

# U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



## Community Planning and Development

Region VIII, Denver  
1670 Broadway Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202-4801

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March 25, 2012

Honorable Curt Zimbelman, Mayor  
City of Minot  
Office of the Mayor  
P.O. Box 506  
Minot, ND 58702-5006

City of Minot CDBG-DR Program: Downtown Minot Smart Growth Development: Parking Facilities and Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades, Various Locations, Minot, ND. CDBG-DR Program, Grant #B-12-MT-38-0001  
Environmental Clearance to Release Funds

Dear Honorable Zimbelman:

We have received form HUD 7015.15, "*Request for Release of Funds and Certification*", as well as evidence of the publication of the public notice, "*Combined Notice....Release of Funds*", for the subject project/activity. All objections, if received, have been considered and the minimum waiting period for public comment has transpired. You are hereby authorized, effective March 25, 2012, to use funds provided to you under the above HUD Identification Number subject to all terms and conditions of the grant agreement that may be executed for this project/activity. This determination applies only to the project/activity identified above. Any other projects/activities under this grant that may require a Release of Funds must have a separate written release.

Please file this letter for proper record keeping, audit, and inspection purposes. Please ensure any required environmental mitigation is adequately incorporated into all pertinent agreements, for proper implementation. Please inform the recipients that they are agreeing to abide by the special conditions, procedures, and requirements of an environmental review and are to advise the responsible entity of any proposed changes in the scope of the projects or any changes in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 C.F.R. Part 58.71(b).

If we may be of further assistance regarding environmental clearance concerns, please contact David Rigirozzi, Field Environmental Officer, at 303.672.5016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leroy P. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Leroy P. Brown  
Director

Cc: Ms. Cindy Hemphill, CPA, MSM, Finance Director  
City of Minot  
P.O. Box 5006  
Minot, ND 58702

Ms. Deborah Siefert, Disaster Program Manager  
City of Minot Disaster Services Office  
P.O. Box 5006  
Minot, ND 58702

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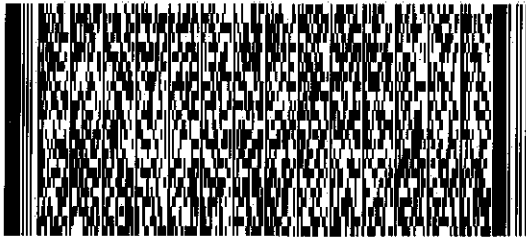
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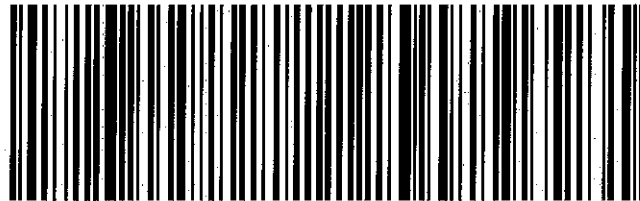
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# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning  
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087  
(exp. 3/31/2011)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) <b>Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)</b>	2. HUD/State Identification Number <b>B-12-MT-38-0001</b>	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) <b>14.218</b>	5. Name and address of responsible entity <b>City of Minot PO Box 5006 Minot, North Dakota 58702-5006</b>	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) <b>Cindy Hemphill, CPA, MSM, Finance Director, City of Minot, North Dakota, 701-857-4784</b>	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request <b>HUD Region VIII Office 8ADE, 1670 Broadway Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-4801</b>		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) <b>City of Minot CDBG-DR Program: Downtown Minot Smart Growth Development: Parking Facilities and Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades</b>	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) <b>Downtown Minot, Ward County, North Dakota (detailed project location below)</b>
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### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

The City of Minot, 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 real estate and public infrastructure damage due to flood waters from the Mouse River (Souris River).

The proposed project includes new parking facilities associated with the "Imagine Minot" downtown revitalization initiative. Two three-level parking structures are proposed, to be located at the half block on 1st Street SW between 2nd Avenue SW and 3rd Avenue SW and at the half block on 1st Street SW between 1st Avenue SW and Central Avenue W. The proposed structures would be built to accommodate a future addition of four levels of housing, twenty percent of which is to be reserved as affordable workforce housing. Both locations are currently used as surface parking lots.

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The proposed area of infrastructure repairs and upgrades is approximately 82 acres and is enclosed by North/South Broadway Street to the west, Frontage Road/1st Avenue NE to the north, 3rd Street NE/SE to the east, and Burdick Expressway E/W to the south. The proposed area of storm sewer enhancements includes an additional 2.5 acres to the east along 3rd Avenue SE. The proposed area of water main enhancements includes an additional acre to the south along 1st Street NW. The proposed area of repaving includes an additional 1.5 acres to the east along 3rd Avenue SE.

Total project cost is \$49,000,000.00 with \$5,375,000.00 towards the parking facilities to be funded using CDBG-DR funds.

**Part 2. Environmental Certification** (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal ☐ did ☒ did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
4. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
5. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
6. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

Mayor, City of Minot

Date signed

03/07/2013

Address of Certifying Officer

City of Minot  
P.O. Box 5006,  
Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006

**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

**Combined Public Notice  
Notice of Finding of No  
Significant Impact and  
Notice of Intent to Request  
Release of Funds**

February 19, 2013

City of Minot, North Dakota  
P.O. Box 5006  
Minot, North Dakota, 58702-  
5006  
701-857-4764

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**REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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Constructing an additional segment of 8-inch water main along 1st Street from Burdick Expressway south to 5th Avenue SE;

Replacing existing street lights and conduits with energy-efficient street lights that meet current codes and standards in accordance with the National Electrical Code, Code, and the North Dakota State Electrical Code;

