



## 1 Diversion Inlet Structure Construction

Dewatering of the site is complete. Ames is planning to start excavating the site to grade and partially removing the preload areas after Labor Day. The current construction completion date is June 2023.

Anticipated schedule:

2019: Dewatering, test pile program, complete channel excavation.

2020: Foundations/site work.

2021: Concrete piers/abutments. Control building.

2022: Install bridge deck, gates, and operating machinery.

2023: Paint gates, seed.

2024: Turf established.

## 2 Wild Rice River Structure Construction

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on 22 July 2019. Proposals are due 5 September. Contract award is anticipated in November 2019. Required construction completion is October 2023. Structure includes 2-40 ft. wide tainter gates.

## 3 Red River Structure Design

Construction of the physical model (1:40 scale) continues at USACE ERDC Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, Vicksburg, MS and should be complete by 18 October (see reverse). Completion of testing is scheduled to be NLT June 2020 and final reports due August 2020. The 35% plans and specs are due February 2020; the overall design schedule is dependent on physical model results and continues to be developed.

## 4 Southern Embankment – Plan B Design

Detailed design, incorporating the Plan B alignment, is ongoing. Geotechnical borings have commenced and will continue as additional access is secured by the Diversion Authority. Construction of the Western Tieback is scheduled for late FY2020.

## 5 Cultural Resources Mitigation – Diversion Channel Sites

Completing further investigations of two archaeological sites along the Diversion Channel this summer. Field work under Task Order 1 is complete. Of the 53 acres to investigate, only 5 acres remain to clear under the pending Task Order 2; field work is anticipated to restart week of 26 August.

## 6 Natural Resource Agency Meeting – 17 September 2019

Quarterly meeting to be held with our natural resource agency partners.



Construction of Red River physical model at ERDC

Looking downstream (north)



**MEMO**

Fredrikson and Byron  
Legislative Update



**TO:** Chris Volkers and Steve Larson  
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We now have a schedule for the House Capital Investment Committee tour for the Moorhead area on September 5.

**MOORHEAD:**

11:15 – 11:30 pm stop at the 11th Street RR grade separation - presentation on bus

Travel time: 15 minutes

**MOORHEAD:**

11:45 – 1:00 pm - Minnesota State University Moorhead for tour, lunch and presentations

- Clay County Recovery Center
- Community and Aquatics Center

Leave Moorhead and take a flood tour through Perley and Hendrum on way north

The committee's next stop is 2.5 hours away in Thief River Falls and they are scheduled to be there at 3:30pm. I have a call with Moorhead city staff on August 20<sup>th</sup> to work out the details of where the tour should drive to highlight flood projects in and around the city of Moorhead and the logistics of getting people on and off the bus and returned to their vehicles parked at MSU Moorhead. As is typical with these tours, any elected officials, city/county staff, or other relevant people are encouraged to attend. They are likely welcome to greet the legislators as they arrive at MSUM, to join for lunch and ride the bus with the committee. The presentation on the bus will likely be given by Bob Zimmerman, but that is TBD on the call next week.

There is no word yet out of the Senate on when they will be touring.

I did not hear back from the Department of Agriculture staff that I reached out to in response to the Commissioner's inquiries about the project.