



# METRO RAILROAD NEEDS STUDY

## Appendix C Engagement Summary

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# 1 Winter 2025 Engagement

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## Phase 1: Study Formation – Data Gathering

**PURPOSE:** The first phase of engagement focused on introducing the Railroad Needs Study to the community, sharing data gathering and alternatives development of the identified railroad crossings, and learning about the public’s experiences, issues, and opportunities with the railroad crossings. This phase presented educational material to the community and stakeholders on the study, its purpose, and development of alternatives. Additionally, Phase 1 provided an opportunity to learn about the community’s experiences with and concerns about safety, bicycle and pedestrian as well as emergency management access, and traffic congestion in relation to these railroad crossings. These insights provide another layer of information pertaining to the existing conditions of the railroad crossings and highlight any hot spots of concerns that might not be identified through data driven reporting. This qualitative information will inform the goals and potential recommendations in the implementation plan.

## Frostival Winter Warm Up at the Rourke Event

The Winter Warm Up is part of the Frostival series of events from January 31 – February 8, 2025 across West Fargo, Fargo, and Moorhead. This celebration brings together the metro area communities to enjoy a variety of winter activities. The Winter Warm Up was selected as an established event in the community which draws from 100-175 visitors annually to engage with participants of all ages in the Moorhead community.

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Rourke Art Museum

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### Event overview:

*Get cozy in downtown Moorhead! Fill up at our complimentary cocoa bar after browsing our handmade mug market, gather round the fire pits in the M. Dorian Clemedtson Memorial Sculpture Court, and shop for toasty mittens, hats, and scarves from local fiber artists. Help keep our neighbors warm, too, by dropping off winter weather accessories for our community hat and mitten drive!*

## Spring-A-Ding-Fling and 67th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Karnival Event

The Spring-A-Ding Fling is a craft and vendor show that features local artists. The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Pancake Karnival is a well-established event focused on giving back to the local community. This year, the Pancake Karnival attracted over 6,000 visitors as noted by [The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead](#). Both



events were selected for the second event due to their simultaneous occurrence at the FARGODOME, providing the project team with an opportunity to engage with the significant foot traffic.

The Winter Warm Up, Spring-A-Ding Fling, and 67th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Karnival events were strategically selected to gather public input from both sides of the Red River.

Saturday, February 8, 2025  
FARGODOME

Spring-A-Ding-Fling  
10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
67<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Pancake Karnival  
7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Event overview:

*Fargo Kiwanis is back at FARGODOME in 2025 for the 67th Annual Pancake Karnival! Serving 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.*

*This year, all proceeds support a special area in Island Park dedicated to Mental Wellness.*

*It's everything you expect from the Fargo Kiwanis Pancake Karnival - scrumptious buttermilk pancakes and one-of-a-kind Fargo Kiwanis sausage.*

*With great food and games for the kids, it's the perfect family event. Don't wait to get your tickets! Become a sponsor or simply donate using the links below. Every dollar we raise from the Pancake Karnival goes back into our local community.*

*Let's come together for a great cause—because pancakes taste sweeter when they help our community!*

### Outreach

The Metro COG promoted these events through a website update on Metro COG's website and social media posts on Metro COG's social media channels. Social media posts occurred closer to the pop-up events on February 1, 2025 and February 8, 2025 to provide regular reminders to the public. Promotions materials for the pop-up events are available in **Attachment A**.

### Table Setup

The booth was set up as shown in **Figure 1** and **Figure 2** and provided a variety of opportunities for input and starting conversations with project staff. Activities included:

- A dot map where attendees could place a sticker indicating priorities for railroad crossing improvements (safety, bicycle and pedestrian access, traffic congestion, and emergency management access).
- Railroad crossing safety coloring sheet for kids with crayons.
- Computer station where attendees could fill out an online survey.
- A floor mat with a wooden train set for kids (at the Winter Warm Up event).

In addition, a handout shared information about the study as well as include a QR code which takes the user to the online survey. At the Winter Warm Up event, a flyer was also available promoting the opportunity to speak with the project team at the FARGODOME at the Spring-A-Ding Fling and 67th Annual Pancake Karnival events. Comment forms were also available. Materials are available in **Attachment B**.



**Figure 1: Pop-up event set-up at the Frostival Winter Warm-Up at the Rourke**



**Figure 2: Pop-up event set-up at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Karnival at the FARGODOME**



## Table Attendance and Interactions

Attendance at the Winter Warm Up was as high as expected, with one-on-one conversations occurring regularly from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on February 1, 2025 (as pictured in **Figure 3**). 19 people signed in, 9 people placed stickers on the dot map, and several took handouts from the booth.

Our table at the FARGODOME was strategically placed to capture foot traffic heading to and from both the

Spring-A-Ding Fling and the 67th Annual Pancake Karnival. Based on estimates from The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, which anticipates over 6,000 visitors by 1 p.m., we estimate that several hundred people passed by our table between 9 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Approximately 30 people stopped by to talk to staff at Metro COG's table (as



Figure 3: Pop-up event at the Frostival Winter Warm-Up at the Rourke



Figure 4: Pop-up event at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Karnival at the FARGODOME

pictured in **Figure 4**). Six people signed in, 12 people placed stickers on the dot map, and several took handouts from the booth. Attendees also interacted with the railroad crossing safety coloring sheet, which also had a QR code to the online engagement summary (as pictured in **Figure 5**).

Between both events, an estimated 60 people visited the booth or participated in some way. Sign-in sheets for both events are available in **Attachment C**.

## Staffing

The Winter Warm Up took place from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Spring-A-Ding Fling ran from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and the 67th Annual Pancake Karnival was held from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Staffing was present during the entirety of the Winter Warm Up event and from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to capture foot traffic from the Spring-A-Ding Fling and 67th

Annual Pancake Karnival events. The table at each event was attended by consultants from SRF and HDR and Metro COG staff.

## Event Takeaways

Overall, the project team engaged in consistent conversations with attendees at both events.

The combined dot maps indicated two red stickers for safety at the Center Street railroad crossing with two blue stickers for bicycle and pedestrian access and one yellow sticker for traffic congestion. The 9th Street crossing received one red sticker for safety and one blue sticker for bicycle and pedestrian access.

Regarding Fargo railroad crossings, the 18th Street railroad crossing received five blue stickers for bike and pedestrian access and one red sticker for safety. The 7th Avenue North, University Drive near 7th Avenue North, and 10th Street near 7th Avenue North railroad crossings each received one blue sticker for bike and pedestrian access. The 7th Avenue North crossing also received one yellow sticker for traffic congestion. Regarding Minnesota railroad crossings, the 14th St & Main railroad crossing received one green sticker for emergency management access. One yellow sticker indicated concern for traffic congestion at the intersection of 19th Avenue and 45th Street and one blue sticker indicated a priority for bicycle and pedestrian access along Main Street near Island Park. Overall, the results show that bike and pedestrian access is the largest priority for community members, followed by safety.



Figure 5: Engagement with the railroad crossing safety coloring sheet at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Karnival at the FARGODOME

## Online Engagement Survey

The public was also invited to respond to a digital survey that was open from February 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025 to provide an alternative participation option which paralleled in-person engagement activities at pop-up events and public meetings held throughout the metro area. The survey questions are outlined in **Attachment D**.

Jotform was used to build the survey online. The project team developed eight questions related to concerns and priorities related to the identified railroad crossings and five optional demographic questions. The survey was promoted through Metro COG's social media channels and website, as well as featured in several local school communications, including the March 6, 2025 *School Talk* newsletter for Fargo Public Schools, a post on the Moorhead Area Public Schools Facebook page on March 12,

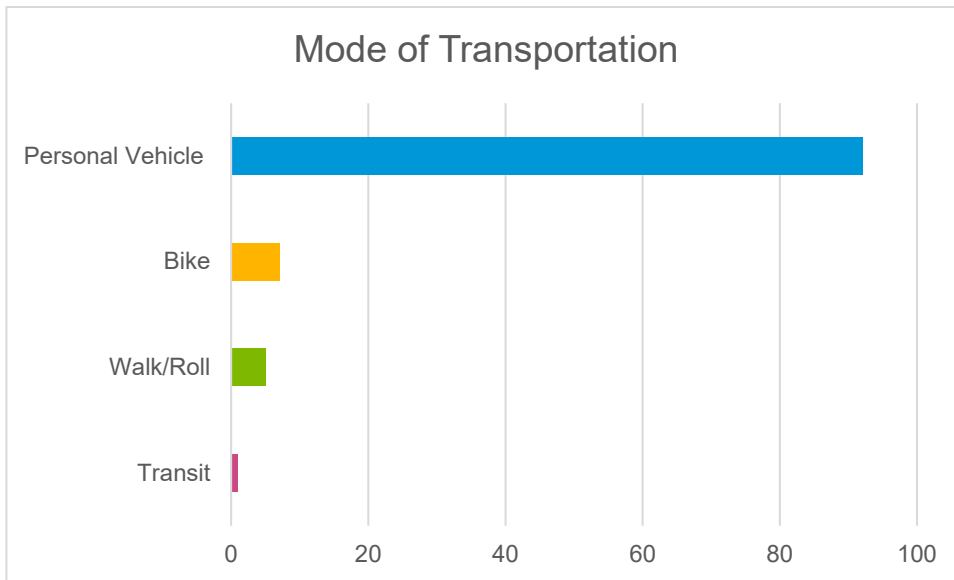
2025, and the May 12, 2025 newsletter from West Fargo’s Eastwood Elementary School. Examples of outreach are presented in **Attachment E**. The survey received feedback from 106 respondents.

## Feedback Received

The survey asked the following questions and received the following feedback:

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***used***

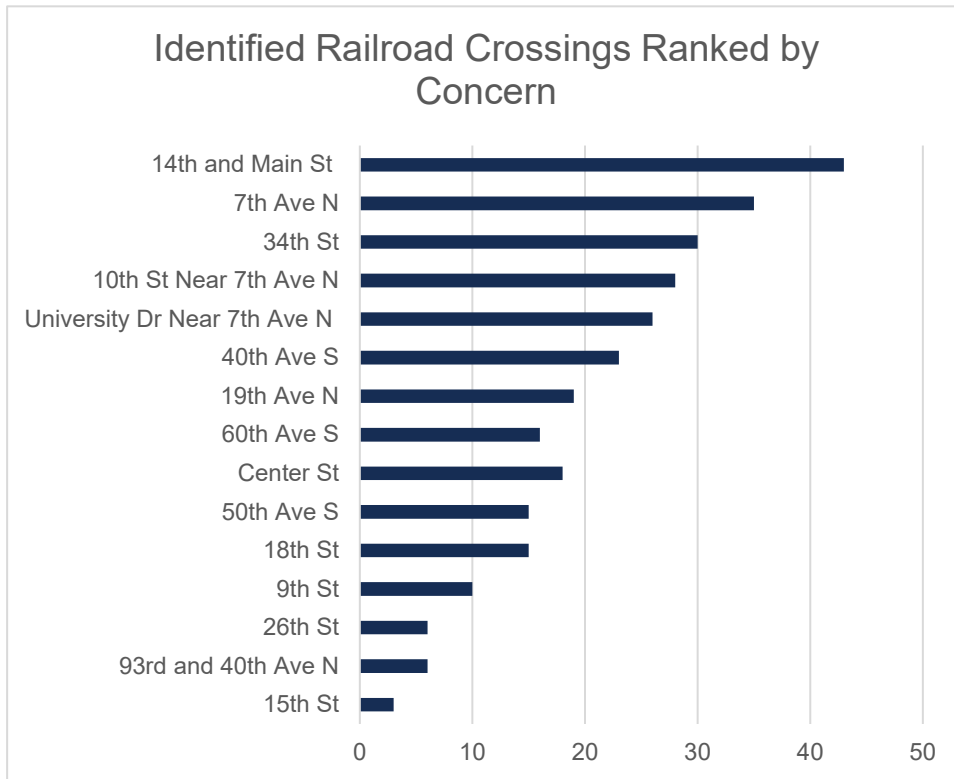


***your most frequently mode of***

***transportation?***

The overwhelming majority (92%) of respondents most frequently use a personal vehicle for transportation.

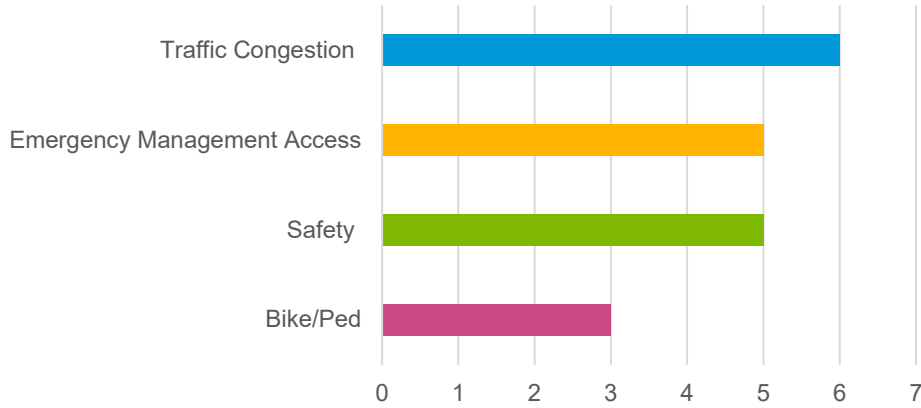
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***review the railroad in the communities on the ones have about.***

The most frequently mentioned crossing is 14th Street & Main Street in Dilworth, with 43 mentions, indicating significant concern in that area. Other commonly noted locations include 7th Avenue North and 34th Street, with 35 and 30 mentions, respectively. Several crossings in Fargo, such as 10th Street Near 7th Avenue North (28 selections) and University Drive Near 7th Avenue North (26 selections), as well as the 40th Avenue South (23 selections) and 60th Ave S (16 selections) in Moorhead/Clay County were also frequently selected.

