

Memorandum

To: Project File

From: Rebecca Jablon

Date: May 1, 2013

Subject: City of Minot CDBG-DR Program
**6th Street SW Underpass – Pump Station and Storm Drain
Improvements
Expansion of Proposed Project Scope**

On April 26, 2013, following the completion of the Re-Evaluation of Environmental Finding, a response was received from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The USFWS determined that the project as described will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. Furthermore, no endangered or threatened species are known to occupy the project area.

This determination does not change the original environmental determination, and the original Finding of No Significant Impact is still valid.

Kari Thorsteinson

From: Peters, Melissa
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 3:50 PM
To: kari_thorsteinson@fws.gov
Cc: Jablon, Rebecca; Peters, Melissa
Subject: RE: Email for Jeffrey Towner
Attachments: 6th St Underpass Re-eval Letter US F&WS.pdf

Kari,

Would you mind forwarding this email to Mr. Jeffrey Towner. The attached letter describes an expanded scope for the 6th Street Underpass project in Minot that Mr. Towner previously reviewed. It includes the previous correspondence.

This was also sent out today via certified mail but I wanted to make sure Mr. Towner received this on time since last time the mail was returned.

Thanks in advance,

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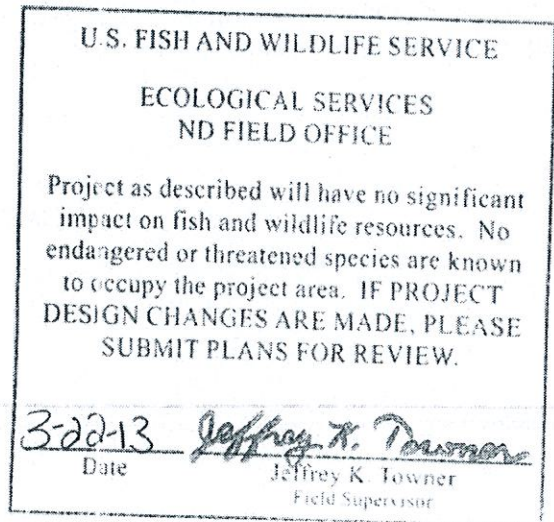
From: Peters, Melissa
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 1:26 PM
To: 'kari_thorsteinson@fws.gov'
Cc: Jablon, Rebecca
Subject: Email for Jeffrey Towner

Hi Kari,

Good talking to you this morning. As I mentioned on the phone, the attached mailing sent on December 12, 2012 was returned to sender and never received by Jeffrey Towner, Field Supervisor. Please forward this email attachment to Mr. Towner. I look forward to his comments.

Sincerely,

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March 8, 2013

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RE: City of Minot, North Dakota, Proposed Pump Station and Storm Drain Improvements
Expansion of Proposed Project Scope

Dear Mr. Towner:

The City of Minot (City), North Dakota was included in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program for 2011 Disasters. In June 2011, the City of Minot suffered substantial damage due to flood waters from the Mouse River (Souris River). In accordance with the use of CDBG-DR funds, the City is the responsible entity for completing federally required environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.

The City retained CDM Smith to assist with the environmental review process. CDM Smith previously contacted you on December 12, 2012 regarding the repairs and upgrades to the existing pump station and force main at the 6th Street Underpass in Minot, North Dakota. However, the proposed project scope has since expanded to include two new components: street reconstruction and the 3rd Avenue Storm Sewer project.

The proposed street reconstruction would occur on 6th Street SW from approximately Central Avenue to Burdick Expressway, and 2nd Avenue SW, just east and west of 6th Street SW. The proposed project would allow for additional vertical clearance at the 6th Street Underpass, located at the intersection of 6th Street SW, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) and 2nd Avenue SW. The existing vertical clearance beneath the railroad bridges is restricted to 10 feet, 11 inches, which limits the types of vehicles that can use 6th Street SW. The project proposes to lower the street grade by approximately two feet. In addition, 2nd Avenue SW, east of 6th Street SW would be realigned so that the east and west approaches are directly opposite each other. Additional right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired as part of the





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proposed project; the proposed ROW is undeveloped land located within the City Hall/Police Department Complex.

The proposed 3rd Avenue Storm Sewer project has two components, the first of which is located at 2nd Avenue SW, within property owned by the City of Minot, approximately 700 feet east of the 2nd Avenue SW intersection with 6th Street SW. The proposed improvements at this location include the installation of two stormwater inlets on the north and south side of 2nd Avenue SW, with storm sewer pipe connections, consisting of 18-inch and 24-inch conduits. The proposed stormwater inlets will connect via a 24-inch conduit to an existing storm manhole within the project site area.

The second component is located within City-owned property and right-of-way along 5th Street SW, 4th Street SW, 3rd Avenue SW, Burdick Expressway and within a public parking lot. The proposed improvements include new inlets, manholes, and storm conduits ranging in size from 18 to 36 inches. The proposed 3rd Avenue Storm Sewer project will connect with the proposed Pump Station and Storm Drain Improvements, described in the December 12th letter.

The purpose of the proposed 3rd Avenue Storm Sewer project is to reduce the amount of stormwater draining to the 6th Street Underpass.

The enclosed figures identify the proposed project location of the expanded project activities. Previous correspondence with your agency is enclosed as well.

We would appreciate hearing from you; if no response is received within 30 calendar days, the City of Minot will make the determination that the expanded proposed activities will not change your agency's previous determination. If there is anything else I can provide to your office, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-780-7760 or petersme@cdmsmith.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Peters".

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Enclosures

