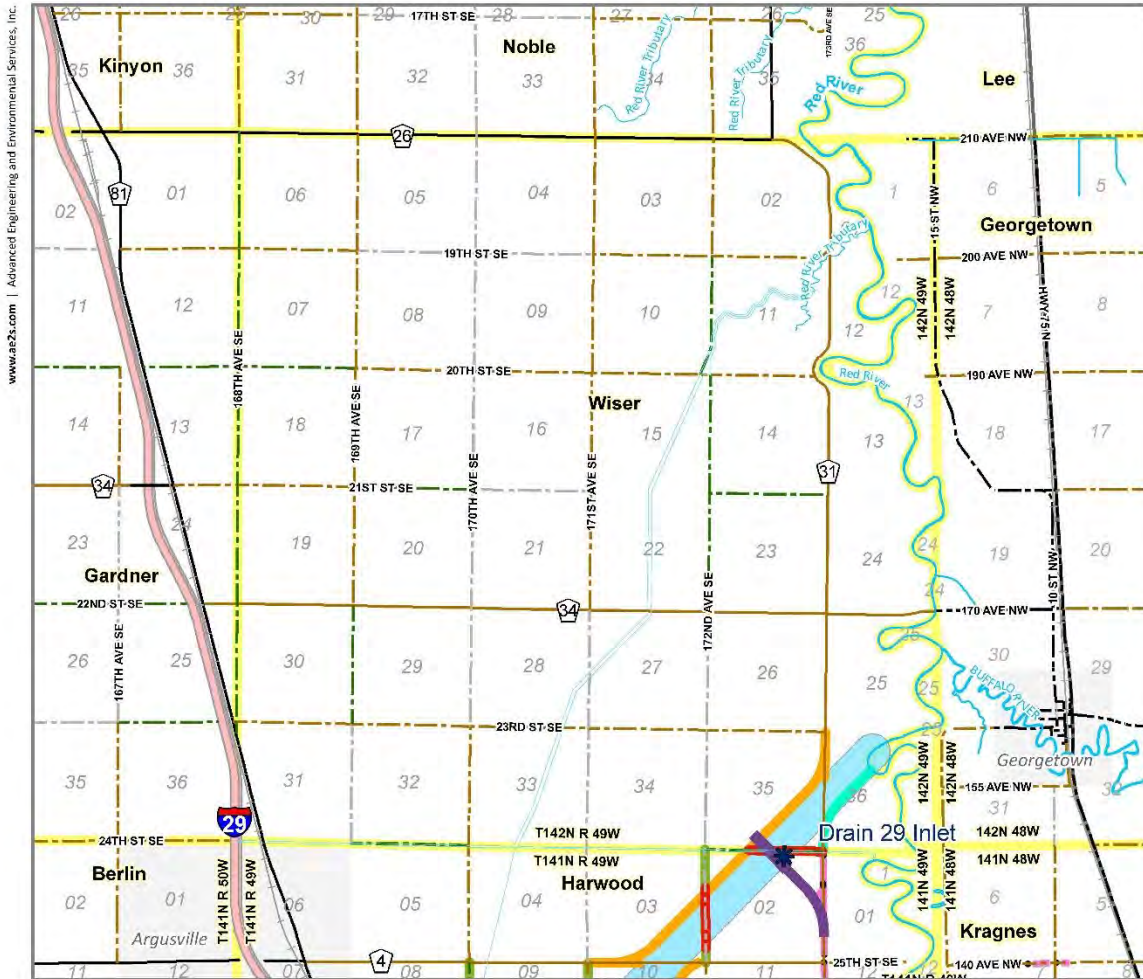
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ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer

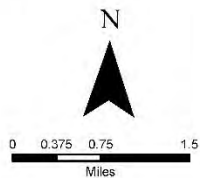
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COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT IMPACTS MAPS