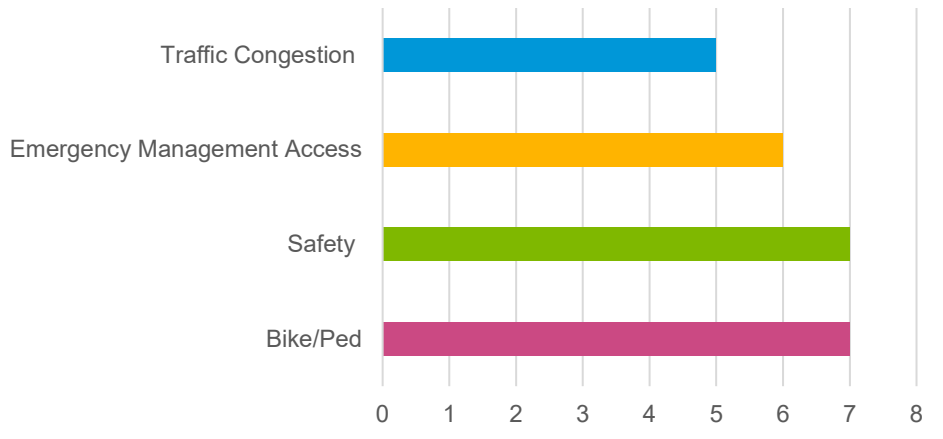
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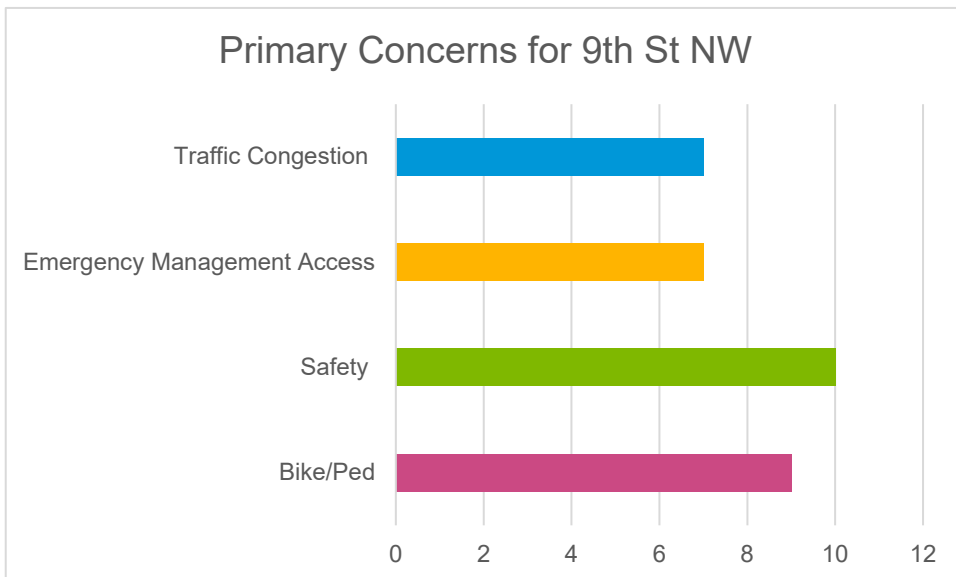
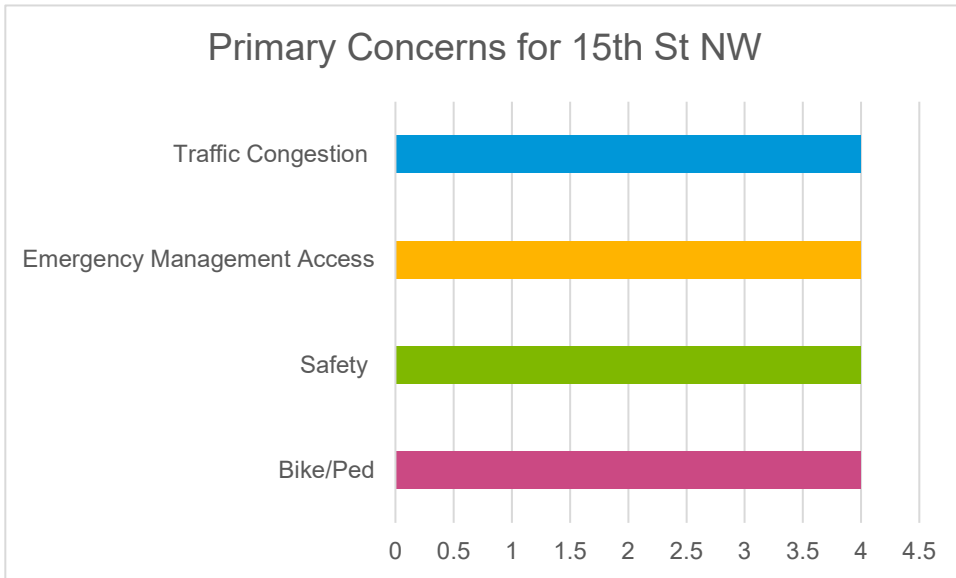
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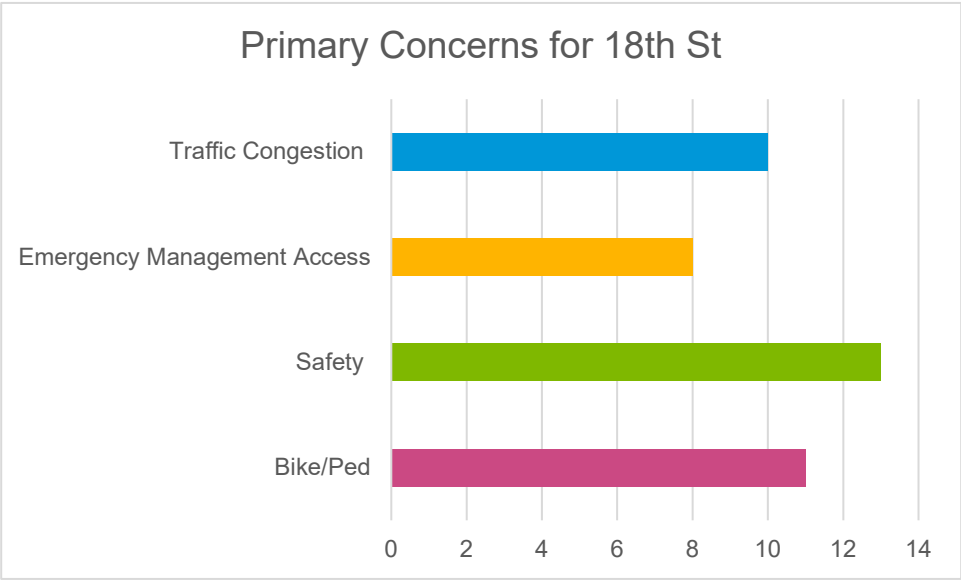
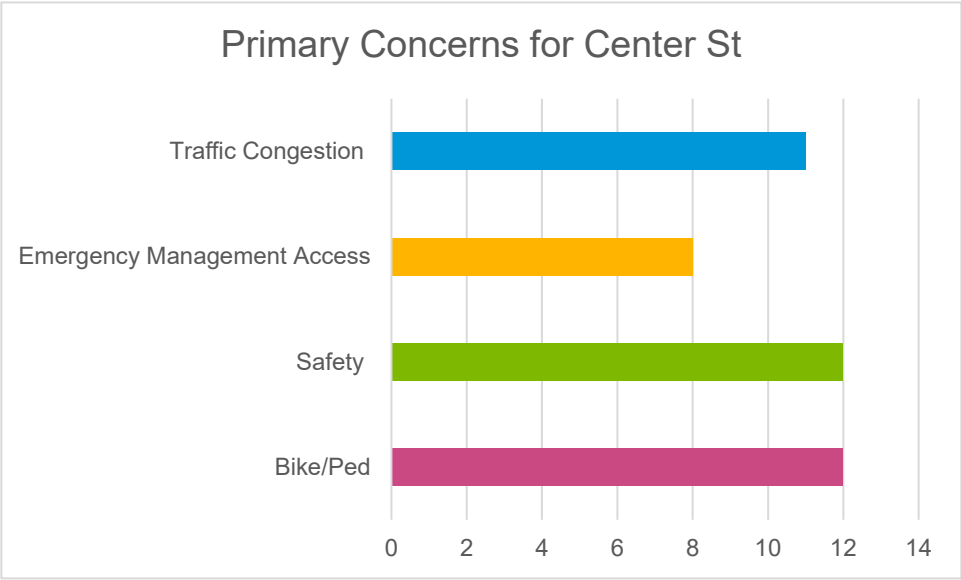
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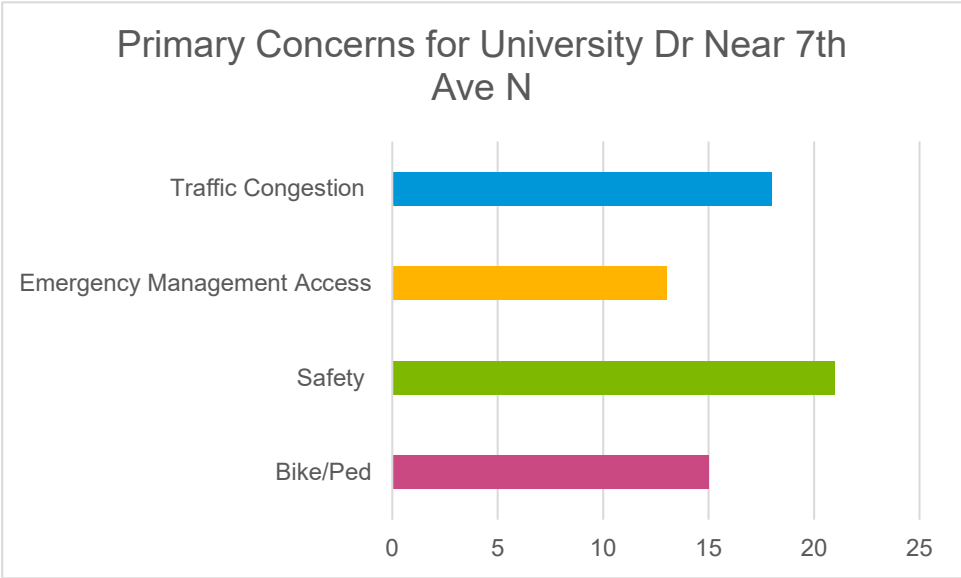
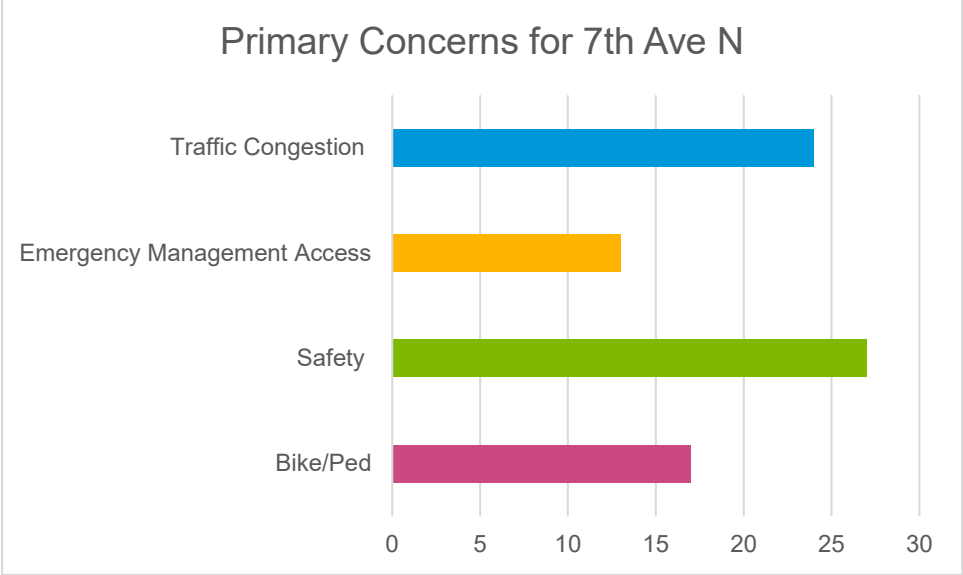
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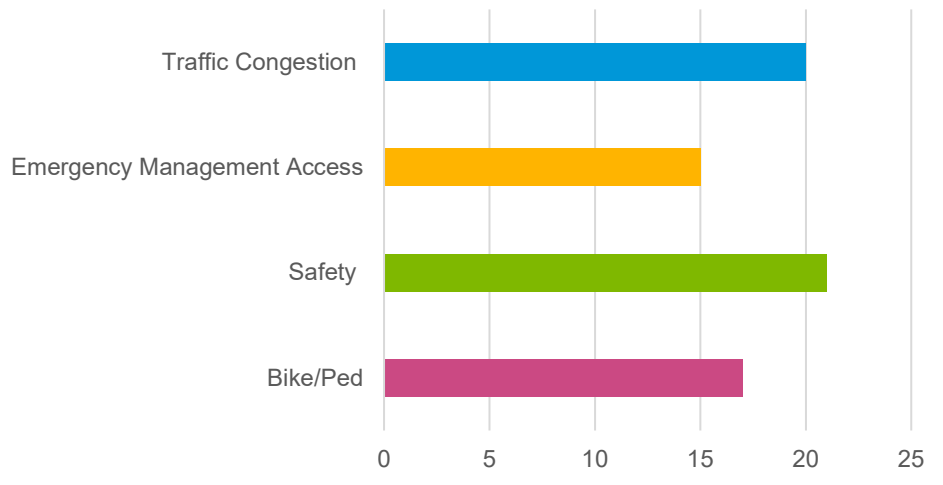




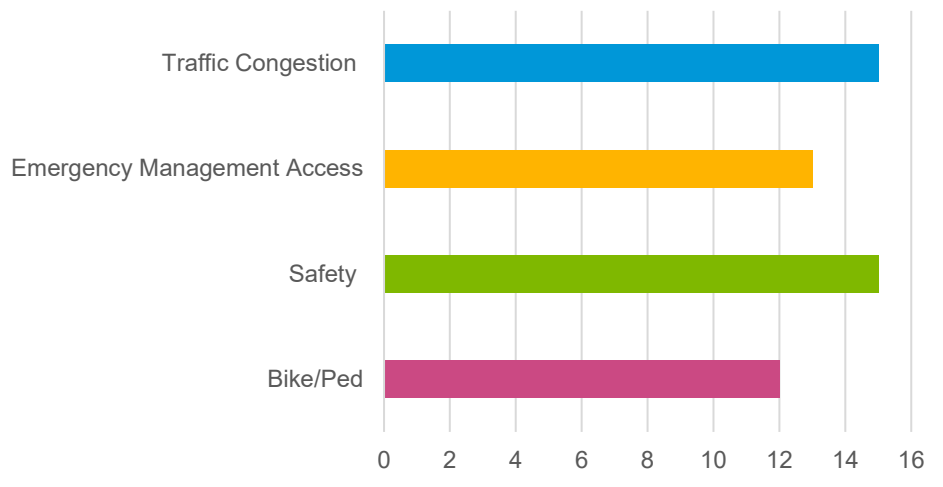


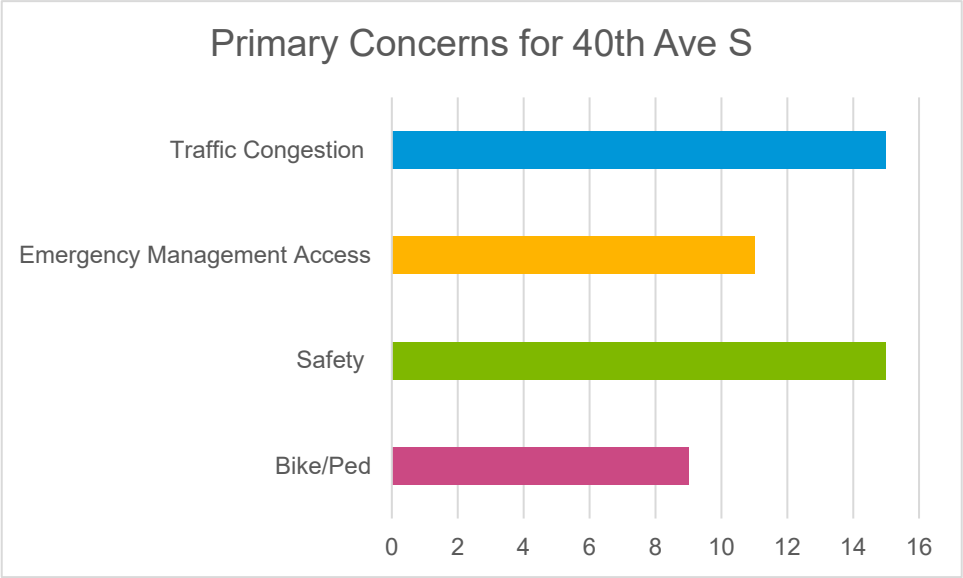
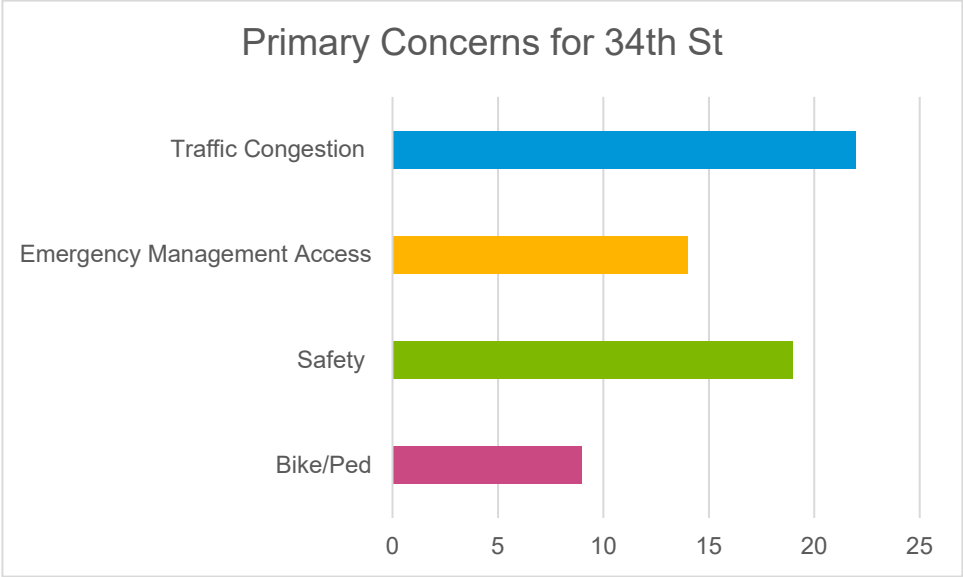