Re-paving and replacing all of the existing roads (approximately 87,500 square yards), curb and gutters (approximately 27,500 linear feet), and sidewalks (approximately 25,000 square yards) within the study area. The only segment of the study area that would not be replaced is 3rd Street SE between 2nd Avenue SE and 3rd Avenue SE; and

Upgrading six signalized intersections and two signalized crosswalks.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Minot has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), therefore, is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Minot, 515 2nd Avenue SW, Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to

the City of Minot, P.O. Box 5006, Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006. All comments received by March 6, 2013 will be considered by the City of Minot prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Minot certifies to HUD Region VIII that Mr. Curt Zimbelman in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD Region VIII's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Minot to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD Region VIII will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Minot's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are made on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Minot (b) the City of Minot has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before the approval of a release of funds by HUD Region VIII; or (d) another Federal agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Region VIII Office, BADE, 1670 Broadway Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-4801. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Region VIII office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. Curt Zimbelman, Mayor, City of Minot  
(February 19, 2013)

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

County of Ward

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County and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That the MINOT DAILY NEWS is a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Minot, in said County and State. That the MINOT DAILY NEWS now is and during all times in the foregoing affidavit mentioned has been a newspaper qualified to do legal printing, in accordance with the Statutes of the State of North Dakota, and that I am clerk of the MINOT DAILY NEWS and during all such time covering the publication of this notice have occupied such position on said newspaper, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed

**DOWNTOWN MINOT SMART GROWTH  
REQUEST FOR CDBG-DR FUNDS**

a printed copy of which is hereunto attached was printed and published in said newspaper

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FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Janell Blowers, Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

21st Day of February 2013

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State of North Dakota  
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# City of Minot

## Finance Department

February 15, 2013

Mr. Brent Truskowski  
Aquatic Resource Protection and Accountability Unit  
8EPR-EP  
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

RE: City of Minot, North Dakota, Downtown Minot Smart Growth Development: Downtown  
Parking Facilities and Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades

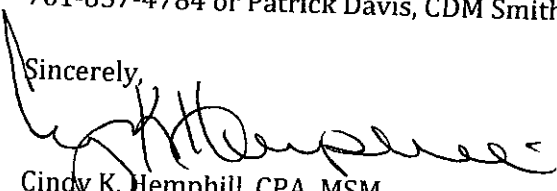
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As explained in the notice, the FONSI/RROF is subject to appeal per 24 CFR Part 58.

For additional information regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact me at 701-857-4784 or Patrick Davis, CDM Smith, 701-837-6947.

Sincerely,



Cindy K. Hemphill, CPA, MSM  
Finance Director  
City of Minot, North Dakota

Enclosures

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**Combined Public Notice  
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Environmental Health Section  
ND Department of Health  
918 East Divide Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58501-1947

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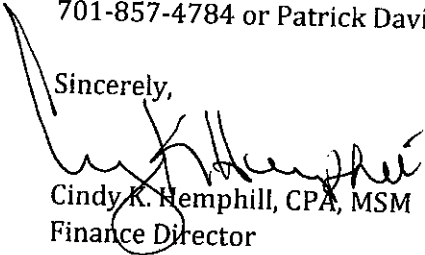
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Mr. Curt Zimbelman, Mayor, City of Minot



**NORTH DAKOTA**  
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION  
Gold Seal Center, 918 E. Divide Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58501-1947  
701.328.5200 (fax)  
www.ndhealth.gov



September 28, 2012

Ms. Rebecca Jablon  
Environmental Planner  
CDM Smith, Inc.  
3201 Jermantown Road, Suite 400  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Re: City of Minot CDBG-DR Program:  
Downtown Parking Facilities and Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades  
Ward County, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Jablon:

This department has reviewed the information concerning the above-referenced project submitted under date of September 7, 2012, with respect to possible environmental impacts.

This department believes that environmental impacts from the proposed construction will be minor and can be controlled by proper construction methods. With respect to construction, we have the following comments:

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Environmental Health  
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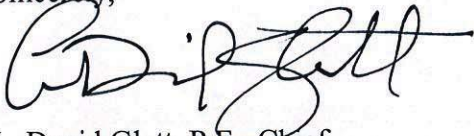


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The department owns no land in or adjacent to the proposed improvements, nor does it have any projects scheduled in the area. In addition, we believe the proposed activities are consistent with the State Implementation Plan for the Control of Air Pollution for the State of North Dakota.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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L. David Glatt, P.E., Chief  
Environmental Health Section

LDG:cc  
Attach.



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These represent the minimum requirements of the North Dakota Department of Health. They ensure that minimal environmental degradation occurs as a result of construction or related work which has the potential to affect the waters of the State of North Dakota. All projects will be designed and implemented to restrict the losses or disturbances of soil, vegetative cover, and pollutants (chemical or biological) from a site.

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Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
tel: 703-691-6500  
fax: 703-267-6083

**CERTIFIED**

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Environmental Health Section  
ND Department of Health  
918 East Divide Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58501-1947

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CDM Smith seeks comments from the North Dakota Department of Health concerning the potential air quality, water quality, and waste impacts from the proposed project. The enclosed figures identify the proposed project location.



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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 proposed activities will not affect this area of regulatory compliance. If there is anything else I can provide to your office, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-691-6485 or [jablonrs@cdmsmith.com](mailto:jablonrs@cdmsmith.com).