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	Channel/SE Crossings		New Gravel Road
	Channel		Other Agency Roadway Improvements
	Railroad		Township - Paved
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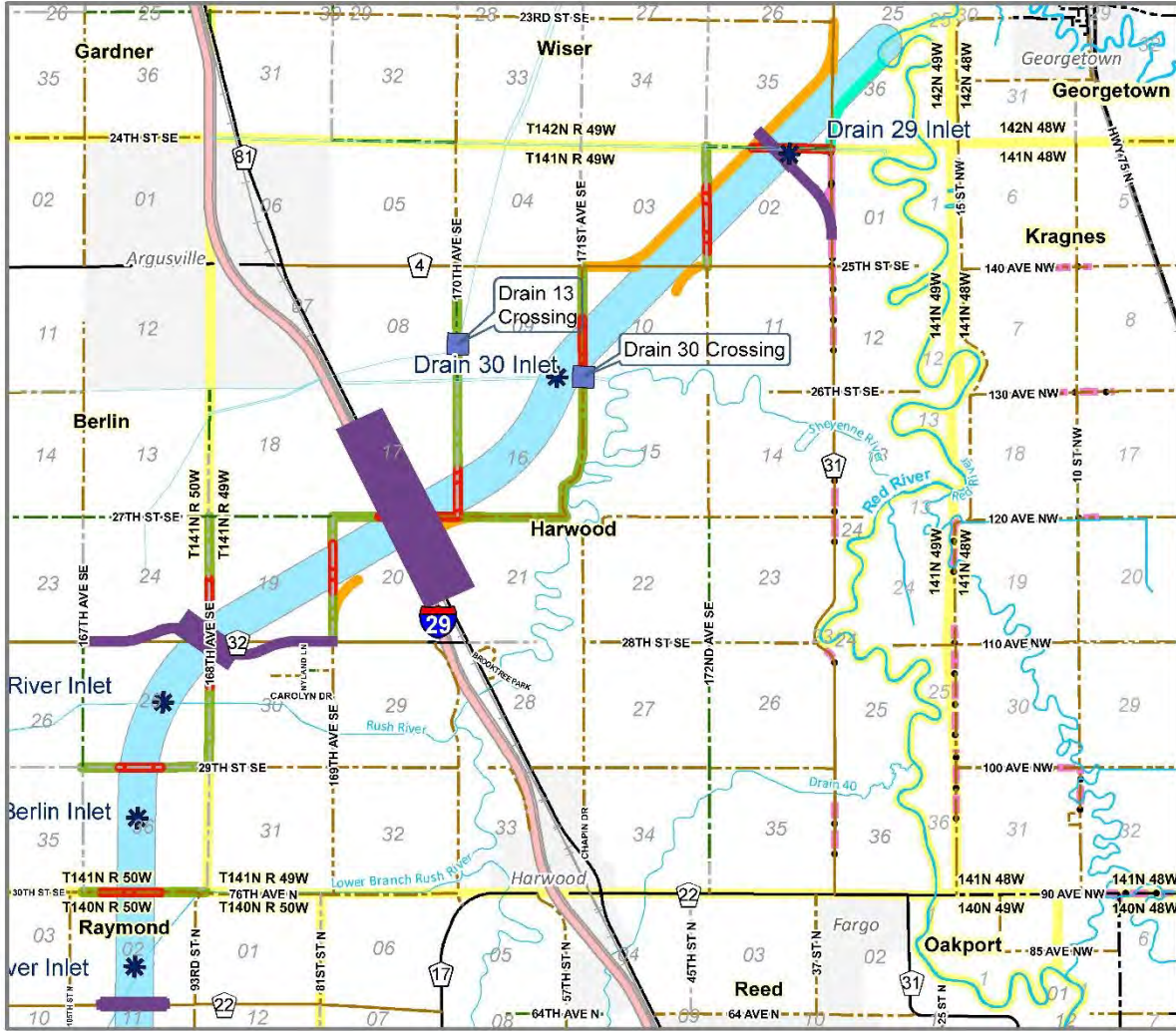