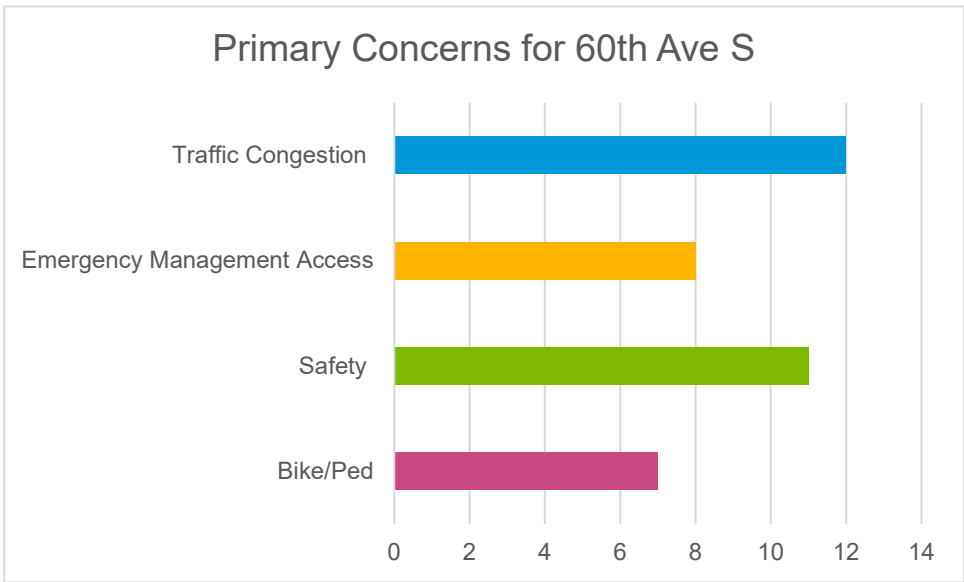
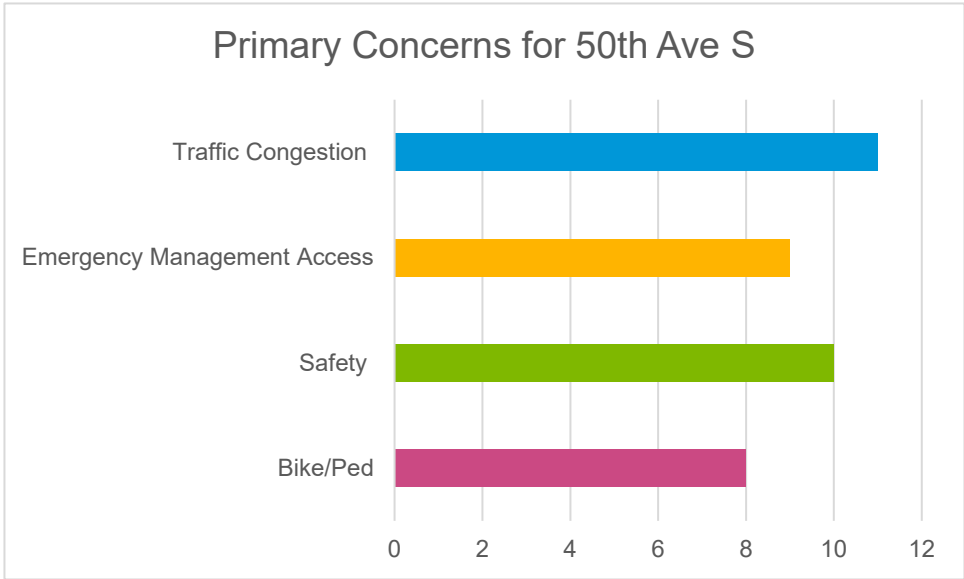
### Primary Concerns for 10th St Near 7th Ave N

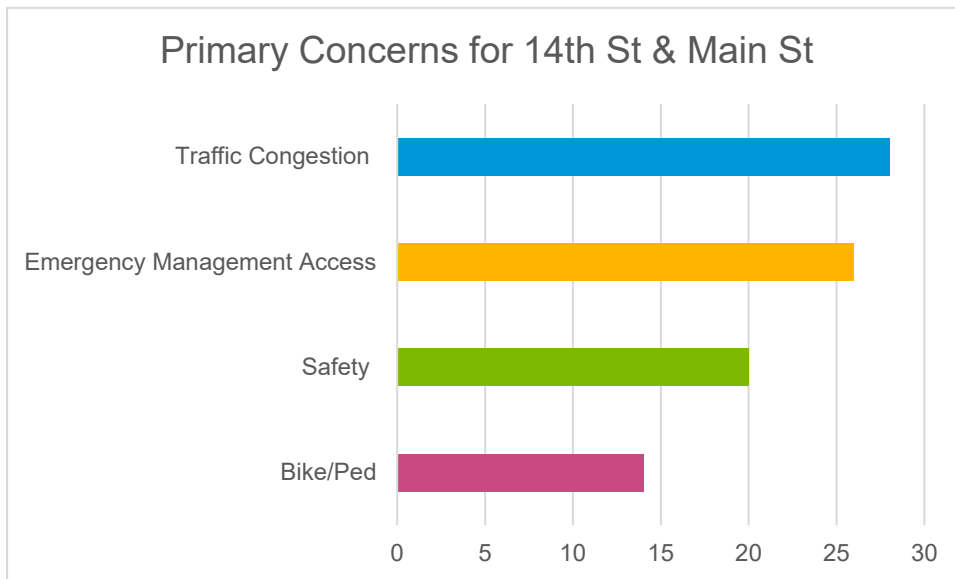


### Primary Concerns for 19th Ave N









14th Street & Main Street in Dilworth received the highest number of concerns overall, particularly for emergency management access (26 mentions) and traffic congestion (28 mentions). 7th Avenue North, University Drive Near 7th Avenue, and 10th Street near 7th Avenue also ranked high, especially for safety and congestion. Study locations at 34th Street, 19th Avenue North, and 40th Avenue South also showed significant concern, particularly related to safety, bike/pedestrian access, and emergency response delays. Across all of the crossings, safety ranked as the highest concern with 210 selections. Traffic congestion was a close second with 208 selections. Emergency management access ranked third with 160 selections and bike/pedestrian was fourth with 154 selections.

*If some of your concerns apply to a specific crossing, please indicate which one(s) and provide any additional details.*

Many respondents expressed strong concerns about the 14th Street & Main Street crossing in Dilworth, mentioning it as one of the most problematic locations. This location is near the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) Depot, which is likely why numerous comments noted that trains frequently block the crossing for extended periods, sometimes 30 minutes or longer, due to crew

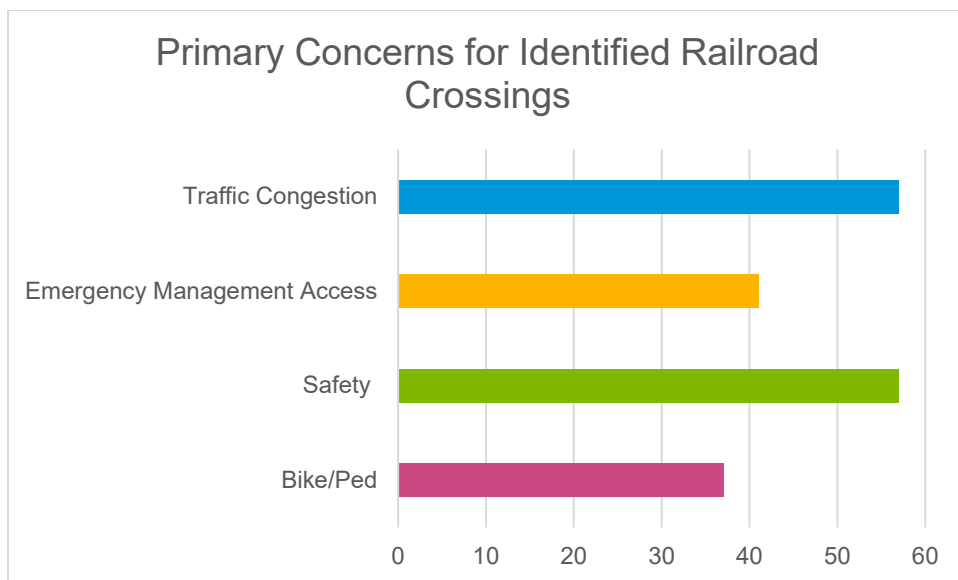
changes, switching operations, or stationary trains. Respondents described significant impacts, including limited emergency access, detours onto poorly maintained gravel roads, and general delays for everyday travel and deliveries. Several stated that the crossing is impassable "90% of the time," which pushes local traffic into neighboring communities.

Other comments mentioned lack of bike and pedestrian accommodations, need for better signage or warnings (particularly at 7th Avenue North), and requests for grade elevation or improvements at the 9th Street and Center Street crossings in West Fargo. Overall, the recurring themes were extended train blockages, limited mobility, and inadequate infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians.

*Are there any areas you feel we have not addressed regarding your concerns with these crossings?*

A recurring theme across responses was the physical condition of crossings, with mentions of poor maintenance such as at 8th Street North near downtown Moorhead, where repairs are needed. A few respondents also stressed the need for overpasses or underpasses to alleviate persistent congestion and long train delays, particularly in Fargo, Moorhead, and Dilworth.

Some comments reflected ongoing frustration with a lack of action, citing that while concerns have been raised before, no follow-through has occurred. Others expressed worries about frequent train blockages, excessive noise from train whistles, and fast train speeds, especially near residential areas. One respondent advocated for implementing a quiet zone near 34th Street in Moorhead.



*What are your primary areas of concern regarding railroad crossings? Select all that apply.*



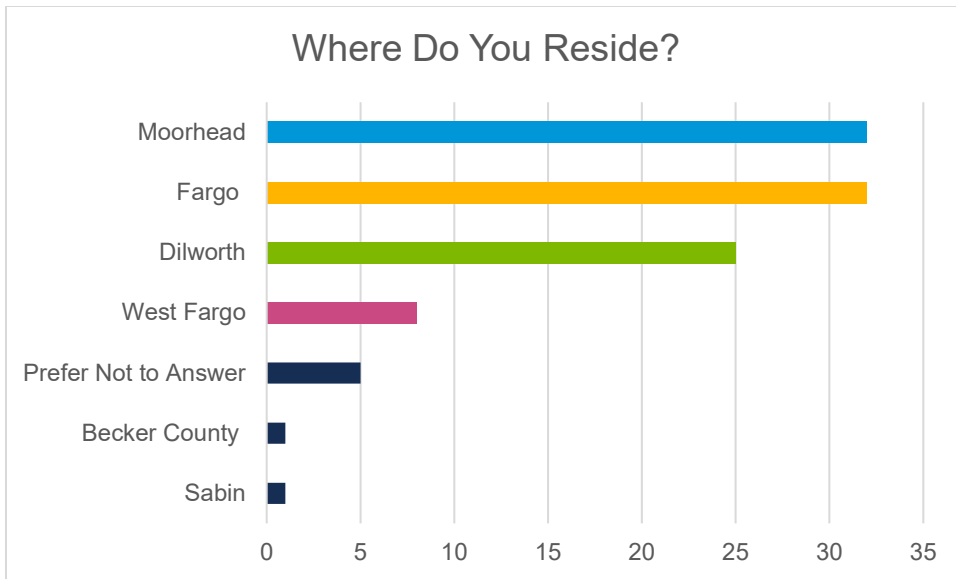
When asked to identify primary concerns about railroad crossings overall, respondents' selections closely aligned with concerns noted for specific locations. Safety and traffic congestion were the most frequently selected issues, each receiving 57 responses. Emergency management access followed with 41 selections, and bike/pedestrian access received 37.

*Are there any additional aspects of railroad crossings that you believe should be studied or considered for improvement that have not been mentioned in this survey?*

Several responses emphasized the need for grade-separated crossings (overpasses or underpasses), particularly at 14th Street & Main Street in Dilworth, likely due to the crossing's proximity to the BNSF Depot. These improvements can help reduce delays and support emergency access to neighborhoods like "Little Italy." Several participants also suggested broader infrastructure changes such as rerouting trains around the metro area, implementing a rail loop, or developing light and commuter rail systems to minimize urban freight traffic.

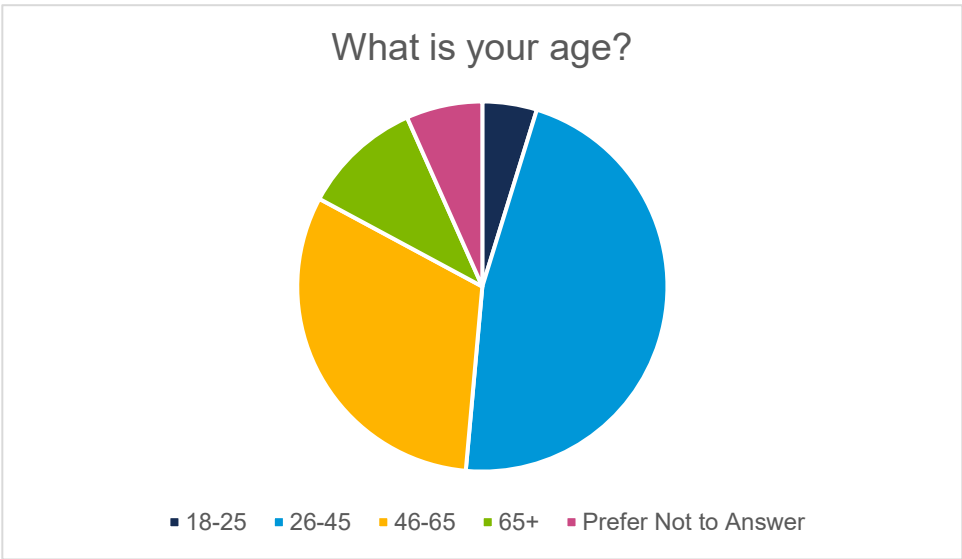
Other comments highlighted accessibility issues for individuals using mobility devices, the impact of train noise, and the need for better pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Moorhead. A few respondents noted specific safety and traffic hazards, including dangerous turning conditions at 34th Street in Moorhead and unnecessary red light delays when train arms are down. While a couple of respondents expressed minimal concern with current crossings, the majority called for more proactive and long-term transportation planning to reduce congestion and improve safety across the metro.

*Where do you reside?*



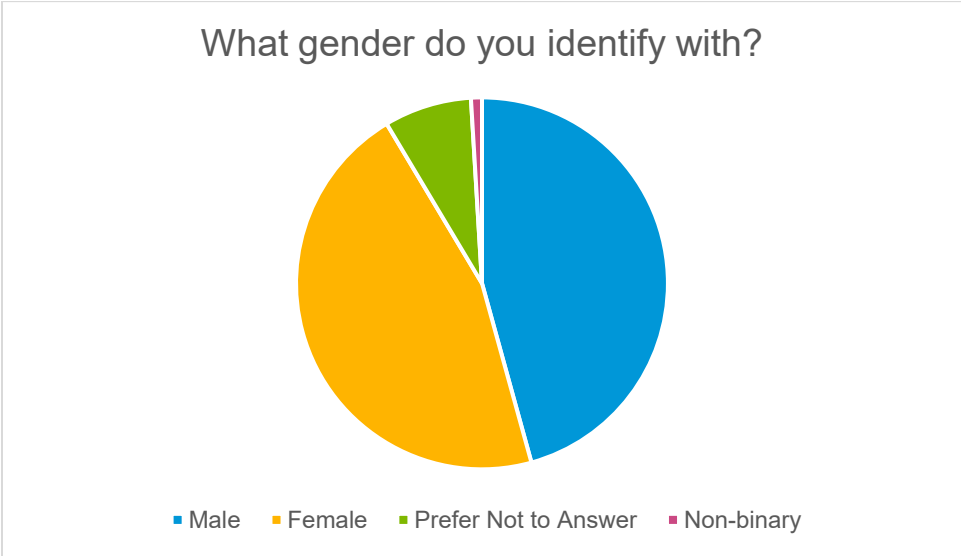
Out of a total of 104 responses, the majority reported living in either Fargo (32) or Moorhead (32). Dilworth followed closely with 25 residents, eight responses came from West Fargo (8), and five respondents preferred not to answer.