Sincerely,

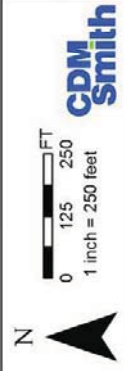
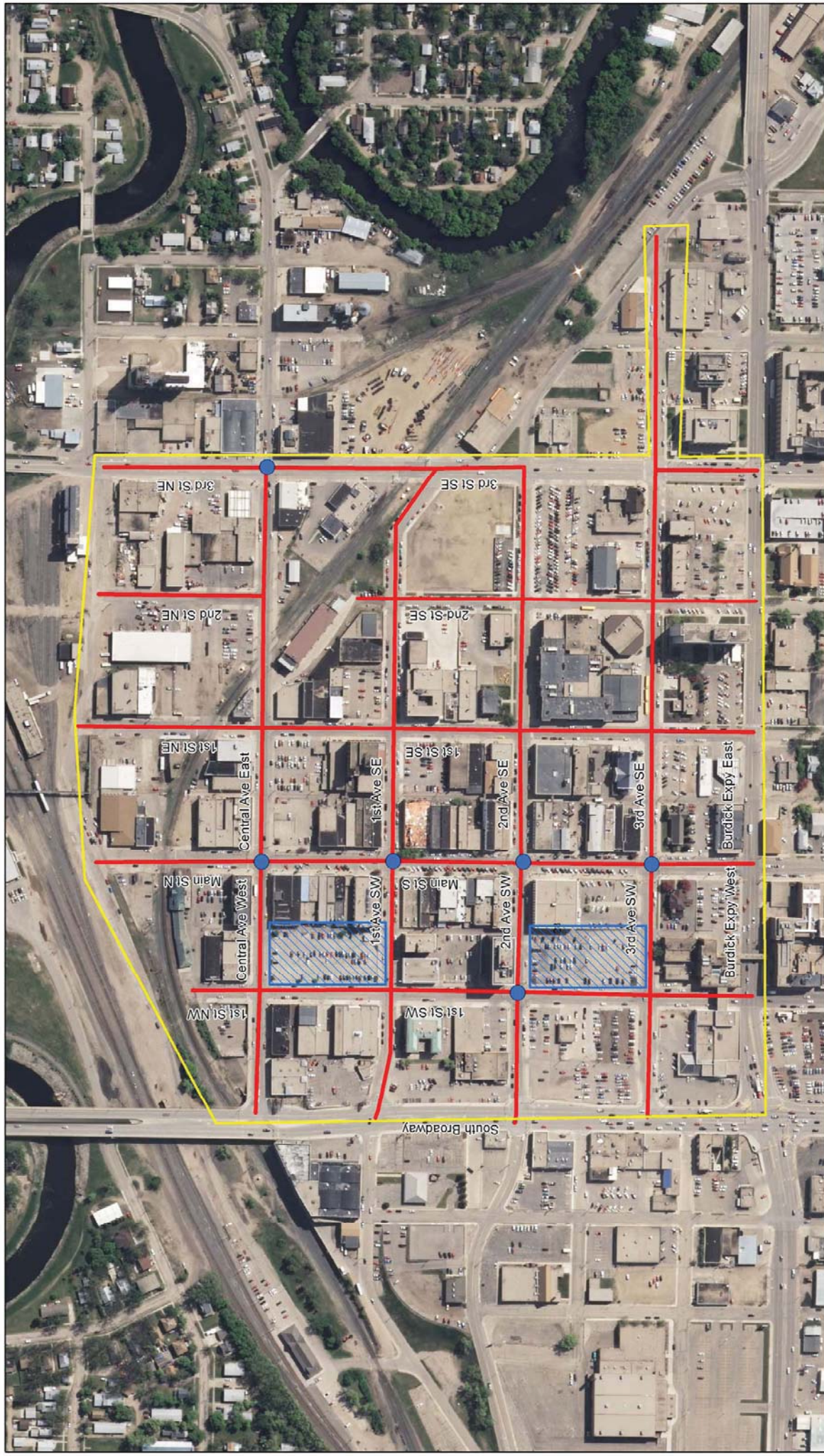
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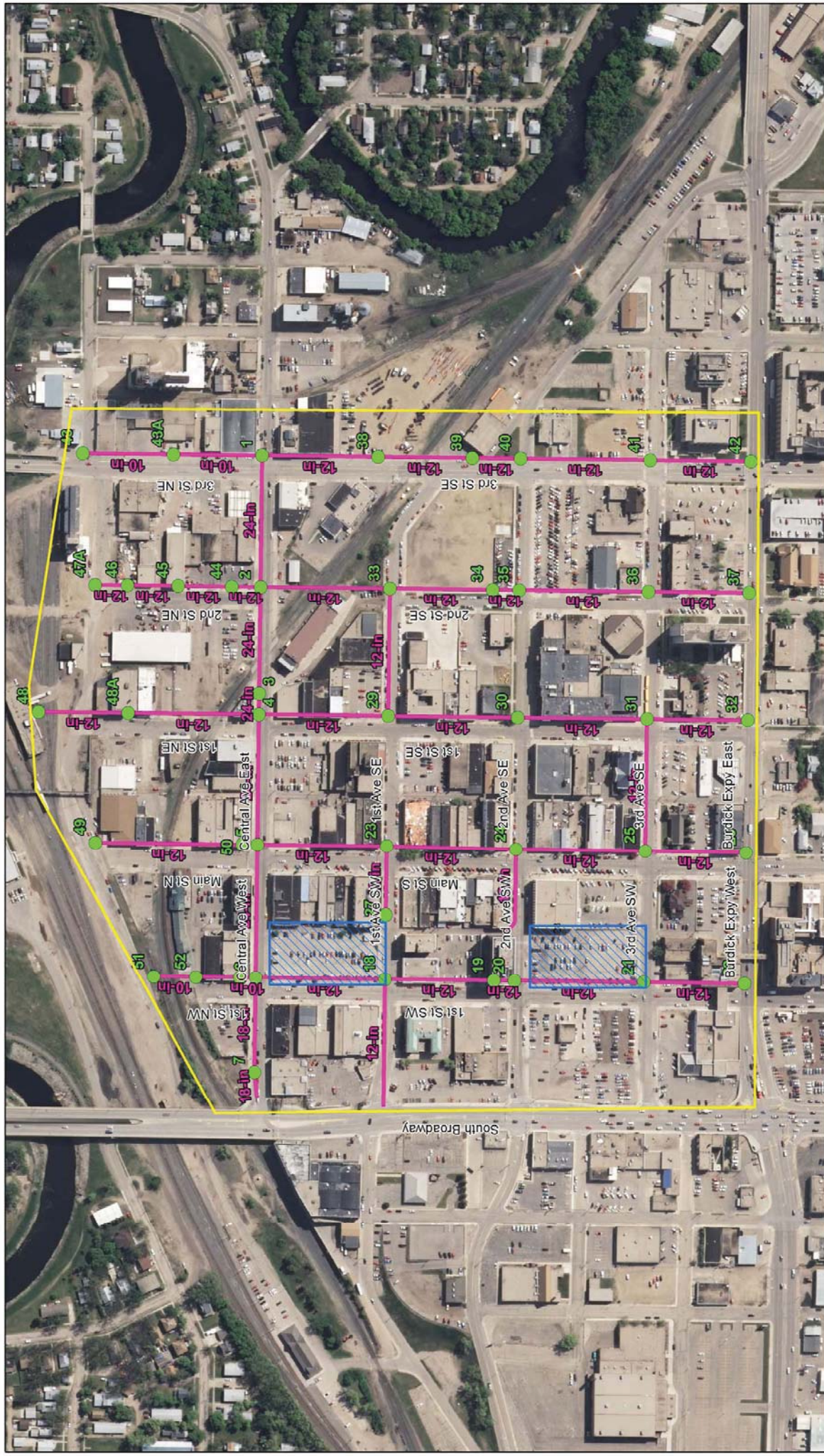
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**Pavement**  
 2011 Flood Recovery Program - September, 2012