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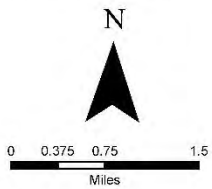
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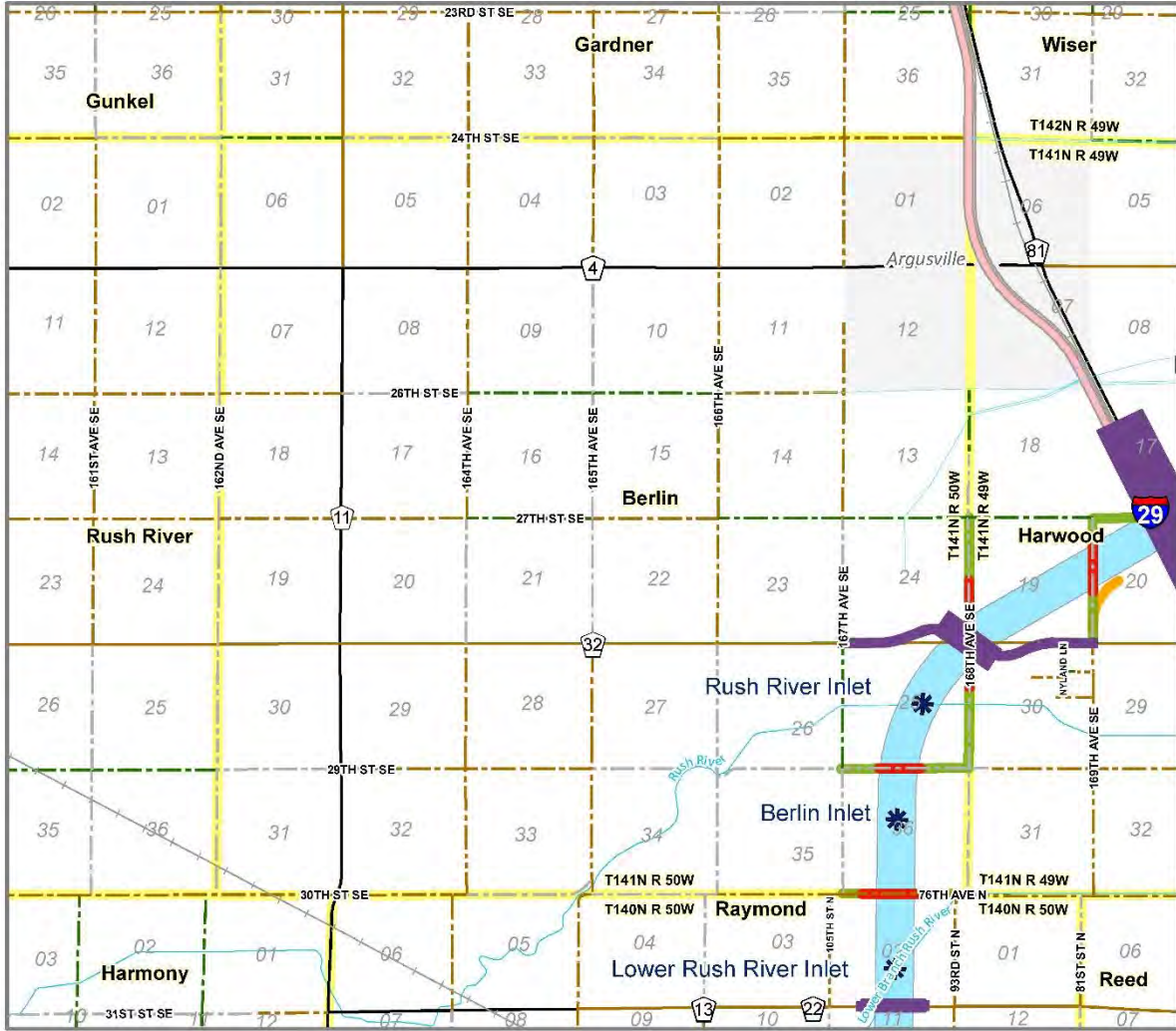
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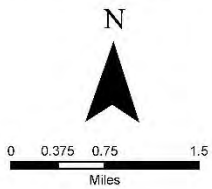