*What is your age?*



The majority of survey respondents fall within the 26–45 age group (49 respondents). This is followed by the 46–65 age group (33 respondents). Seniors (65+) accounted for 11 responses, while young adults aged 18–25 made up 5 responses. No respondents were 17 or younger, and seven chose not to disclose their age.

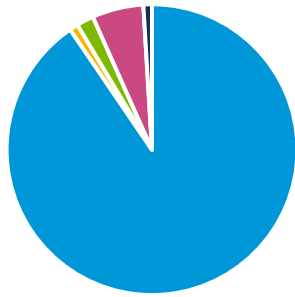
*What gender do you identify with?*



The survey respondents were evenly split between male and female, with 48 participants each. Additionally, eight respondents preferred not to disclose their gender, and one identified as non-binary.

*What race/ethnicity best describes you?*

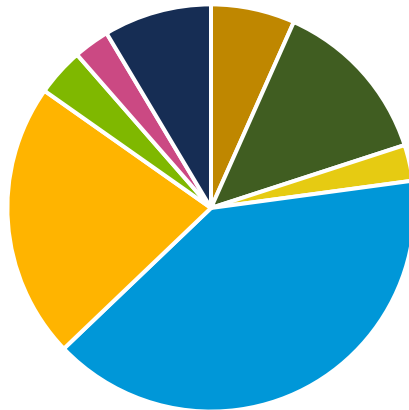
### What race/ethnicity best describes you?



- White or Caucasian
- Hispanic or Latino/Latina
- Two or More Races
- Prefer Not to Answer
- Mediterranean

The vast majority of respondents identified as White or Caucasian (95), with a small number identifying as Two or More Races (2), Hispanic or Latino/Latina (1), and Mediterranean (1). Additionally, six participants preferred not to disclose their race or ethnicity. While "Mediterranean" is not a recognized category in the U.S. Census for race or ethnicity, it was self-reported under the "Other" option.

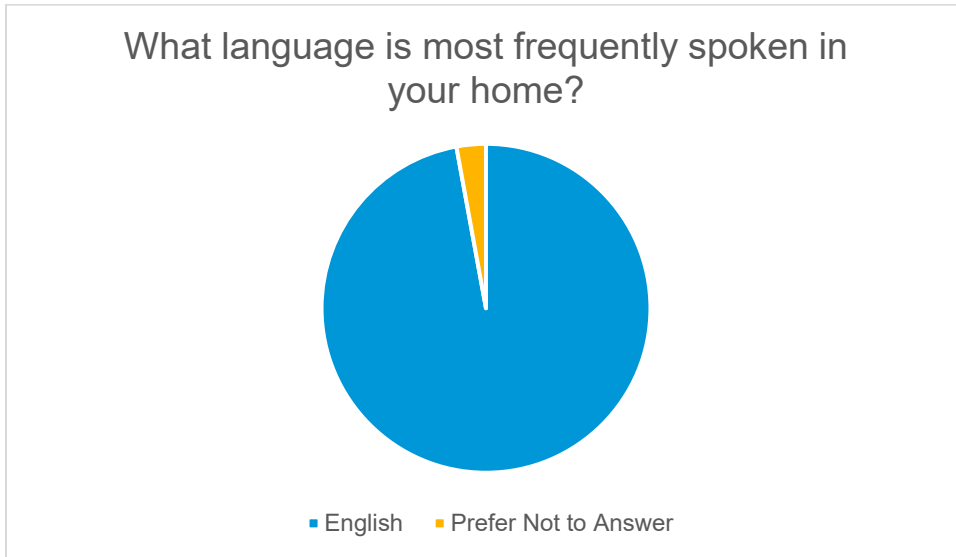
### What is your highest level of education completed?



- High school diploma or equivalent
- Associate degree
- Master's degree
- Professional degree (e.g., MD, JD)
- Some college, no degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Doctorate degree (e.g., PhD)
- Prefer not to answer

*What is your highest level of education completed?*

Most respondents have a Bachelor's degree (42), followed by those with a Master's degree (23). Others reported some college without a degree (14), high school diploma or equivalent (7), associate degree (3), doctorate degree (4), and professional degrees such as MD or JD (3). Additionally, nine participants preferred not to answer.



*What language is most frequently spoken in your home?*

101 respondents indicated that they speak English and three preferred not to answer.

## 2 Summer 2025 Engagement

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### Phase 2: Alternatives Development & Further Analysis

**PURPOSE:** The second phase of engagement focused on sharing alternatives development for public feedback with key jurisdictions.



*Figure 6: Set-up at Dilworth public input meeting*

### Public Meetings Overview

Four public input meetings were held, one in each key jurisdiction, from 5 to 7 p.m. The schedule was as follows: July 1, 2025, at the Rustad Recreation Center; July 8, 2025, at the Fargo Public Library; July 10, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center; and July 14, 2025, at the Dilworth Depot Building.

Attendees were first welcomed by signage and then greeted by HDR staff at the welcome/sign-in table inside (as pictured in **Figures 6** and **7**). The table featured a sign-in sheet, an informational handout outlining the project, and a comment form. Refreshments, including water and cookies, were available inside the event space.

Attendees had the opportunity to review alternatives to improve the identified railroad crossings, learn about the proposed assessment criteria of these alternatives, and get more information about the project timeline and its next steps. General comments, both verbal and written, were also encouraged

and recorded. Metro COG and HDR staff were available for the duration of each public input meeting to interact with area residents and other stakeholders (as pictured in **Figure 8**).



Figure 7: Set-up at Dilworth public input meeting

information about the public input meetings was posted on the project page on Metro COG’s website.

## Outreach

The following outreach materials were used to promote the public input meeting. Copies of the materials are available in **Attachment F**.

- **Publication:** Public Notices were published in *The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* on June 23, June 30, July 2, and July 3, 2025.
- **Postcard:** Impacted property owners within a 1,000-foot radius were mailed postcards inviting them to the public input meetings. On June 24, 2025, 90 postcards were sent to landowners in West Fargo. On June 27, 2025, 336 postcards were distributed to landowners in Fargo, and 66 postcards were sent to landowners in Moorhead and Clay County. Finally, on July 2, 2025, 209 postcards were mailed to landowners in Dilworth.
- **Flyers:** Flyers promoting the public input meetings were distributed at community locations such as gas stations, grocery stores, and public libraries located near the identified railroad crossings.
- **Press releases:** Press releases were published in *The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* on June 24 and July 1, 2025.
- **Website:** Date, time, and location

## Event Staffing

Name	Company
Ben Griffith	Metro COG
Dan Bergerson	HDR
Payton Wetzel	HDR
Mary McCall	HDR



## Event Attendance

Not including project staff, approximately 12 members of the public attended the public input meetings. Those interested in receiving more information about the project provided their email address and/or telephone number when they signed in at the Welcome table. See **Attachment G** for a copy of the sign-in sheets.



*Figure 8: Engagement at Dilworth public input meeting*

## Materials

The following materials were available and/or displayed at each public input meeting. For copies of these materials, see **Attachment H**.

### **Welcome Table**

- Handout
- Comment Form

### **Alternative Design Boards**



## Recorded Comments

Attendees were encouraged to leave written comments during each public input meeting using a comment form that could be turned in at the event or sent in later via postal mail.

Seven written comments were collected at the Comment Station. Copies of the completed comment forms are available in **Attachment I**. Project staff also recorded comments during their conversations. Table 1 identifies the key themes and inquiries.

## Key Themes and Inquires

No comments were received about the West Fargo crossings during the comment period for this public input meeting, which was from July 1 to July 18, 2025.

At the Fargo public meeting, one attendee generally favored pedestrian improvements over vehicular ones. He supported the 18th Street pedestrian crossing as it provides safer access where few crossings currently exist. Similarly, the 19th Avenue North pedestrian path was appreciated for addressing the lack of east-west pedestrian connections, especially near the airport where sidewalks are limited.

However, he raised concerns about proposals to potentially increase bridge clearance near University Drive and 10th Street, mainly due to potential increases in truck traffic that could disrupt residential neighborhoods and raise safety and noise issues. The attendee worried that if these bridges don't currently restrict trucks, upgrades might be unnecessary, especially if BNSF isn't contributing financially. The 7th Ave North crossing was noted for frequent traffic backups, but no clear preference was expressed regarding proposed solutions. Another attendee noted that the skewed crossing at 7th Ave North can catch the wheels of bikes and wheelchairs and that the perpendicular pedestrian crossing would be safer for non-motorists. Overall, the preference was for enhancements that promote walking and biking rather than increased truck access through residential areas.

At the Moorhead public meeting, an attendee shared that the Dilworth US Highway 10 project has been postponed until 2031, but a temporary signal will be installed at the Dilworth retail area frontage road access to Highway 10 before then. Another attendee mentioned that, except for 15th Street, all study locations in West Fargo are important, noting challenges related to property development and surrounding land use at the 15th Street site.

At the Dilworth public meeting, an attendee highlighted strong community support for grade separation at 14th Street, while another attendee noted that a new sustainable aviation fuel facility east of the 40th Avenue crossing in Moorhead could increase truck traffic in the area. Another attendee noted that a 14th Street E overpass is "critical" to the city's development and suggested combining this improvement with the Highway 10 improvements and roundabout construction. Feedback on 34th Street was positive, with one resident appreciating the potential to reduce heavy traffic on Highway 10 by providing better access to local businesses. However, there was notable opposition to changes at Main and 14th Street from a neighborhood resident concerned about longer travel distances, farmland acquisition, and skepticism about the need for change after decades of discussion.

A submitted comment from a long-time Dilworth resident expressed frustration over frequent 20-30 minute train delays at the Main Street crossing, emphasizing its importance for study over other crossings in the area. Overall, the 14th and Main crossing remains the community's focal point due to ongoing train delays and local impact.

## **3 Attachment A: Pop-Up Event Promotions**

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## Social Media

**Metro COG**  
January 28 · 🌐

Join us from 1:00 - 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 1 at the Rourke Art Museum Winter Warm Up! Learn more about our study on railroad crossings in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area and share your thoughts on improvements you'd like to see. Your input matters!



We want to hear from you!  
Metro COG Railroad Needs Study

**METROCOG**  
METRO AREA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

**METRO RAILROAD  
NEEDS STUDY**

**Metro COG**  
January 31 · 🌐

Don't forget – tomorrow, Saturday, February 1, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, we'll be at the Rourke Art Museum Winter Warm Up! We welcome you to share your ideas while you sip s... See more



How can we improve  
our railroad crossings?  
Share your thoughts with us!

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Metro COG

February 4 · 🌐



The Spring-A-Ding-Fling and 67th Annual Pancake Karnival are just around the corner! Visit our booth on Saturday, February 8th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the FARGODOME to talk with us about improving railroad crossings in our metro area. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

We want to hear from you!  
Metro COG Railroad Needs Study



Metro COG

February 7 · 🌐



We're excited to see you tomorrow from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the FARGODOME for the Spring-A-Ding-Fling and 67th Annual Pancake Karnival! Please stop by to learn about and provide feedback on the Fargo-Moorhead metro area's railroad crossings. We can't wait to see you there!

How can we improve  
our railroad crossings?  
Share your thoughts with us!





Flyer

Join us for another pop-up event in your community!



**LEARN**

more about the planning study and its impact on our community



**VIEW**

project maps with proposed improvements to identified railroad crossings



**SHARE**

your feedback and help shape the mobility of our community's transportation system

Spring-A-Ding-Fling

Saturday,  
February 8, 2025  
10a.m.-12p.m.

**FARGODOME**  
1800 N University Dr  
Fargo, ND 58102



**WE WANT YOUR  
FEEDBACK!**

SCAN TO TAKE OUR SURVEY.

**METROCOG**

FARGO-MOORHEAD METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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# **4 Attachment B: Pop-Up Event Materials**

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## Handout

How can we improve  
our railroad crossings?

Multiple railroad crossings in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area are included in this planning study.

The goal is to create a list of improvements for these crossings and provide recommendations on how to fund and implement these changes.

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## Event Dot Map Instructions

# Railroad Crossings Instructions

We are seeking your feedback on identified railroad crossings within our four jurisdictions: West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead, and Dilworth. Here's how you can contribute:

- 1 VIEW MAP DISPLAYS:**  
View our maps showing the identified railroad crossings within all four jurisdictions—West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead, and Dilworth—which are the focus of our study.
- 2 LOCATE RAILROAD CROSSINGS:**  
Identify the railroad crossing(s) of most interest to you.
- 3 LOCATE RAILROAD CROSSINGS:**  
Use the provided color-coded dots to indicate areas of concern at the crossing(s):
  - RED DOTS**  
Safety concerns (e.g., audible warning signals, proximity to schools or pedestrian areas, adequate lighting, clear signage, etc.)
  - YELLOW DOTS**  
Traffic congestion
  - GREEN DOTS**  
Emergency management access
  - BLUE DOTS**  
Bike/pedestrian access
- 4 PROVIDE FEEDBACK:**
  - Write down any specific concerns or suggestions on the sticky notes provided.
  - Place the sticky notes on the maps at the relevant crossings.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

# Coloring Sheet

## FMCOG Railroad Safety

rules to keep you safe around trains

### 1 STOP AND LOOK BOTH WAYS

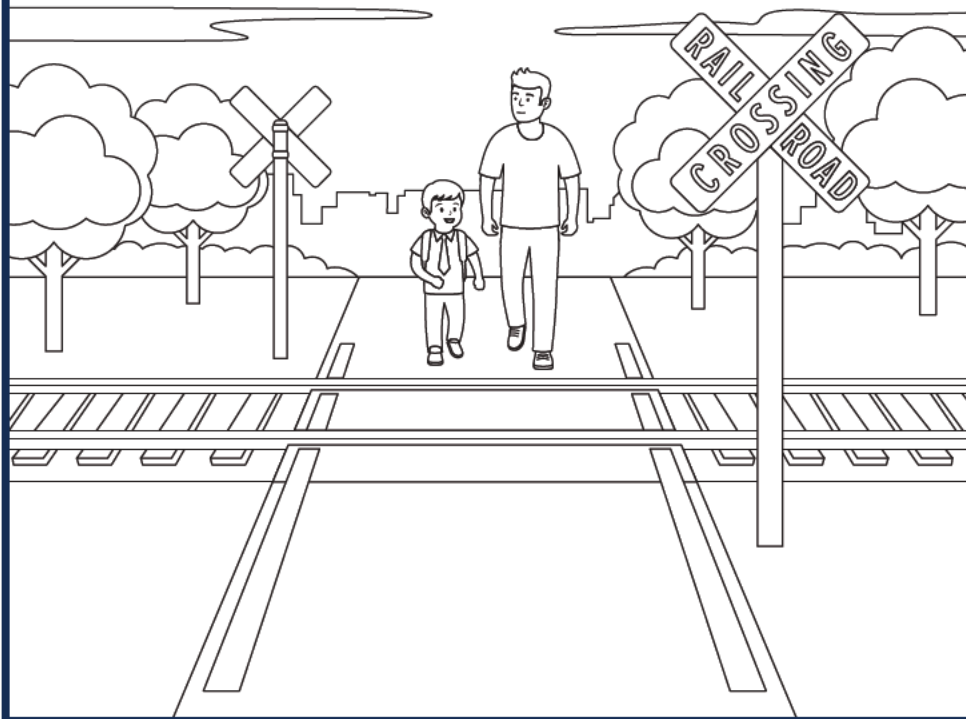
Always stop at the railroad crossing, even if the gates are up. Look both ways and listen for any approaching trains before crossing the tracks.

### 2 CROSS QUICKLY AND SAFELY

If there's no train in sight, cross the tracks quickly but carefully. Don't linger on the tracks, and always make sure you're not blocking the crossing.

### 3 NEVER PLAY NEAR TRACKS

Railroad tracks are not a playground! Never play, walk, or bike along the tracks, as trains can appear suddenly and are much faster than they seem.



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**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!**  
SCAN TO TAKE OUR SURVEY.