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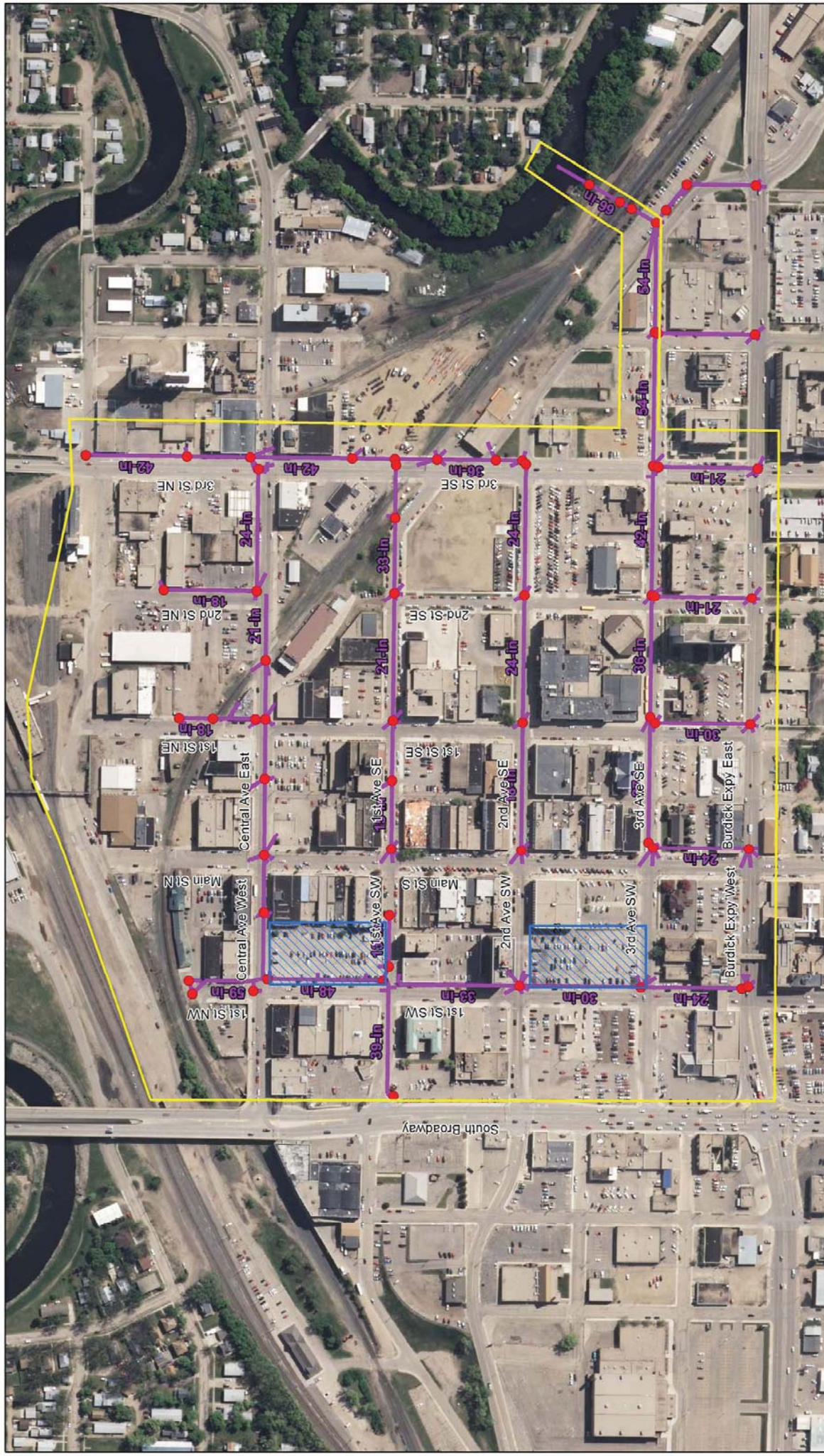
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**CDM Smith**