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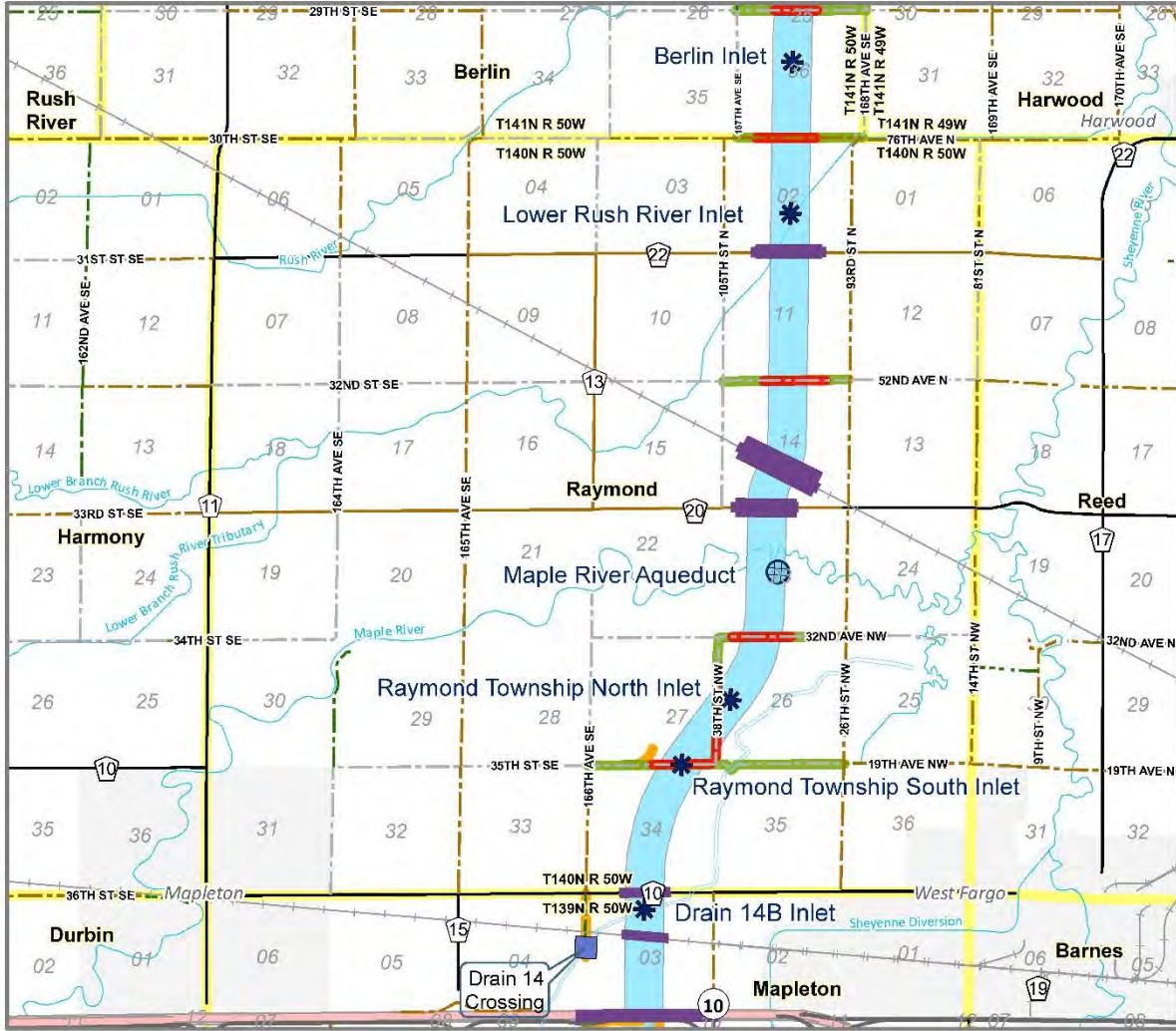
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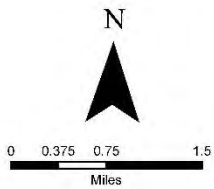
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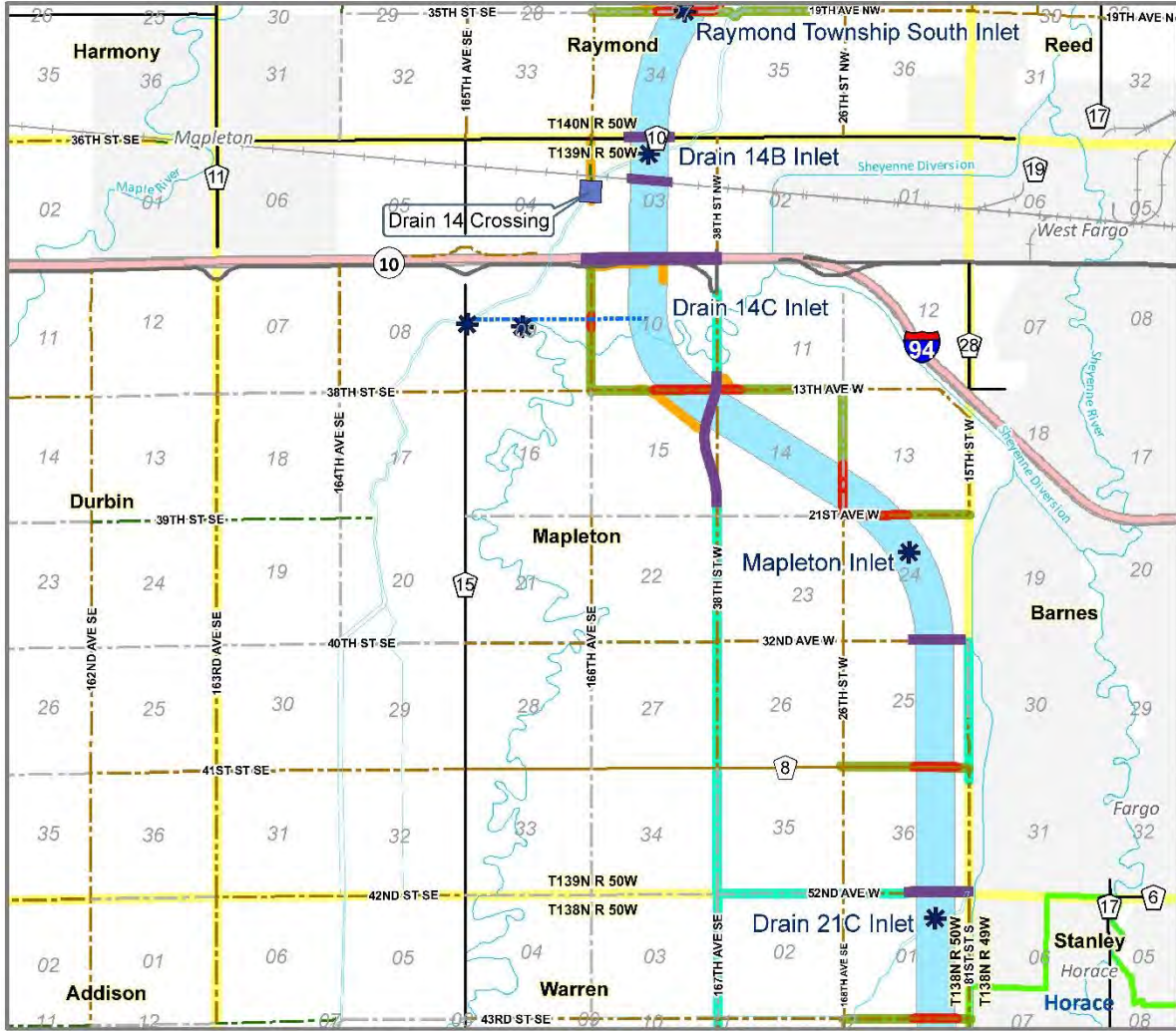