## Comment Card

# Comment Form

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATIVE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) (if applicable)

COMMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE RETURN COMMENTS TO THE PROJECT TEAM

Via Email: [mary.mccall@hdrinc.com](mailto:mary.mccall@hdrinc.com)  
Via Mail:  
MetroCOG Railroad Needs Study  
C/O HDR  
51 N Broadway, Suite 550  
Fargo, ND 58102



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**Sandwich Board Sign**

*Welcome!*

**METROCOG**

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## **5 Attachment C: Pop-Up Event Sign-In Sheets**

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## Warm Up at the Rourke Sign-In Sheet

Welcome, please sign in!



Name	Email Address	Phone Number	Zip Code	Organization
Lilah Richardson	Lilah.R624@gmail.com	-	58102	Whisker + Bean
Dawn Mosqon			58103	Sprout Room
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Mick Brazell			58104	
DeStavros			58103	
Katie Osvald			58103	
Susan Corvold			58103	
John Decker Cathy Lindquist	dequist@ehw.com		58103	
Tobias Zikmund			58102	
Dan Kenzie	dan.kenzie@gmail.com		58102	NDSU
Olivia Kenzie				
Lisa Arnold				
Coralie Vai			56560	
Brad Olson	brad@olsoncanvas.com		56560	Olson Awnings + Canvas
Scott Hanson	scott.m.w.hanson@gmail.com			





# Welcome, please sign in!



Name
Kathleen Dragos
Adele Olson
Wren Schirick
E. Kasiki
Amanda Goodman
Al Pederson



## **6 Attachment D: Survey Questions**

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1. Transportation questions →

- a. What is your most frequently used mode of transportation?
  - i. Personal vehicle
  - ii. Walk/roll
  - iii. Bike
  - iv. Transit
  - v. Uber/Lyft
- b. Please review the list of railroad crossings in the following communities, and click on the ones that you have concerns about:
  - i. Cass County:
    1. 93<sup>rd</sup> St N & 40<sup>th</sup> Ave N
  - ii. West Fargo:
    1. 26<sup>th</sup> St NW
    2. 15<sup>th</sup> St NW
    3. 9<sup>th</sup> St NW
    4. Center St
  - iii. Fargo:
    1. 18<sup>th</sup> St
    2. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N
    3. University Dr Near 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N
    4. 10<sup>th</sup> St Near 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N
    5. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave N
  - iv. Moorhead/Clay County:
    1. 34<sup>th</sup> St
    2. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave S
    3. 50<sup>th</sup> Ave S
    4. 60<sup>th</sup> Ave S
  - v. Dilworth:
    1. 14<sup>th</sup> St & Main St

(conditional question that opens up to more specific concern questions) (IF NO, MOVE TO GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT RAILROAD CROSSING CONCERNS)

- c. Specific:
  - i. What are your primary concerns at these crossings? Select all that apply.
    1. Safety: This includes audible warning signals, proximity to schools or pedestrian areas, adequate lighting, clear signage, tactile or auditory cues for crossings, and maintaining good sight lines (ensuring drivers have a clear, unobstructed view of the railroad tracks and any approaching trains)
    2. Traffic Congestion
    3. Bike/Pedestrian Access
    4. Emergency Management Access
    5. Other (with a space to write in their response)

- ii. If some of your concerns apply to a specific crossing, please indicate which one(s) and provide any additional details. (short response)
- iii. Are there any areas you feel we have not addressed regarding your concerns with these crossings? (short response)

d. General:

- i. What are your primary areas of concern regarding railroad crossings? Select all that apply.
  - 1. Safety: This includes audible warning signals, proximity to schools or pedestrian areas, adequate lighting, clear signage, tactile or auditory cues for crossings, and maintaining good sight lines (ensuring drivers have a clear, unobstructed view of the railroad tracks and any approaching trains)
  - 2. Traffic Congestion
  - 3. Bike/Pedestrian Access
  - 4. Emergency Management Access
  - 5. Other (with a space to write in their response)
- ii. Are there any additional aspects of railroad crossings that you believe should be studied or considered for improvement that have not been mentioned in this survey? (short response)

2. Demographic questions →

- a. Where do you reside?
  - i. Fargo
  - ii. Dilworth
  - iii. West Fargo
  - iv. Moorhead
  - v. Other (with a space to write in their response)
  - vi. Prefer not to answer
- b. What is your age?
  - i. 17 or younger
  - ii. 18-25
  - iii. 26-45
  - iv. 46-65
  - v. 65+
  - vi. Prefer not to answer
- c. What gender do you identify with?
  - i. Female
  - ii. Male
  - iii. Transgender
  - iv. Non-binary
  - v. Prefer to self-describe (with a space to write in their response)
  - vi. Prefer not to answer

- d. What race/ethnicity best describes you?
  - i. White or Caucasian
  - ii. Hispanic or Latino/Latina
  - iii. Black or African American
  - iv. Asian or Asian American
  - v. Native American or Alaska Native
  - vi. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - vii. Middle Eastern or North African
  - viii. Two or More Races
  - ix. Other (please specify)
  - x. Prefer not to answer
- e. What is your highest level of education completed?
  - i. Less than high school
  - ii. High school diploma or equivalent
  - iii. Some college, no degree
  - iv. Associate degree
  - v. Bachelor's degree
  - vi. Master's degree
  - vii. Professional degree (e.g., MD, JD)
  - viii. Doctorate degree (e.g., PhD)
  - ix. Prefer not to answer
- f. What language is most frequently spoken in your home?
  - i. English
  - ii. Russian
  - iii. Arabic
  - iv. French
  - v. Hindi
  - vi. Spanish
  - vii. Mandarin
  - viii. Other (please specify)
  - ix. Prefer not to answer

## **7 Attachment E: Survey Outreach**

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Metro COG

February 21 at 12:00 PM · 🌐

📢 We want your feedback! 📢

Take a quick survey to share your thoughts on railroad crossings across the metro area. Your input will inform potential improvements.

Follow the link below to get started:  
<https://hdrjotform.com/250275082435050>

## Metro COG Railroad Needs Study

### WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE METRO AREA?



Provide your input now!

METROCOG  
Metropolitan Council of Governments

METRO RAILROAD  
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3 shares

👍 Like

💬 Comment

➦ Share

Metro COG

March 12 at 12:00 PM · 🌐

Reminder: We still want your input! 📢 ... See more

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💬 1 comment 1 share



Moorhead Area Public Schools

March 12 at 6:00 AM · 🌐



The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is looking for feedback and input on potential improvements for the many railways and transportation... See more

How can we improve  
our railroad crossings?  
Share your thoughts with us!



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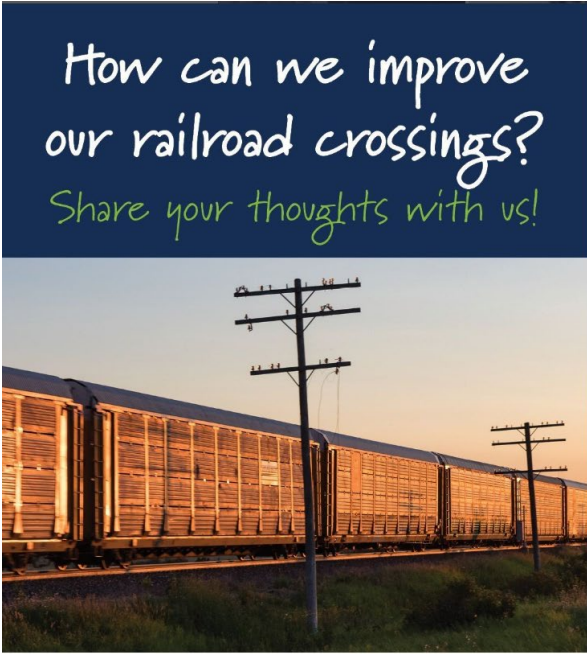


Comment



Share





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# SchoolTalk

FPS e-Newsletter for March 6, 2025

## - COMMUNITY -

### Railroad Needs Survey

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments is **conducting a planning study** of 15 railroad crossings in the metro area to develop a list of recommended improvements focused on bicyclist and pedestrian access, increased safety, and other community benefits. **The Metro COG is asking members of the community to take a survey, which will help inform potential improvements.** [Take the survey here.](#)





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**YEARBOOK available in the office**

*Yearbooks are now available for \$20 and can be picked up in the office with cash or check, while supplies last.*

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## West Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan – Community Survey

**We'd like to hear from you! Help Shape Safer Walking & Biking to Schools and Improved Rail Crossings in Our Community**

### **West Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan – Community Survey**

Do you have a student who walks or bikes to school—or would like to? We would like to hear from you!

In an effort to make walking and bicycling safer and more convenient for students and families, the City of West Fargo, West Fargo Public School District, and Metro COG are updating the West Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan. Your feedback will help us identify challenges and opportunities around local schools and shape future improvements like crosswalks, sidewalks, signage, and more.

 **Parent survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPTDXJ7>

 **Interactive map:** <https://fmcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=806c90a91c1d4ea8a9197ca8d9c67c6c>

### **Metro Railroad Needs Study – Community Survey**

Have you experienced traffic delays, safety concerns, or other issues at railroad crossings in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area?

Metro COG, in partnership with BNSF and local jurisdictions, is conducting the Metro Railroad Needs Study to evaluate identified rail crossings in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area. We're asking community members to share their experiences and input to inform potential improvements.

 **Take the survey:** <https://hdr.jotform.com/250275082435050>

### **Why Your Voice Matters:**

By taking a few minutes to complete these surveys, you're helping create safer and more connected communities—for students, families, and all who travel through West Fargo and the metro area.

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## **8 Attachment F: Public Meeting Promotions**

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# Public Notices



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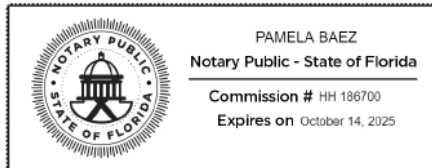
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#### Public Input Meeting: Metro COG Metro Railroad Needs Study

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is hosting a public input meeting Tuesday, July 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. to discuss the Metro Railroad Needs Study.

The meeting will be held at the Pioneer Room, First Floor, of the Rustad Recreation Center at 601 25th Ave in West Fargo.

Metro COG has identified key railroad crossings in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area for a planning study, with a goal of creating a list of improvements for these crossings and providing recommendations on how to fund and implement the changes.

This open house will provide an opportunity to review alternatives to improve identified railroad crossings, learn about the proposed assessment criteria of these alternatives, share feedback, and receive more information about next steps. Area residents are encouraged to attend and provide input to help shape the mobility of our community's transportation system.

Representatives from Metro COG and HDR Engineering Inc. will be on hand to answer questions and discuss concerns.

Members of the public interested in providing input can do so by visiting the project website, available at [www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfp/metro-railroad-needs-study](http://www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfp/metro-railroad-needs-study), or by scanning the QR code below.

For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact Ben Griffin, Executive Director, at 701.532.5105 or [griffin@fmmetrocog.org](mailto:griffin@fmmetrocog.org). Written comments or requests for information may also be mailed to Metro COG's physical address, 1 - 2 nd St N, Suite 232, Fargo, North Dakota 58102. Public input will be solicited until Friday, July 18, 2025.

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The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is hosting a public input meeting Tuesday, July 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. to discuss the Metro Railroad Needs Study.

The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Fargo Public Library, located at 101 4th Street North in Fargo.

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The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is hosting a public input meeting Thursday, July 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. to discuss the Metro Railroad Needs Study.

The meeting will be held in the Oak Room at the Hiemkomst Center, located at 202 1st Avenue North in Moorhead.

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Notary Public

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### Public Input Meeting: Metro COG Metro Railroad Needs Study

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is hosting a public input meeting Monday, July 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. to discuss the Metro Railroad Needs Study.

The meeting will be held at the Dilworth City Depot, located in Whistle Stop Park, 34th Street NE in Dilworth.

Metro COG has identified key railroad crossings in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area for a planning study, with a goal of creating a list of improvements for these crossings and providing recommendations on how to fund and implement the changes.

This open house will provide an opportunity to review alternatives to improve identified railroad crossings, learn about the proposed assessment criteria of these alternatives, share feedback and receive more information about next steps. Area residents are encouraged to attend and provide input to help shape the mobility of our community's transportation system.

Representatives from Metro COG and HDR Engineering Inc. will be on hand to answer questions and discuss concerns.

Members of the public interested in providing input can do so by visiting the project website, available at [www.fmmetroco.org/projects-rfps/metro-railroad-needs-study](http://www.fmmetroco.org/projects-rfps/metro-railroad-needs-study), or by scanning the QR code below.

For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact Ben Griffin, Executive Director, at 701.532.5103 or [griffin@fmmetroco.org](mailto:griffin@fmmetroco.org). Written comments or requests for information may also be mailed to Metro COG's physical address, 1 - 2 nd St N, Suite 232, Fargo, North Dakota 58102. Public input will be solicited until Thursday, July 31, 2025.

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## Postcards



# Metro Railroad Needs Study Public Input Meeting

You're Invited!



Tuesday July 1, 2025



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Comments will be accepted through Friday, July 18, 2025.



5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Metro Railroad Needs Study Public  
Input Meeting

Tuesday July 1, 2025  
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Pioneer Room, First Floor  
601 26th Ave, West Fargo, ND 58078  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



# Metro Railroad Needs Study Public Input Meeting

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Tuesday July 8, 2025



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Comments will be accepted through Friday, July 25, 2025.



5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



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# Metro Railroad Needs Study Public Input Meeting

## You're Invited!



Thursday July 10, 2025



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5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Dilworth City Depot  
3 4th St NE, Dilworth,  
MN 56529-1213

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Metro Railroad Needs Study  
Public Input Meeting

Monday July 14, 2025  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

# Public Open House Series— Metro Railroad Needs Study

## Meeting Schedule

*All meetings will take place from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Drop in any time during the open house window!*

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**  
Fargo Public Library, Community Room  
101 4th Street N, Fargo, ND 58102

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**Thursday, July 10, 2025**  
Hjemkomst Center, Oak Room  
202 1st Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560

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**Monday, July 14, 2025**  
Dilworth City Depot  
34th St SE, Dilworth, MN 56529

The Fargo-Moorhead Council of Governments (Metro COG) is conducting the Metro Railroad Needs Study and wants your input!

At each open house, you can:

-  **LEARN**  
about alternatives to improve identified railroad crossings
-  **REVIEW**  
the criteria being used to assess those alternatives
-  **SHARE**  
your feedback
-  **ASK**  
questions and connect with the project team



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SCAN TO TAKE OUR SURVEY.



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## Press Releases



NEWS FARGO

### Metro COG seeking feedback on proposed railroad crossing improvements

Metro COG is hosting a public input meeting for its Metro Railroad Needs Study from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1.



A railroad crossing in Moorhead is pictured in an April 2024 Forum file photo. David Samson/The Forum

By **Forum staff**

June 24, 2025 at 11:28 AM

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WEST FARGO — The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments is seeking feedback on proposed railroad crossing improvements.

Metro COG is hosting a public input meeting for its Metro Railroad Needs Study from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1. According to a press release from Metro COG, the meeting will be held in the Pioneer Room on the first floor of the Rustad Recreation Center, 601 26th Ave., West Fargo.

According to the press release, Metro COG has identified key railroad crossings in the Fargo-Moorhead area for the study, with a goal of identifying improvements for the crossings and providing recommendations on funding and implementing the changes. At the open house, attendees will have an opportunity to review different improvement alternatives, share feedback and receive more information about the next steps.

People can also provide input by visiting the project's website, [fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfps/metro-railroad-needs-study](http://www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfps/metro-railroad-needs-study).  
(<http://www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfps/metro-railroad-needs-study>)

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NEWS WEST FARGO

## Group wants public input on improving metro railroad crossings

“It’s really good that we have jurisdictions that work so well together and see the big picture,” said Ben Griffith, executive director of the Metropolitan Council of Governments.



The railroad crossing along Third Avenue North is pictured on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum



By **Melissa Van Der Stad**

July 01, 2025 at 9:29 PM

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 News Reporting

**WEST FARGO** — The future of railroad crossings in the metro are already being planned.

Years before any shovel hits the ground, there is loads of work going on behind the scenes, according to Ben Griffith, executive



director of Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) (<https://www.fmmetrocog.org/>) .

In order to set priorities for the next decade or so, Metro COG gathered all the local governments in the area and, in collaboration with BNSF, made a list of all area railroad crossings needing work.

