

I-94 Midway Grant Marsh Bridge Engineering and Feasibility Study

About the Project

The Midway and Grant Marsh Bridge connect I-94, I-194, and Bismarck and Mandan. The existing bridge and interchanges were constructed with the surrounding Interstate system, which has not experienced major improvements since it was constructed in 1965.

The bridge is reaching the end of its useful life and will need replacement in the future. This provides an opportunity to consider operational Interstate improvements for the I-94 and I-194 roadways and ramps. These improvements would work jointly with replacement alternatives for the Grant Marsh Bridge.

This Study will provide project-level analyses and early decisions that follow Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance under the Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) initiative.

Study Purpose

The purpose of this study is to determine alternatives that improve traffic operations, increase capacity, reduce driver confusion, and maintain a uniform freeway system.

By following the PEL study process, transportation planning is connected with environmental community concerns. The next step of the feasibility study is to incorporate the project into the federal environmental review process.

What is a PEL Study?

A Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study is an integrated planning process that bridges the gap between long range/comprehensive planning and project level planning. The PEL process links planning information directly or by reference into the NEPA phase of a project to save time. Learn more at www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env_initiatives/PEL.aspx.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation may adopt this planning product into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(d)(4).

PEL Benefits

- Accelerated project delivery
- Consistency with federal and state laws and regulations
- Better informed project selection to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Enhanced DOT coordination with Local Government
- Early identification of local Stakeholders
- Engaging non-transportation agencies in decision making
- Fostering relationships between NDDOT and the Public
- Creating better, more responsive outcomes for the entire community



Project Location

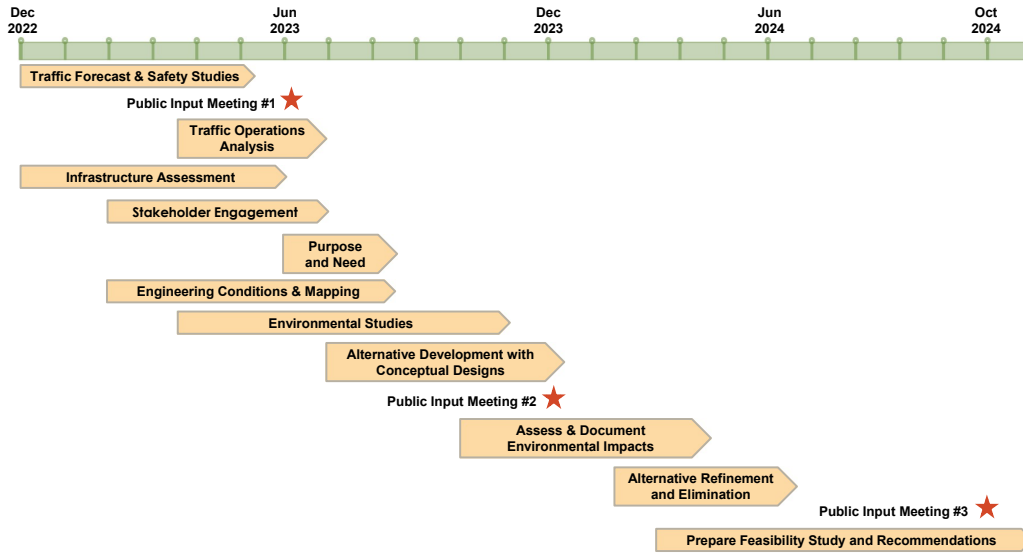
The project location is along I-94 from Exit 153 in Mandan to Exit 157 in Bismarck and I-194 to Memorial Highway. This area encompasses the Midway roadways and Grant Marsh Bridge. It is the main area being analyzed for traffic operations. This study will develop alternatives for this area.

Study Area

The study area encompasses the project location and various ramps and segments of the surrounding roadways. The purpose of studying this larger area is to understand how different alternatives within the project location will impact the greater roadway network.

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Tentative Schedule



Conceptualization Only: Schedule dates are subject to change as the project progresses.

Study Objectives

1. Analyze performance of I-94, I-194, and connected roadways and ramps in terms of operations, capacity and need for replacement.
2. Develop reasonable alternatives and a clearly defined plan to move the project through scoping and into NEPA* and design



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www.dot.nd.gov/midway-grantmarsh



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Contact Us

We'd love to stay in touch and hear your feedback throughout the project.

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Attend a Future Public Input Meeting

Join us at future public meetings. We will advertise upcoming meetings online and throughout the community. The next public input meeting is tentatively planned for Winter 2023.

*NEPA stands for National Environmental Policy Act that requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to make decisions.