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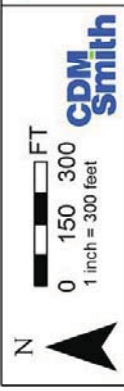
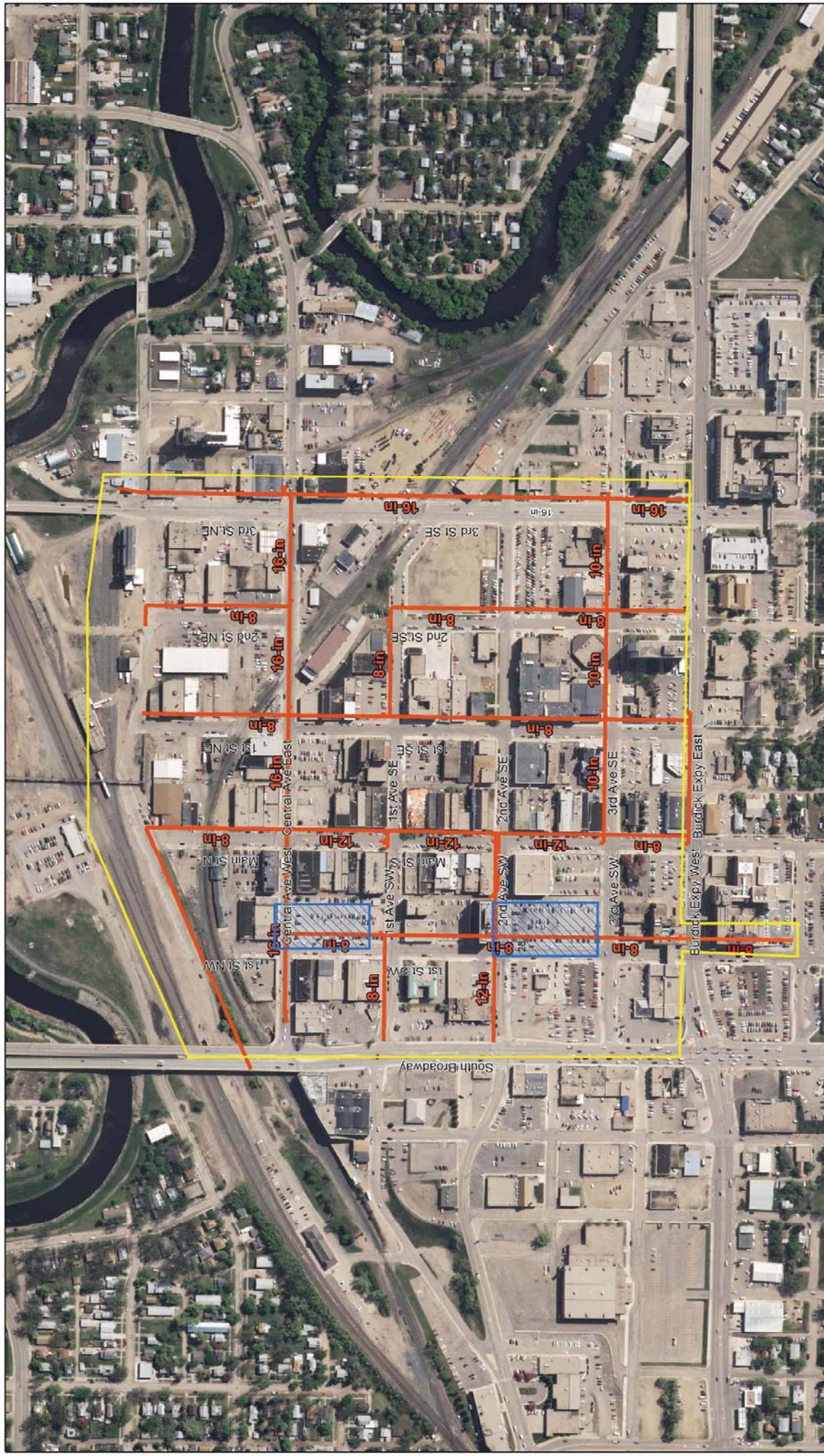

  
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Watermain - In Study Area  
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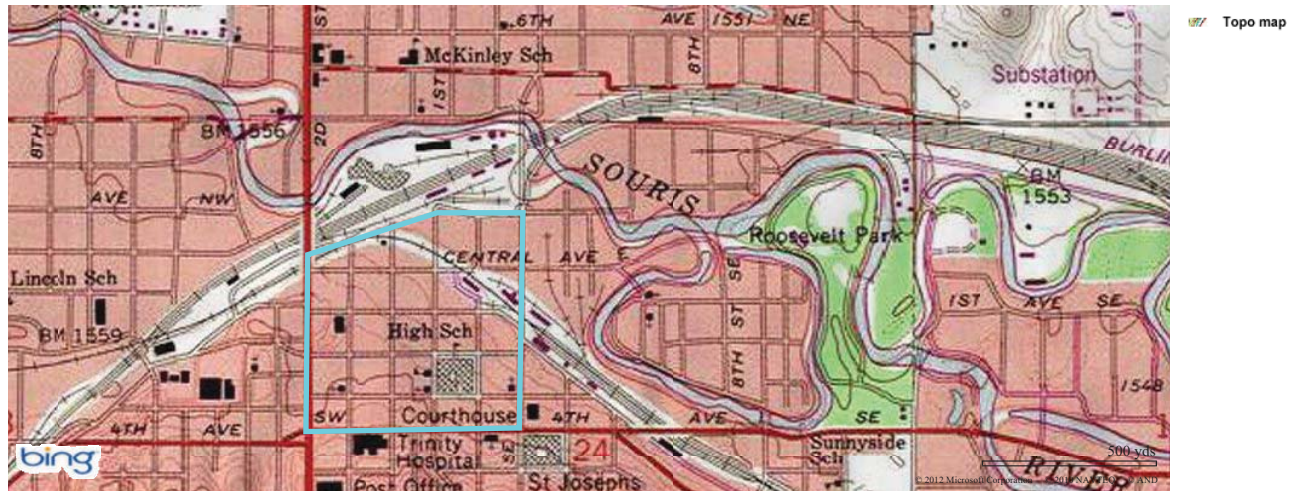
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## Downtown Infrastructure and Parking Facilities, Minot, North Dakota