The railroad crossing along 19th Street North is pictured on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

“It’s really good that we have jurisdictions that work so well together and see the big picture,” Griffith said.

This Metro COG study is a collaboration between the cities of West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead and Dilworth as well as Cass and Clay counties.

Now, Griffith’s team turns to the public for help.

Residents are being asked to lend ideas and input to the railroad improvement study in order to help determine which projects are prioritized, Griffith said.

The railroad crossing along 19th Street North is pictured on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

At an open house in West Fargo on Tuesday, July 1, Griffith and the study's contractor, HDR Engineering, were on hand to answer questions and gather feedback. It is the first of four such events planned this month.

Those unable to attend in person can view details about the project and leave feedback at <https://www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfps/metro-railroad-needs-study>(<https://www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfps/metro-railroad-needs-study>)

"The 15 locations included in the study were identified by local jurisdictions as prime candidates for functional improvements or areas with aging infrastructure," according to Dan Bergerson, an engineer with HDR.

The railroad crossing along Third Avenue North is pictured on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

Once completed, this study will give local governments a guideline on which projects to prioritize and what federal funding sources are available.

Proposed improvements considered range from realigning roadways to building a new way for pedestrians to cross the railroad, such as weighing the merits of either an overpass or underpass across the tracks at 18th Street South and Main Avenue, by Brewhalla in Fargo.

"Some improvements could be 15 years or more from construction, if they continue to move forward," Bergerson said.

The railroad crossing along 19th Street North is pictured on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

In the planning phase, however, it's "really helpful" to gain a "local insider perspective" to determine which projects are most important to the public, said Mary McCall, communications coordinator with HDR.

The public can provide information about traffic and safety concerns at each study location, she said, including proximity to schools, the visibility of lights and signs, how accessible it is to bicyclists and pedestrians and whether or not traffic congestion is an issue.

In total, the study looks at five proposed locations in West Fargo, five in Fargo, three in Moorhead and two in Dilworth.

Metro COG is hosting three more public input sessions this July:

The railroad crossing along 19th Street North is pictured on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in Fargo. Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

The next one is 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, in the Community Room at the Fargo Public Library, at 101 Fourth St. N., Fargo. Metro COG and HDR will be in Moorhead, 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, for a public input meeting in the Oak Room at the Hjemkomst Center, at 202 First Ave. N.

The final session will be 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, July 14, at the Dilworth City Depot, located in Whistle Stop Park, 3 Fourth St. NE.

Public input also will be accepted online, McCall said, until July 31.

At that point her team will write up all the input and study the trends from the public's feedback.

That report will be given to the Study Review Committee — composed of engineers from each local government, the North Dakota Department of Transportation and BNSF — and the Stakeholder Committee, made up of local first responders, MATBUS representatives and school officials.

The final report will come by the end of 2025, she said, and Metro COG will keep that on hand for local governments to reference as they work on railroad intersection projects going forward.

## Website

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# Metro Railroad Needs Study

## Project Background Information

In cooperation with BNSF, local jurisdictions have considered any aspect about the railroad tracks that would benefit from a planning study and identified existing and future railroad crossing locations for inclusion in this study. The Metro Railroad Needs Study team is currently evaluating locations that were identified in the pre-study phase. Alternatives for improvement will focus on safety, mobility, and community benefits.

## Project Objective

The objective of this study is to develop a prioritized list of railroad crossing improvements in the metro area as well as a guide for funding and implementation. Factors contributing to prioritization may include cost-benefit analysis, local considerations, and funding availability.

## Public Input

Public Input Meeting Series on the Metro Railroad Needs Study

Metro COG will be hosting a series of public input meetings across the Fargo-Moorhead metro to gather feedback on improving key railroad crossings in our region.

## Take the Survey

[Survey Here](#)



## Meeting Schedule

*All meetings will take place from 5 to 7 p.m.*

- **July 1**  
Rustad Recreation Center  
Pioneer Room, 1st Floor  
601 26th Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078
- **July 8**  
Fargo Public Library  
102 3rd St N, Fargo, ND 58102
- **July 10**  
Hjemkomst Center  
202 1st Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560
- **July 14**  
Dilworth City Depot  
3 4th St SE, Dilworth, MN 56529-1213

During these open house events, residents within the Cass and Clay County communities will have a chance to review proposed alternatives for selected railroad crossings, learn about the evaluation criteria being used, share feedback, and find out next project steps. Members of the Metro COG staff and HDR Engineering Inc. will be on hand to respond to questions and concerns you might have about the project.

We encourage you to attend and provide feedback to help us shape the mobility of our community's transportation system.

### Why participate?

- Provide valuable feedback on proposed improvements for select railroad crossings in the region.
- Be part of the process in improving community connectivity and multimodal transportation.
- Collaborate with decision-makers and shape your community's future.

**We want your input!**

Complete the short survey today and let us know what you think!

We look forward to seeing you there and working together toward improved community connectivity for everyone!

<https://hdr.jotform.com/250275082435050>

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## Social Media

Metro COG created an event.  
July 3 · 🌐

# Metro Railroad Needs Study

Public Input Meeting | Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
Fargo Public Library | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
102 3rd St N, Fargo, ND 58102



METROCOG | METRO RAILROAD NEEDS STUDY


Tue, Jul 8  
**Public Input Meeting - Metro Railroad Needs Study**  
102 3rd St N, Fargo, ND 58102-4808, United States  
36 people interested

☆ Interested

👍 Like      💬 Comment

Metro COG created an event.  
June 24 · 🌐

Rustad Recreation Center Pioneer Room, 1st Floor | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
601 26th Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078



Tue, Jul 1  
**Metro Railroad Needs Study**  
1 2nd Street N, Suite 232, Fargo, ND, United States, North Dakota 58102  
27 people interested

☆ Interested

👍 2

👍 Like      💬 Comment



Metro COG created an event.  
July 3 · 🌐



# Metro Railroad Needs Study

Public Input Meeting | Thursday, July 10, 2025

Hjemkomst Center  
202 1st Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Thu, Jul 10

## Public Input Meeting - Metro Railroad Needs Study

202 1st Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560-1985, United States  
49 people interested

☆ Interested

👍 2

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💬 Comment



Metro COG created an event.  
July 3 · 🌐



Dilworth City Depot  
3 4th St SE, Dilworth, MN 56529-1213 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Mon, Jul 14

## Public Input Meeting - Metro Railroad Needs Study

3 4th St SE, Dilworth, MN 56529-1213, United States  
30 people interested

☆ Interested

👍 Like

💬 Comment



City of Dilworth, Minnesota

July 8 · 🌐



📍 Join us for a public input meeting!

📅 Date: July 14, 2025

🕒 Time: 5-7 p.m.

📍 Location: Dilworth City Depot (Whistle Stop Park, 3 4th Street NE)

The Fargo-Moorhead Council of Governments (Metro COG) invites you to a public input meeting to discuss proposed improvements to identified railroad crossings across the metro area.

We want to hear your feedback on proposed improvements to the 14th Street crossing that include:

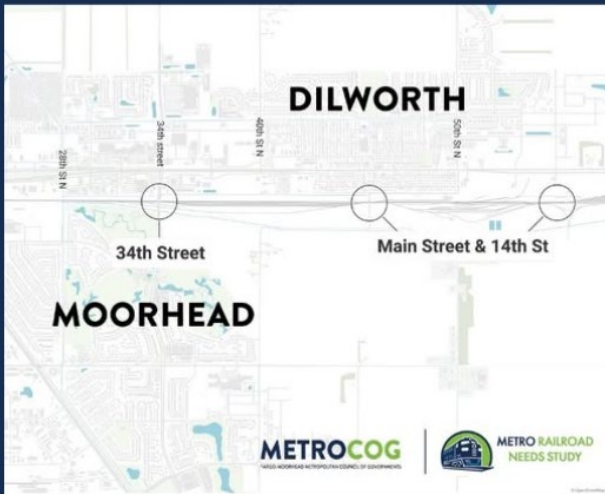
- ◆ Closing the Main Street railroad crossing
- ◆ Building an overpass at 14th Street
- ◆ Constructing a roundabout at Highway 10 & 14th Street
- ◆ Extending the Heartland Trail along the west side of the roadway/bridge

👂 Your input will help guide these improvements.

Learn more: <http://www.fmmetrocog.org/proj.../metro-railroad-needs-study>

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# Metro Railroad Needs Study



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10 comments 3 shares

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## **9 Attachment G: Public Meeting Sign-In Sheets**

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# West Fargo Sign-In Sheet

Welcome, please sign in!



Name				
Melissa VanDerStad				





# Moorhead Sign-In Sheet

Welcome, please sign in!



Name	
Nicole Mattson	
Mary Sægren	
Andrew Wrucke	

# Dilworth Sign-In Sheet

Welcome, please sign in!



Name	
Don Korsung	
Peyton Markera	
MARK SLOW	
Julie Nash	
Rob Kupec	
Steve Gulsrig	



## **10 Attachment H: Public Meeting Materials**

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# Welcome!

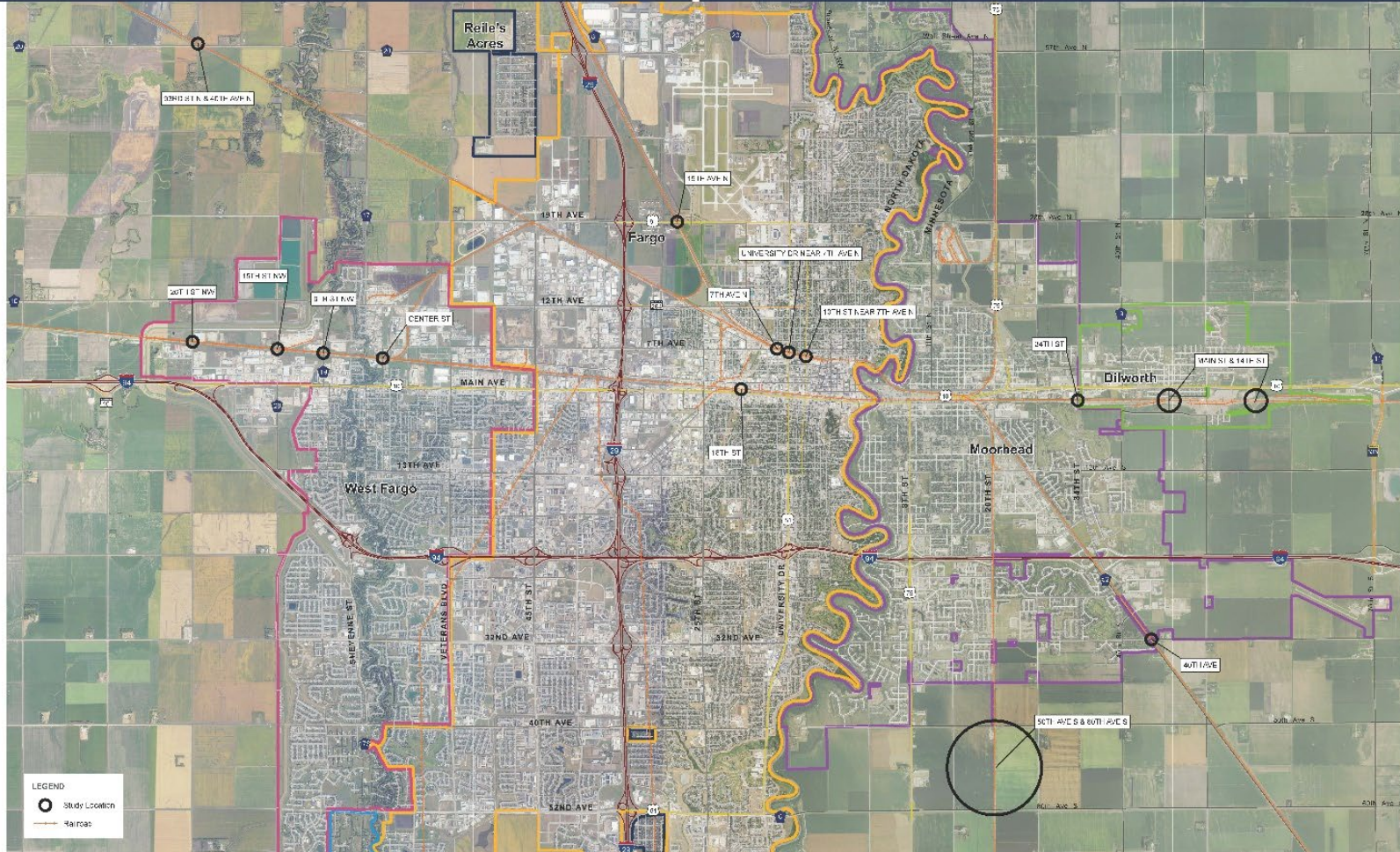
## PUBLIC MEETING OPEN HOUSE

5-7 p.m.



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# Study Area



# Railroad Crossings Issues and Needs

Please provide comments on where you see transportation issues and needs related to traffic and safety, such as:



Safety concerns

(e.g., audible warning signals, proximity to schools or pedestrian areas, adequate lighting, clear signage, etc.)



Bike/pedestrian access



Traffic congestion



Emergency management access



# We want to hear from you!

Share your thoughts on railroad crossings throughout the metro area by taking this short survey. Your feedback could help guide potential improvements.



SCAN THE QR CODE WITH  
YOUR SMARTPHONE TO  
TAKE THE **SURVEY ONLINE.**

# Project Prioritization & Evaluation Process

## How are project alternatives being evaluated?

The project team evaluated each crossing location to identify priorities, determine potential improvements, and, where appropriate, narrow alternatives to the top two options.

To support this process, a Multiple Account Evaluation (MAE) was used alongside a Cost-Benefit Analysis. The MAE helps incorporate local considerations that aren't always captured in traditional cost-benefit models, but are important to communities and decision-makers.

A survey was distributed to both the Study Review Committee (SRC) and the Stakeholder Committee to rank the importance of the evaluation factors. The results below will inform a scoring matrix to evaluate project alternatives.

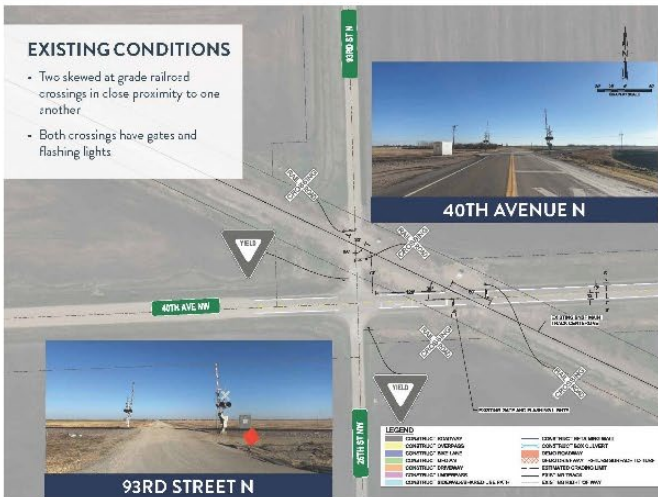
Criteria	Rank
Magnitude of Project Benefits	1
Emergency Service Access	2
Community Impacts	3
Magnitude of Project Costs	4
Discretionary Funding Potential	5
Multimodal Mobility & Active Transportation	6
School Bus Traffic	7
Train Traffic	8
Railroad Support	9

EVALUATION FACTOR	DEFINITION
<b>Magnitude of Project Benefits</b>	<i>Measures the size of social-economic benefits such as crash reduction, reduced travel, and riding time. Alternatives with greater benefits score higher.</i>
<b>Magnitude of Project Costs</b>	<i>Total capital costs for an alternative. Low-cost alternatives score higher.</i>
<b>Emergency Service Access</b>	<i>Assesses how well a proposed alternative improves access for emergency vehicles. Greater improvements score better.</i>
<b>Railroad Support</b>	<i>Gauges the level of support from the regional rail provider for each alternative.</i>
<b>Train Traffic</b>	<i>Considers how much train activity occurs at each location. Improvements to high-traffic crossings may offer greater benefits.</i>
<b>Discretionary Funding Potential</b>	<i>Evaluates how competitive the project is for federal grant funding, considering roadness, local match, safety, and other key elements.</i>
<b>Multimodal Mobility &amp; Active Transportation</b>	<i>Measures potential to support walking, biking, and other non-vehicular travel modes in the area, promoting regional multimodal transportation options.</i>
<b>Community Impacts</b>	<i>Considers impacts such as noise reduction, improved access to businesses and homes, surrounding population density, and connectivity support.</i>
<b>School Bus Traffic</b>	<i>Evaluates the presence of school bus activity and opportunities to enhance safety by reducing railroad – school bus interactions.</i>

# 93<sup>rd</sup> St N & 40<sup>th</sup> Ave N

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Two skewed at grade railroad crossings in close proximity to one another
- Both crossings have gates and flashing lights



## ALTERNATIVE 1

- Realigns 93rd St N to remove one railroad crossing

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## ALTERNATIVE 2

- Crosses the railroad at a near 90 degree angle.
- Realigns 93rd St N to remove one railroad crossing.