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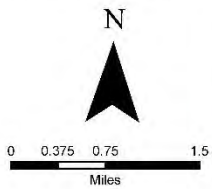
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	Channel/SE Crossings		New Gravel Road		Township - Gravel		Interstate
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	Drain Construction		Railroad				City of Horace

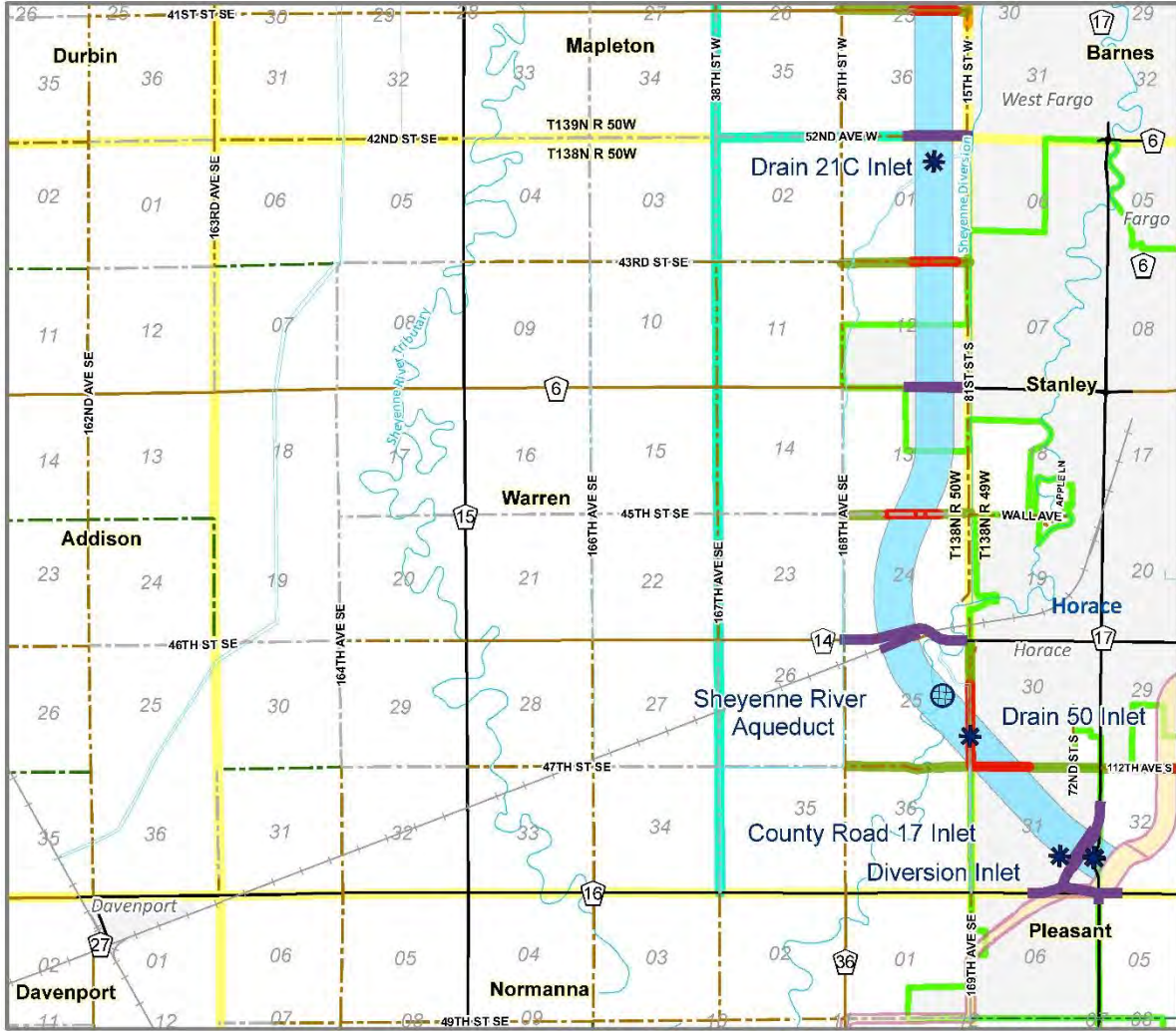
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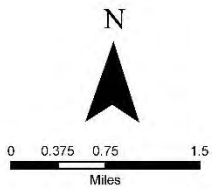
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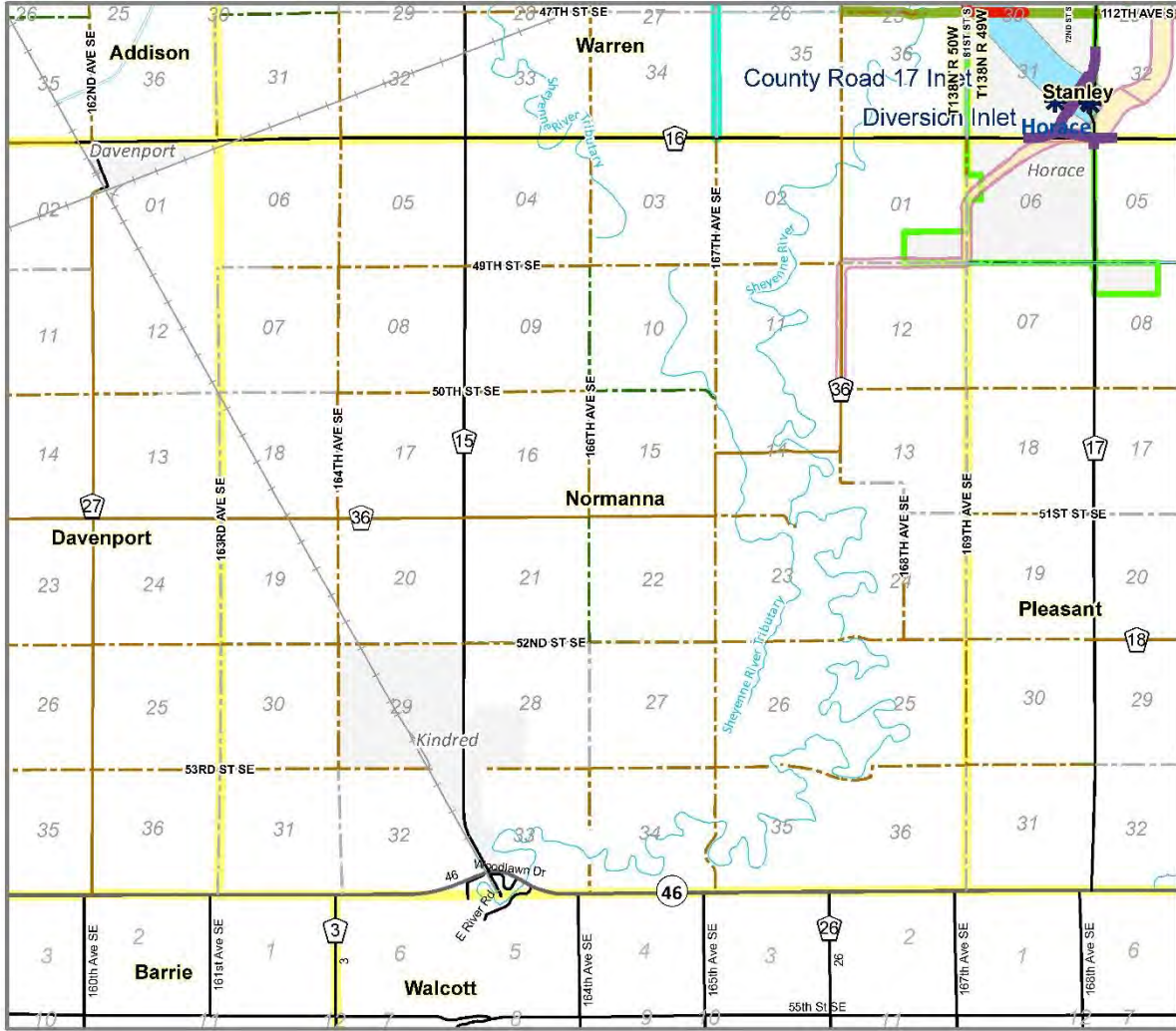
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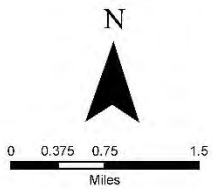