□ Proposed Project Location

# City of Minot

## Finance Department

February 15, 2013

Mr. Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.  
Attn: Review and Compliance  
North Dakota Historic Preservation Office  
612 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

RE: City of Minot, North Dakota, Downtown Minot Smart Growth Development: Downtown  
Parking Facilities and Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades  
ND SHPO Ref.: 12-6543

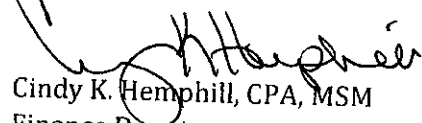
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For additional information regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact me at 701-857-4784 or Patrick Davis, CDM Smith, 701-837-6947.

Sincerely,

  
Cindy K. Hemphill, CPA, MSM  
Finance Director  
City of Minot, North Dakota

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**Combined Public Notice  
Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and  
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds**

February 19, 2013

City of Minot, North Dakota  
P.O. Box 5006  
Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006  
701-857-4784

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Minot.

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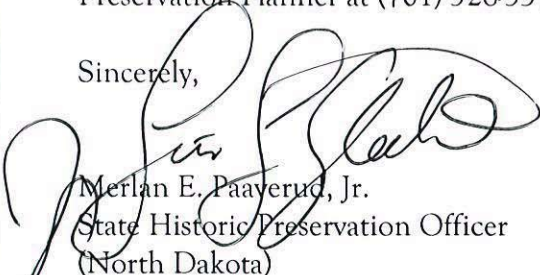
**ND SHPO Ref.:12-6543, City of Minot CDBG-DR Program: Downtown  
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Downtown Parking Facilities and Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades, Minot,  
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Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND  
SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific  
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Preservation Planner at (701) 328-3577 or [lsteckler@nd.gov](mailto:lsteckler@nd.gov)

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State Historic Preservation Officer  
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- Constructing an additional segment of 8-inch water main along 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Burdick Expressway south to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE;
- Replacing existing street lights and conduits with 256 energy-efficient street lights that meeting current codes and standards in according to the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code and the North Dakota State Electrical Code;
- Repaving and replacing all of the existing roads (approximately 87,500 square yards), curb and gutters (approximately 27,500 linear feet), and sidewalks (nearly 25,000 square yards) within the study area. The only segment of the study area not to need replacement is 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE; and
- Upgrading six signalized intersections and two signalized crosswalks.

CDM Smith seeks comments from the North Dakota Historic Preservation Office concerning the potential impact to historic resources from the proposed project. The enclosed figures identify the proposed project location.



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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 proposed activities will not affect this area of regulatory compliance. If there is anything else I can provide to your office, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-691-6485 or [jablonrs@cdmsmith.com](mailto:jablonrs@cdmsmith.com).

Sincerely,

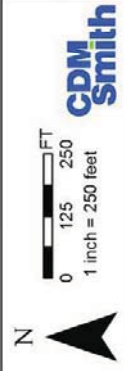
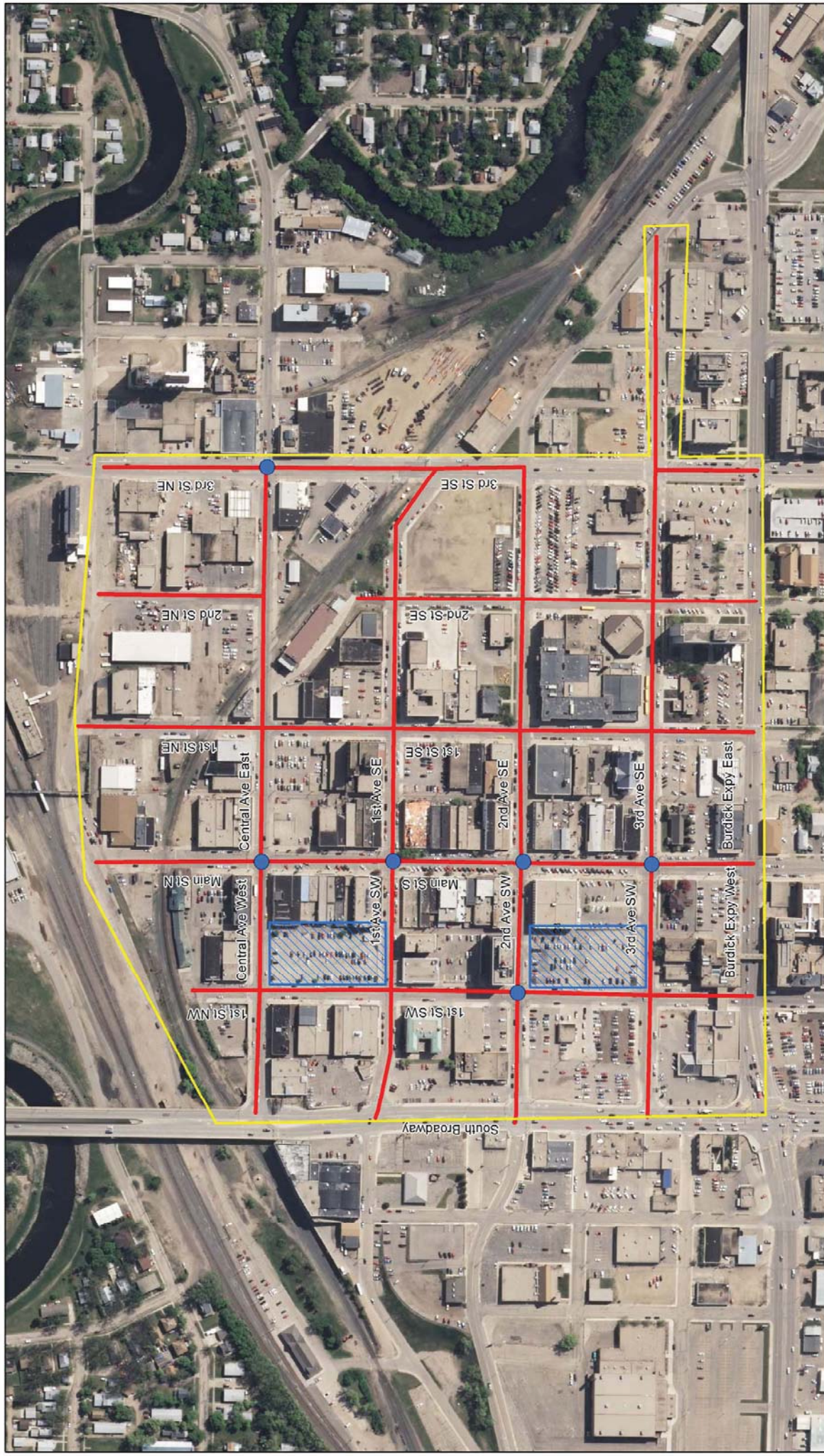
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Rebecca Jablon, AICP, LEED AP  
Environmental Planner  
CDM Smith

