

WEEKLY MEMO

Date: May 22, 2015

To: Mayor Lynn Stauss, Council President Mark Olstad, Council Vice-President Chad Grassel, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Mike Pokrzywinski, Craig Buckalew, Henry Tweten, and Marc DeMers.

RE: Weekly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 26, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Work Session – Training Room

June 2, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers

June 9, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Work Session – Training Room

June 16, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers

Administrator's Report:

Grand Forks Economic Development Commission

The Grand Forks Economic Development Commission Director, Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce President, Paul Gorte and I will be meeting every other month. The purpose of the meetings is to keep the communication between the two cities flowing regarding potential opportunities.

Civic Center Remodel

The preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 10 AM at City Hall. Construction will begin soon thereafter.

Board/Commission Update:

Metropolitan Planning Organization – Clarence Vetter and Marc DeMers

We continue to monitor the Sorlie and Kennedy bridge projects. After inspecting the Sorlie Bridge, it was decided that no major repairs were needed. Therefore, the bridge will only be repainted and this is scheduled for 2016. We have asked that the approaches on both sides of the bridge be repaired. NDDOT is looking at a temporary fix until Demers Avenue is rebuilt in 2019. MNDOT is looking at a more permanent fix that may happen either this year or next year.

The Kennedy Bridge is still destined for a complete makeover I believe in 2017 and 2018.

The MPO is commissioning a consultant to look at traffic patterns on I-29, the Glasston Railroad crossing and completing a study on the US #2 access management. We are also hiring a consultant to update Grand Forks' land use plan.

The Bygland Road study is under way. We have done traffic counts and held one public meeting. Two more public meetings are scheduled, one in June and one in July. This study is to provide us with ideas on how to manage the traffic, how to accommodate bicycle facilities and strategies to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.