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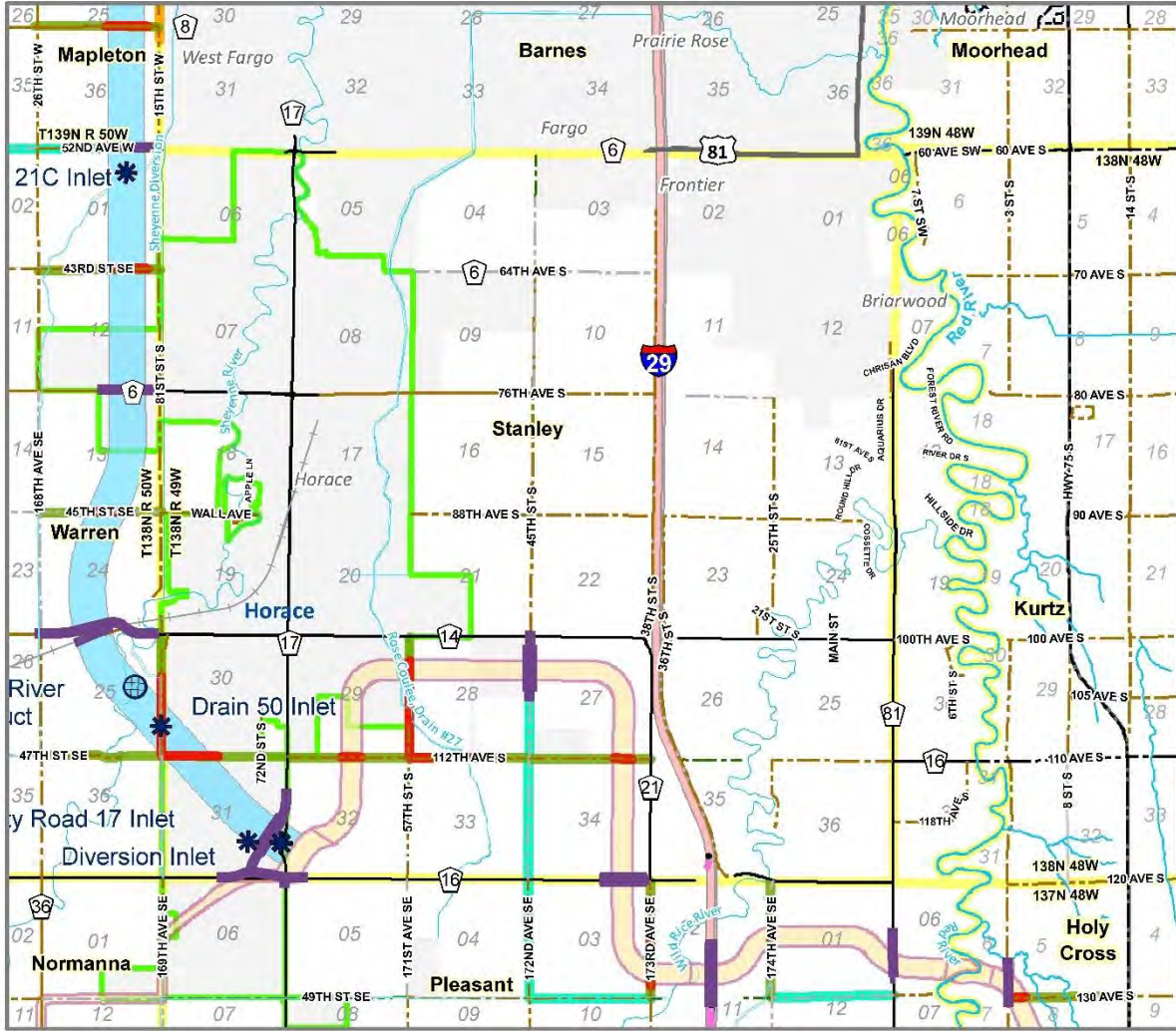
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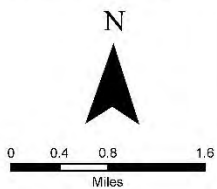
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	Railroad		Township Boundary