Enclosures







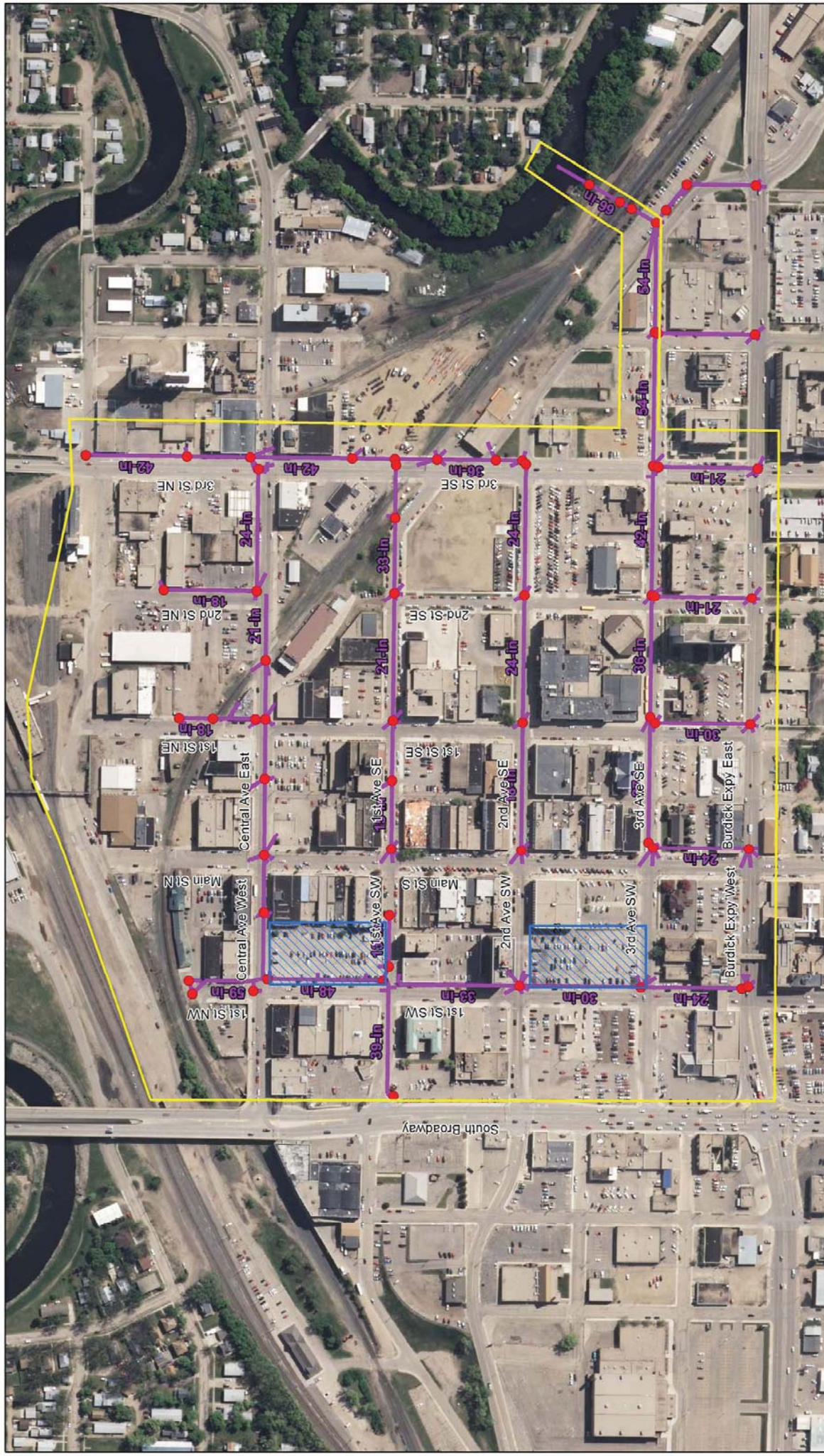
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- Roads To Be Paved
- Proposed Parking Facilities