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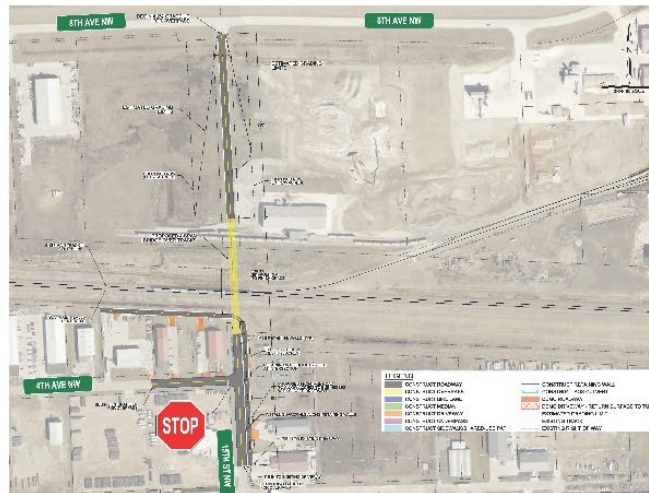
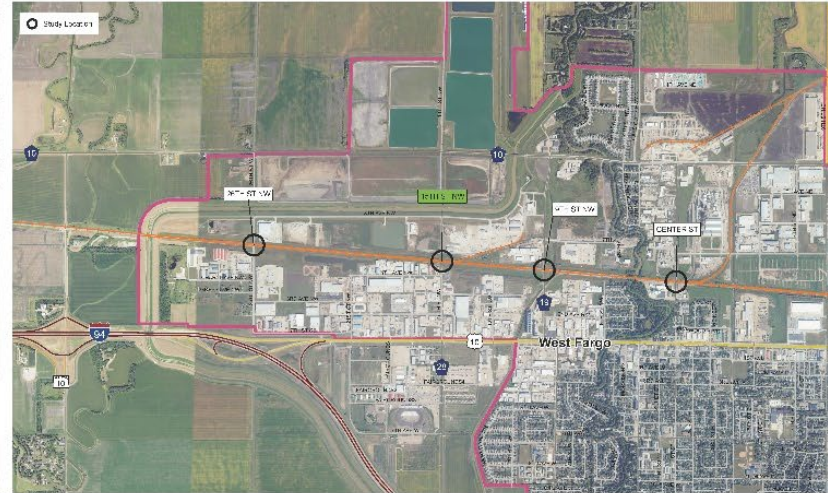


# 26<sup>th</sup> St NW





# 15<sup>th</sup> St NW



**ALTERNATIVE 1**

- Creates a new north-south connection across the railroad tracks in West Fargo.
- Adds a frontage road to provide access to businesses where the driveway is impacted by the construction of the overpass.

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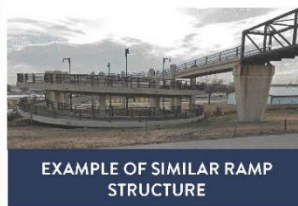
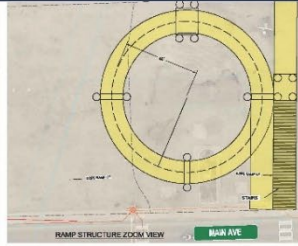
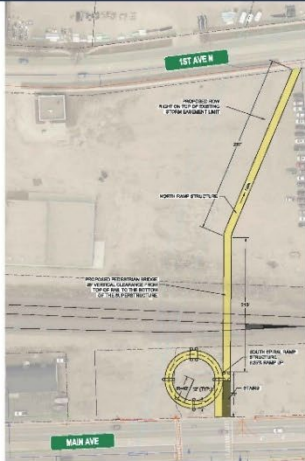








# 18<sup>th</sup> St



## ALTERNATIVE 1A

- Creates an elevated ramp and bridge structure for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Builds ramp upward instead of out to reduce property impacts.
- Allows a potential connection to the Old Milwaukee Trail.

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LEGEND	
CONTRACT ROADWAY	CONTRACT RETAINING WALL
CONTRACT OVERPASS	CONTRACT BOX CULVERT
CONTRACT BIKE LANE	ROAD SIGNALING
CONTRACT SIDEWALK	CONTRACT SIDEWALK
CONTRACT DRIVEWAY	CONTRACT DRIVEWAY - RETAIN-BURIED TO TRIP
CONTRACT UNDERPASS	CONTRACT UNDERPASS
CONTRACT SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY USE PATH	CONTRACT SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY USE PATH
	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY



## ALTERNATIVE 1B

- Creates an overpass for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Requires a larger footprint due to ramp structures.
- Allows a potential connection to the Old Milwaukee Trail.

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LEGEND	
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CONTRACT BIKE LANE	ROAD SIGNALING
CONTRACT SIDEWALK	CONTRACT SIDEWALK
CONTRACT DRIVEWAY	CONTRACT DRIVEWAY - RETAIN-BURIED TO TRIP
CONTRACT UNDERPASS	CONTRACT UNDERPASS
CONTRACT SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY USE PATH	CONTRACT SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY USE PATH
	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY



## ALTERNATIVE 1C

- Creates an underpass for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Allows a potential connection to the Old Milwaukee Trail.
- Involves challenging construction requirements.

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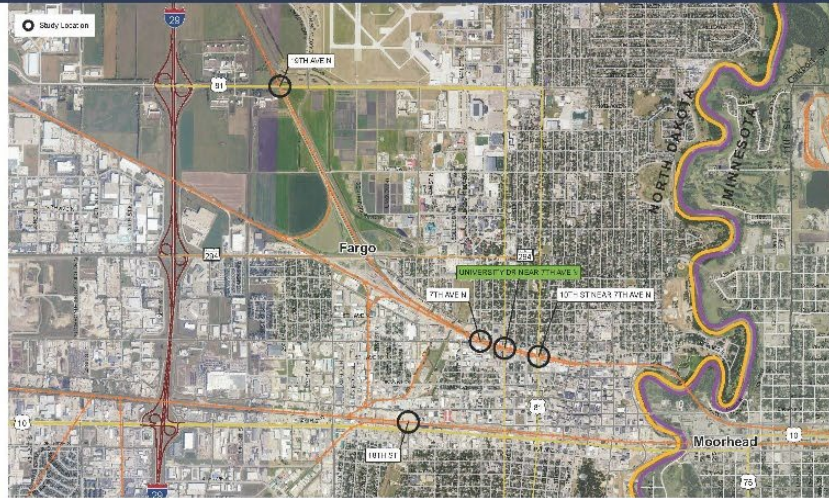
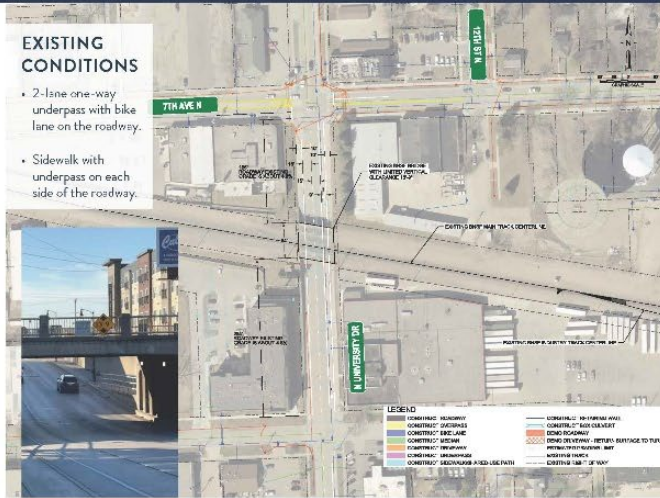
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# University Dr Near 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N



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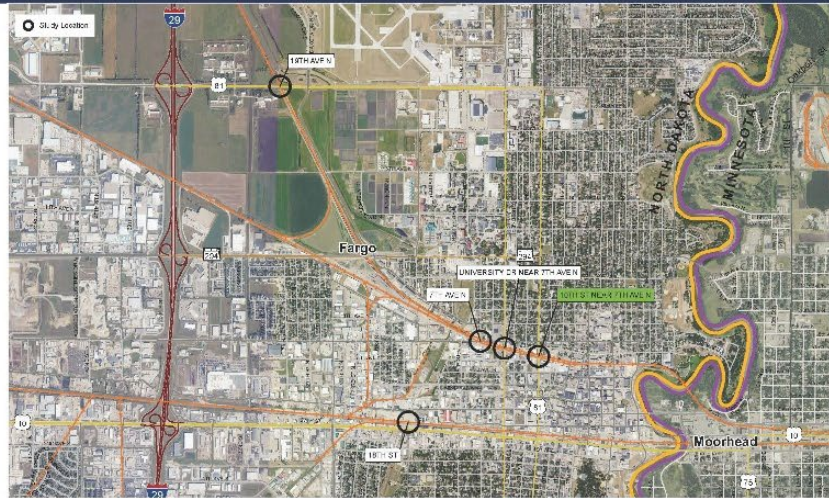
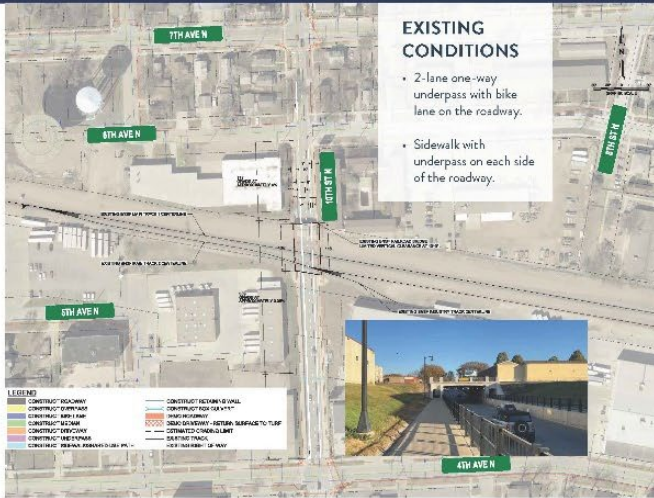
- Increases vertical clearance as feasibly as possible.
- Increases the clearance of pedestrian walkways.

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# 10<sup>th</sup> St Near 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N



**ALTERNATIVE 1**

- Increase vertical clearance as feasibly as possible.
- Increase the clearance of pedestrian walkways.

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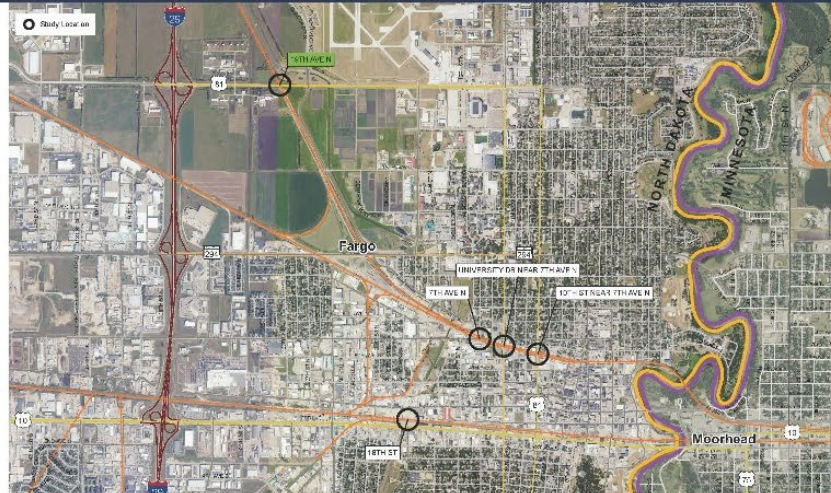




# 19<sup>th</sup> Ave N

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

- 4-lane roadway underpass with no bicycle or pedestrian facilities.



## ALTERNATIVE 1A

- Adds a shared use path under the existing railroad bridge on the north side of the roadway.
- Adds a crosswalk at 34th Street to connect to the existing network.

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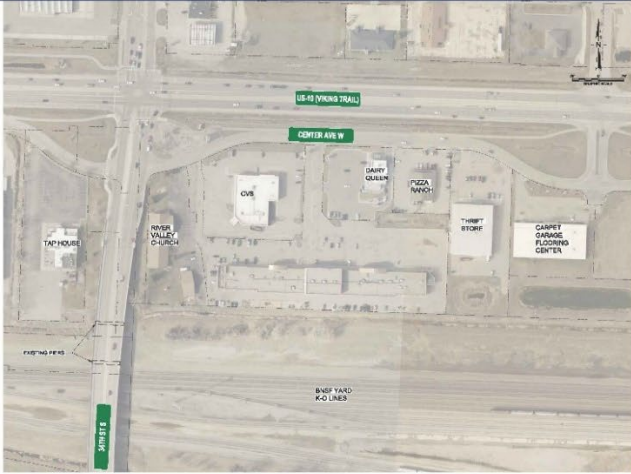
## ALTERNATIVE 1B

- Adds a shared use path under the existing railroad bridge on the south side of the roadway.
- Adds two crosswalks to at the intersection of 19th Avenue and Dakota Drive.

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# 34<sup>th</sup> ST

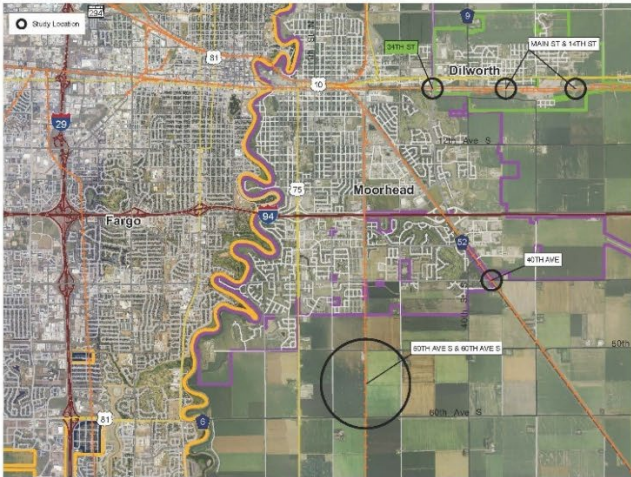


## EXISTING CONDITIONS

- US-10 frontage road through-movements at 34th Street are not possible.

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## ALTERNATIVE 1

- Adds a backage road under 34th Street and creates four new access points to various businesses / properties.
- Decreases local traffic on US Highway 10.

