



Memorandum: Agency Response

To: Project File

From: Rebecca Jablon, AICP LEED AP
CDM Smith

Date: January 22, 2019

Subject: City of Minot CDBG-NDR Program
Downtown Gathering Place Project – Expanded Scope

On January 22, 2019, following the completion of the Environmental Assessment for the Downtown Gathering Place Project, a response was received from the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). The NDDOT determined that the project as described should have no adverse effect on the NDDOT highways. If work is to be done on highway right-of-way, appropriate permits and risk management documents will be obtained from the DOT District Engineer.

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



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CDBG-DR PROGRAM DOWNTOWN GATHERING PLACE PROJECT EXPANDED SCOPE, WARD COUNTY, MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

We have reviewed your November 29, 2018, letter.

This project should have no adverse effect on the North Dakota Department of Transportation highways.

However, if because of this project any work needs to be done on highway right of way, appropriate permits and risk management documents will need to be obtained from the Department of Transportation District Engineer, Jim Redding, Minot at 701-857-6907.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Fode".

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November 29, 2018

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RE: City of Minot CDBG-NDR Program: Downtown Gathering Place Project – Expanded Scope

Dear Mr. Fode:

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 Program for 2011 Disasters. In June 2011, the City of Minot suffered substantial damage due to flood waters from the Mouse River (also called the Souris River). Subsequently, the City was awarded a competitive grant under the National Disaster Resilience Grant Competition. In accordance with the use of Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) funds, the City is the responsible entity for completing federally required environmental review per 24 CFR Part 58. As part of the CDBG-NDR Program, the City is proposing the Downtown Gathering Place Project, for which the City retained CDM Smith to assist with the environmental review.

Your agency previously received correspondence (dated August 16, 2018) regarding this project. During the environmental review, the proposed site location has expanded. All changes from the previous submittal are highlighted below.

The proposed Downtown Gathering Place Project would involve the voluntary acquisition of the **nine** parcels listed below:





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	Parcel Number	Address
1	MI24.238.010.0082	13 1 st Street SE
2	MI37.540.000.0040	Unassigned
3	MI24.238.010.0121	105 1 st Avenue SE
4	MI24.102.230.0064	107 1 st Avenue SE
5	MI24.102.230.0063	109 1 st Avenue SE
6	MI24.102.230.0062	115 1 st Avenue SE
7	MI24.788.010.0000	110 E. Central Avenue
8	MI24.102.300.0070	Unassigned
9	MI24.238.010.0070	11 1 st Street SE

Once acquired, all existing structures would be removed, and the parcels, as well as 0.08 acres of the 2nd Street SE public right-of-way, would be converted to a public park. The park would be predominantly open space and may include the following: a water feature such as a fountain or wading area, a walking trail, a stage/performance area, an area for temporary installation of canopies (for markets and art festivals), an ice skating rink, a permanent covered shelter, tables for chess and checkers, a storytelling area for children, landscaping and benches. Collectively, the project site would be approximately 2.28 acres.

CDM Smith seeks comments from your agency concerning the potential impacts from the proposed project. The enclosed figure identifies the proposed project location, as revised.

We would appreciate hearing from you; however, if no response is received within 30 calendar days, the City of Minot will make the determination that the proposed activities, as revised, will not change your previous response, dated September 20, 2018. If helpful, I can provide copies of previous correspondence upon request, and 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.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