- Project Boundaries









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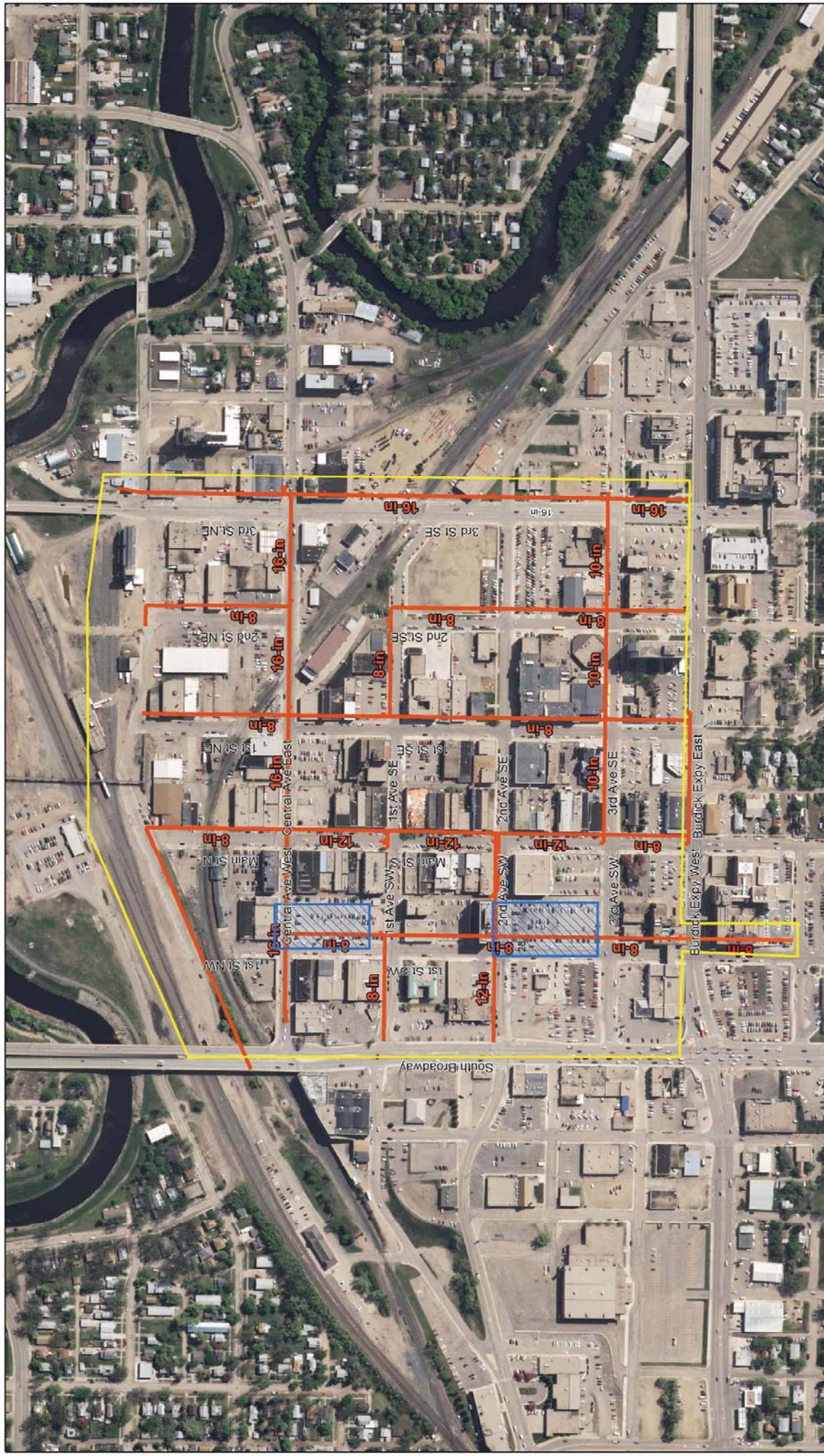
- Storm Manhole - In Study Area
- Storm Pipe - In Study Area
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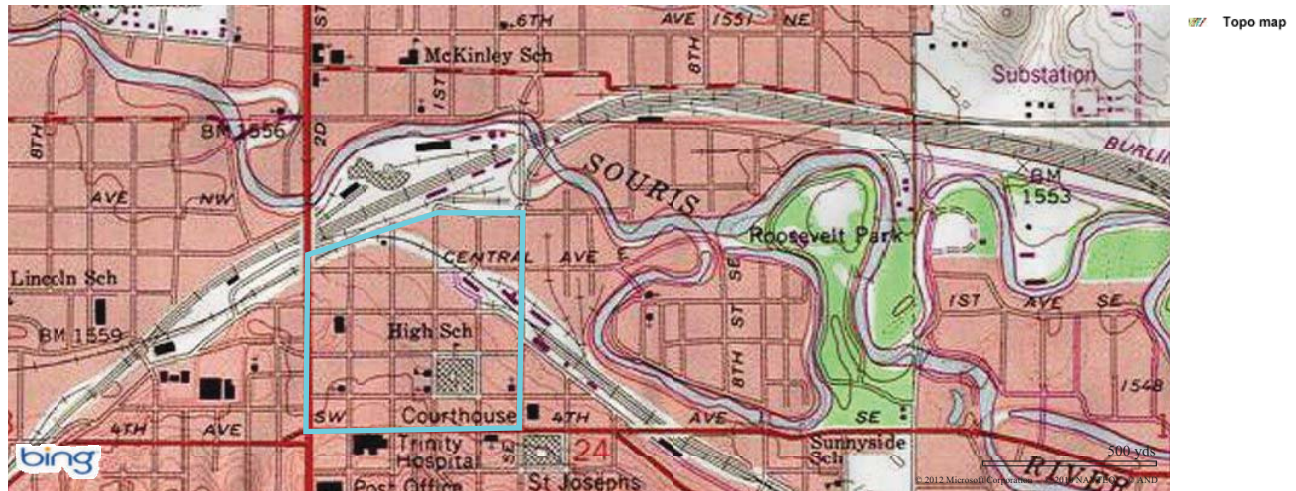
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□ Proposed Project Location