	City of Horace		County Road - Gravel
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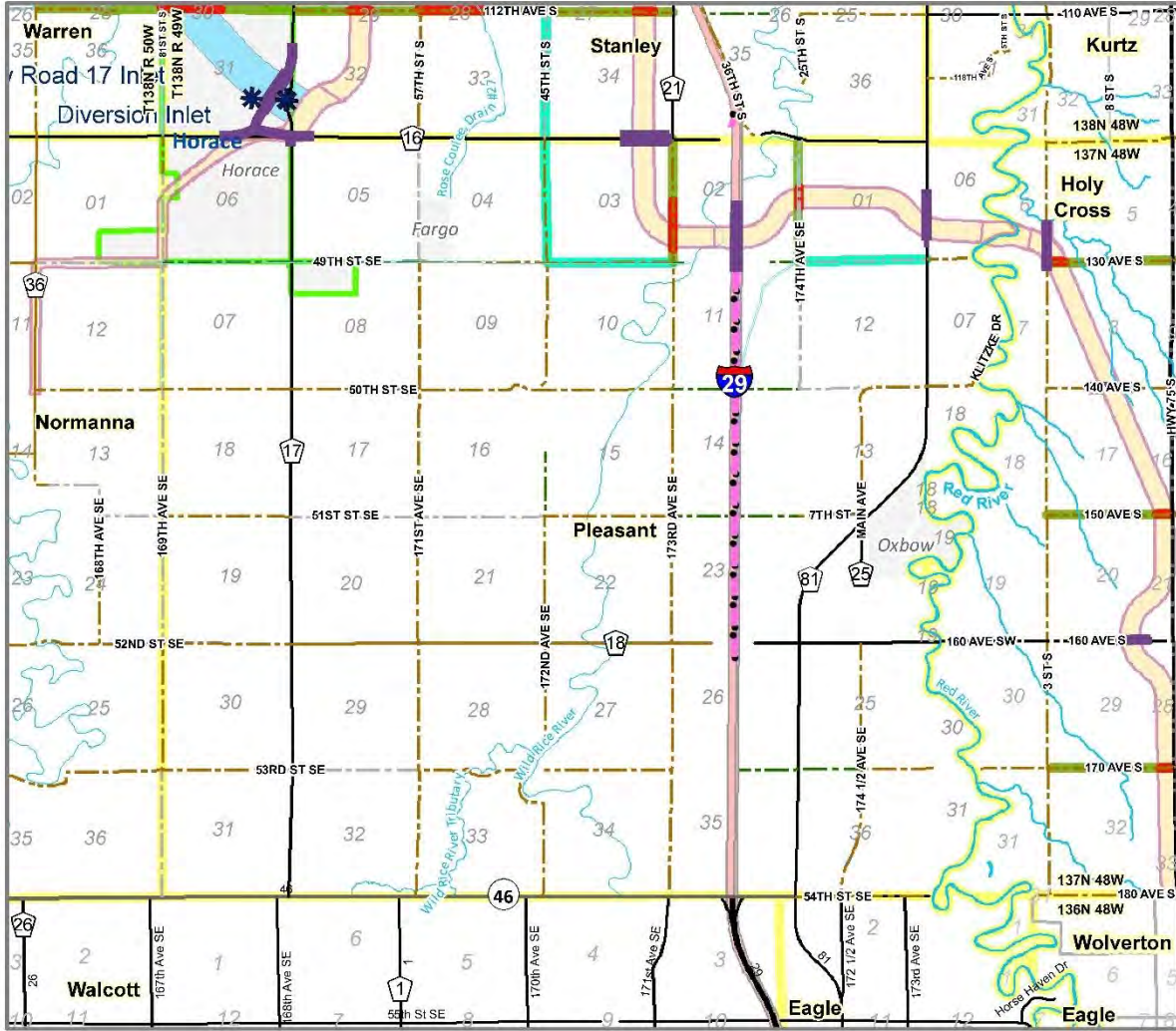
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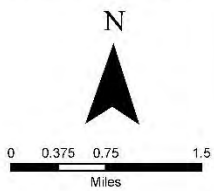
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