



## *Community Development Department*

**DATE:** June 18, 2019  
**FROM:** Ben Ehreth, Community Development Director  
**ITEM:** US Highway 83 Alternatives Study

### **REQUEST**

The Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is requesting that the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners receive a presentation of the final draft of the US Highway 83 Alternatives Study.

Please place this item on the June 25, 2019 City Commission meeting agenda.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The US Highway 83 Alternatives Study began as a collaborative effort of the MPO, City of Bismarck, Burleigh County, and the North Dakota Department of Transportation in 2017. Its objective was to identify and evaluate either existing or new alignments that might replace the present US Highway 83 section of roadway north of the I-94/Exit 159 Interchange, and to determine the impacts of any such potential alternative.

An extended study period was approved to analyze possible parallel urban routes that would reduce traffic on State Street. Also, infrastructure and operational improvements on State Street were evaluated to determine if they could alleviate congestion.

The draft final US Highway 83 Alternative Study can be viewed on the project website at <http://www.hwy83altstudy.com/study-library/>.

### **RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION**

Staff recommends acceptance of the US Highway 83 Alternatives Study.

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