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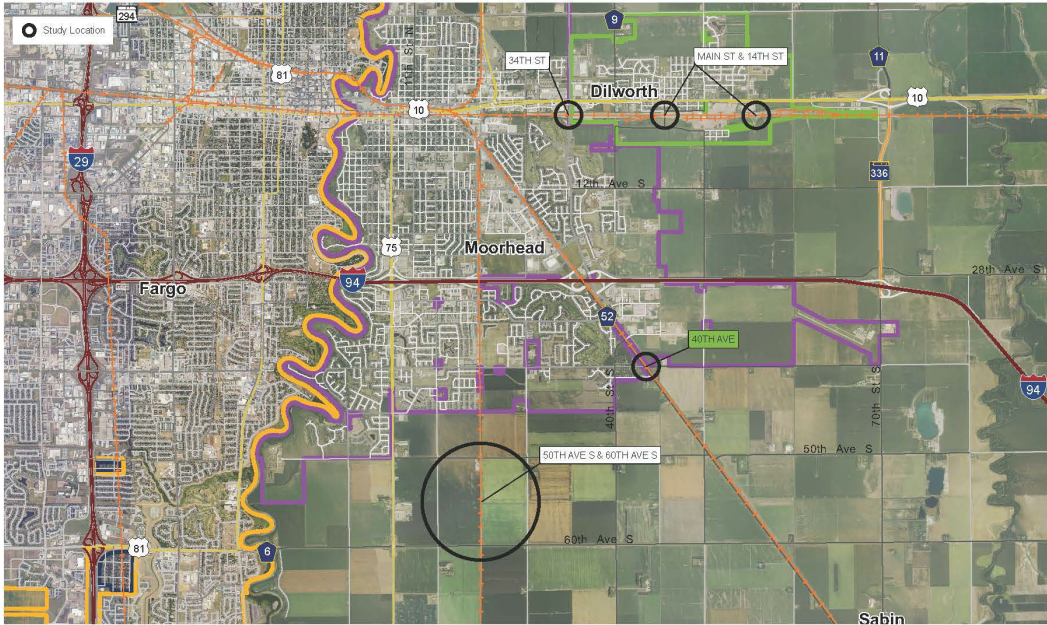
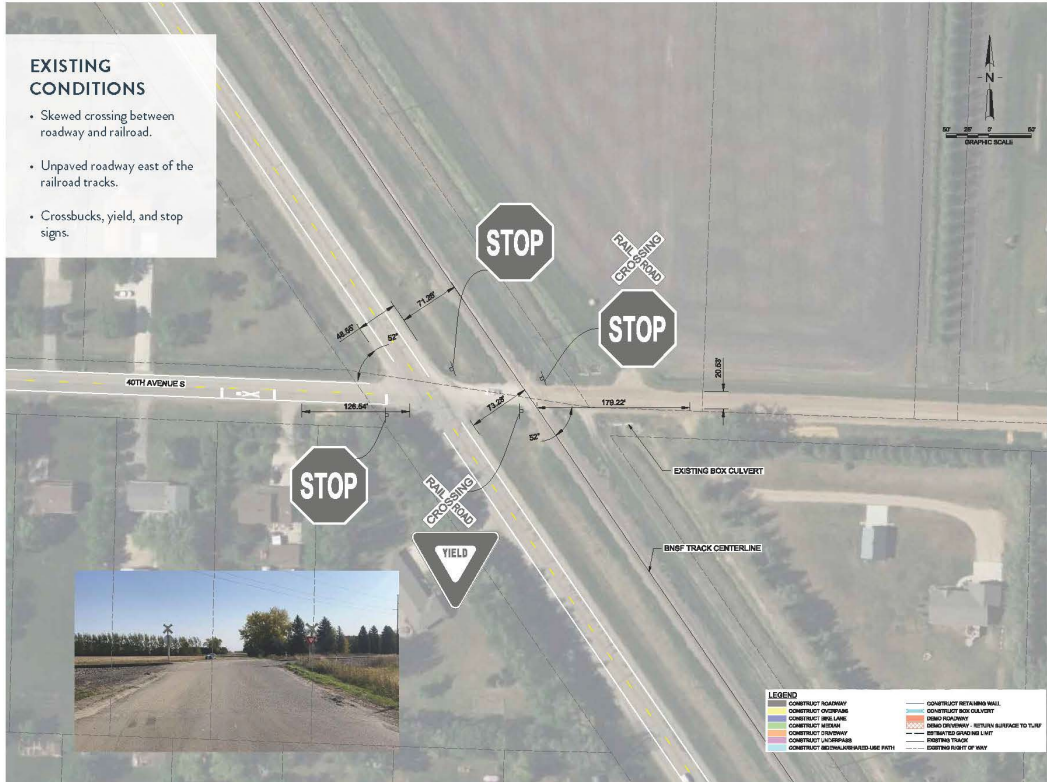
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# 40th Ave S

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Skewed crossing between roadway and railroad.
- Unpaved roadway east of the railroad tracks.
- Crossbucks, yield, and stop signs.



# 40th Ave S



## ALTERNATIVE 1A

- Adds new pavement to 240 feet east of the crossing.
- Widens the existing roadway to add paved shoulders, accessible to bicyclists.
- Provides additional lighting.
- Adds advanced warning signage.

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LEGEND	
CONFLICT ROADWAY	CONFLICT RETAINING WALL
CONFLICT OVERPASS	CONFLICT TIE-UP
CONFLICT BAY LAKE	DRIVE ROADWAY
CONFLICT MEDIAN	DRIVE OVERPASS - RETAIN SURFACE TO TRIP
CONFLICT OVERPASS	EXTRACTED OVERPASS LIFT
CONFLICT UNDERPASS	EXISTING TRACK
CONFLICT SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY LAKE PATH	EXISTING HOIST OF WAY



## ALTERNATIVE 1B

- Widens and paves roadway, adding a right turn lane and shoulders accessible to bicyclists.
- Updates railroad crossing warning devices and layout to meet quiet zone requirements, adding a median, gates, and flashers.

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LEGEND	
CONFLICT ROADWAY	CONFLICT RETAINING WALL
CONFLICT OVERPASS	CONFLICT TIE-UP
CONFLICT BAY LAKE	DRIVE ROADWAY
CONFLICT MEDIAN	DRIVE OVERPASS - RETAIN SURFACE TO TRIP
CONFLICT OVERPASS	EXTRACTED OVERPASS LIFT
CONFLICT UNDERPASS	EXISTING TRACK
CONFLICT SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY LAKE PATH	EXISTING HOIST OF WAY



## ALTERNATIVE 2A

- Closes the existing rail crossing at 40th Ave S.
- Paves connection from 50th St S, allowing traffic to use the 34th Ave S railroad crossing.
- Turns the intersection of 40th St S and 40th Ave S into a 4-way stop.

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LEGEND	
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CONFLICT OVERPASS	CONFLICT TIE-UP
CONFLICT BAY LAKE	DRIVE ROADWAY
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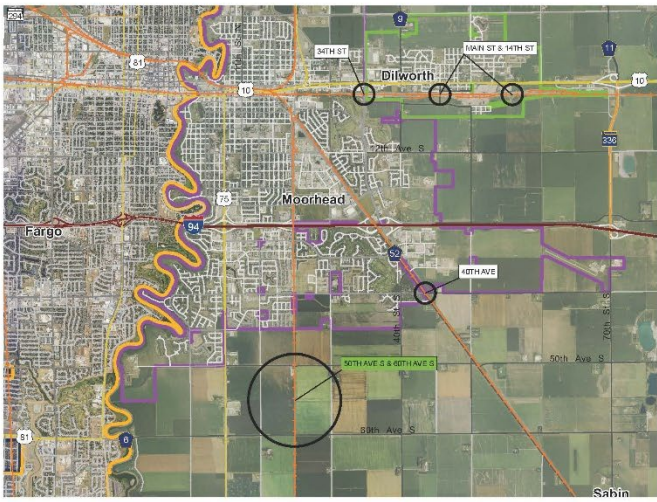
# 50TH AVE S & 60TH AVE S



- 50TH AVE S EXISTING CONDITIONS**
- Unpaved 2-lane crossing with stop signs and crossbucks.
- 60TH AVE S EXISTING CONDITIONS**
- Paved 2-lane crossing with gates and flashing lights.

**LEGEND**

CONSTRUCT ROADWAY	CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALL
CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	CONSTRUCT SIGN/DEVICE
CONSTRUCT SIDE LANE	EXISTING ROADWAY
CONSTRUCT MEDIAN	EXISTING SIDEWALK
CONSTRUCT DRIVEWAY	EXISTING SIDEWALK TO TURN
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK	DETERMINED SIGN/DEVICE LAYOUT
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK (SEE PART)	EXISTING TRACK
	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY



- 50TH AVE S ALTERNATIVE 1 & 60TH AVE S ALTERNATIVE 1**
- Updates railroad crossing warning devices and layout to meet quiet zone requirements.

**LEGEND**

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CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	CONSTRUCT SIGN/DEVICE
CONSTRUCT SIDE LANE	EXISTING ROADWAY
CONSTRUCT MEDIAN	EXISTING SIDEWALK
CONSTRUCT DRIVEWAY	EXISTING SIDEWALK TO TURN
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK	DETERMINED SIGN/DEVICE LAYOUT
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK (SEE PART)	EXISTING TRACK
	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY



# 50TH AVE S & 60TH AVE S



## 50TH AVE S ALTERNATIVE 2

- Adds an overpass, eliminating the at grade crossing.
- Adds facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.

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LEGEND	
CONSTRUCT ROADWAY	CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALL
CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	CONSTRUCT ROW CENTERLINE
CONSTRUCT BELL LANE	EXISTING ROADWAY
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK	EXISTING SIDEWALK - RETURN SURFACE TO TRIP
CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	EXISTING TRACK
CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	EXISTING TRACK
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK/BICYCLE LANE PATH	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY



## 60TH AVE S ALTERNATIVE 2A

- Adds an overpass, eliminating at at-grade crossing.
- Adds facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.

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LEGEND	
CONSTRUCT ROADWAY	CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALL
CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	CONSTRUCT ROW CENTERLINE
CONSTRUCT BELL LANE	EXISTING ROADWAY
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK	EXISTING SIDEWALK - RETURN SURFACE TO TRIP
CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	EXISTING TRACK
CONSTRUCT OVERPASS	EXISTING TRACK
CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK/BICYCLE LANE PATH	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY



## 60TH AVE S ALTERNATIVE 2B

- Adds an underpass, eliminating an at grade crossing.
- Adds facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.

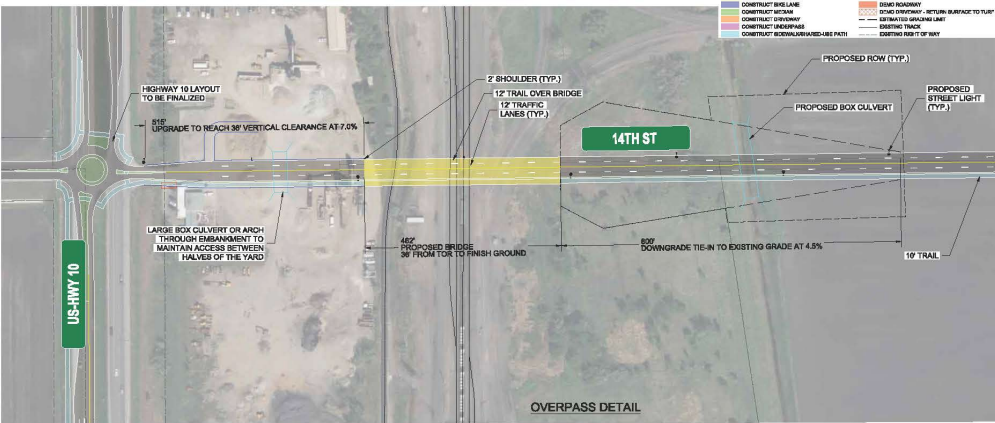
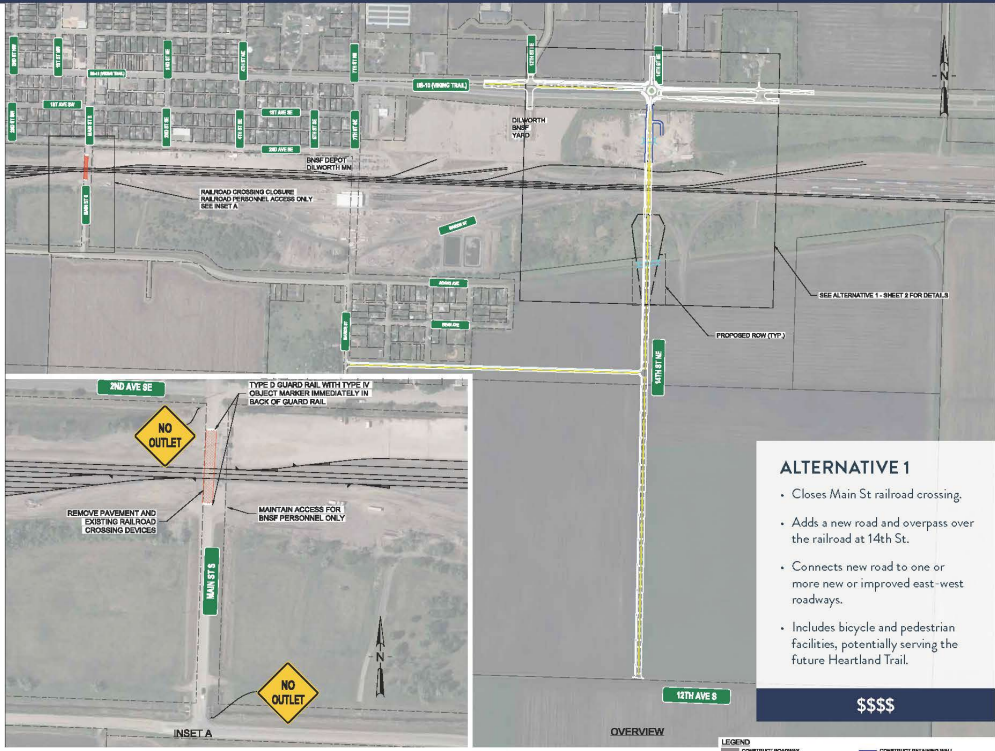
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# 14th St & Main St





## Handout



# Public Meeting Open House Information

## Study Overview

The Metro Railroad Needs Study is a collaborative effort between the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG), Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), local jurisdictions, the public, and study stakeholders. The study evaluates identified railroad crossings across the Fargo-Moorhead metro area.

The goal of this study is to develop a prioritized list of improvements that enhance safety and mobility, and increase community benefits. It also aims to provide a guide for funding and implementation. Prioritization will consider factors such as cost-benefit analysis, local input, and funding availability.

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## Thank You for Attending!

We appreciate your involvement in the Metro Railroad Needs Study public meeting open house

### Today's event offers an opportunity to:



**REVIEW** proposed alternatives for improving key railroad crossings



**LEARN** about the criteria used to evaluate those alternatives



**SHARE** your feedback on priorities and potential solutions



**UNDERSTAND** the next steps in the study process

*Your input is vital to shaping future railroad crossing improvements across the metro area.*

## Learn More About the Study:

Scan the QR code or visit:

<http://www.fmmetrocog.org/>



## We Want to Hear from You!

Please share your thoughts on railroad crossings throughout the metro area by taking a short survey:



<https://hdr.jotform.com/250275082435050>

# Comment Form



## Metro COG Metro Railroad Needs Study Public Input Meeting

Please use this form to submit questions and comments to the project team. Submit the form at a public event or mail it later. Return address is on the back. Be sure to include contact information if you would like a response.

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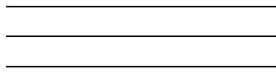
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## **11 Attachment I: Public Meeting Comment forms**

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**Fiandaca comments**

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From Ben Griffith [REDACTED]  
Date Tue 7/15/2025 9:40 AM  
To McCall, Mary [REDACTED]  
Cc Bergerson, Dan [REDACTED]

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Mary, I received a phone call from Doug Fiandaca yesterday afternoon and am relaying his comments on the Metro Railroad Needs Study.

Metro Railroad Needs Study – Public Comment

Public Comment received by Ben Griffith via phone from Doug Fiandaca (218-287-2970) a resident of Dilworth, MN on Monday, July 14, 2025.

Mr. Fiandaca called on the afternoon of Monday, July 14, 2025, in response to a post card sent to his home announcing a public meeting at the Dilworth City Depot later that evening from 5:00-7:00.

Mr. Fiandaca had some general questions about the study and wanted to make sure it included the railroad crossing at 14<sup>th</sup> and Main in Dilworth. He stated that he lived south of the intersection and that because of switching trains in the rail yard, there were terrible delays of 20-30 minutes or more, blocking the intersection. Mr. Fiandaca added that he had lived in Dilworth his entire life and had spent half of it waiting on trains!

When asked about the other railroad crossings in the Dilworth area, Mr. Fiandaca replied that they should probably be studied too, but the focus should be the crossing at 14<sup>th</sup> and Main.

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The 14<sup>th</sup> ST E OVERPASS in DILWORTH  
IS CRITICAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
ARCA. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS  
CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
HWY 10 IMPROVEMENTS + ROUNDABOUT.

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