

Purpose of Project

- 1 to address social demands for additional bicycle/pedestrian facilities in downtown Fargo and connectivity to the Red River of the North, and
- 2 to correct deficiencies in bicycle/pedestrian system linkage through Civic Plaza and across the floodwall along 2nd Street North.

Existing Conditions

The project area is situated on the east side of downtown Fargo, bounded by 4th Street North to the west, 1st Avenue North to the south, the Red River of the North to the east, and the Civic Center and City Hall to the north. The green space south of the Civic Center and City Hall is owned by the City of Fargo and referred to as Civic Plaza. The green space along the Red River of the North is referred to as Riverside/Civic Gardens and is owned by the Fargo Parks District.

Sidewalks are present throughout downtown Fargo and 2nd Avenue North is classified as a pedestrian- and bicycle-focused street. A shared-use path is present along the Red River of the North as part of the Red River Greenway trail network, which is separated from 2nd Street North by a floodwall. A shared-use path is also planned through Civic Plaza from 4th Street North to 2nd Street North. On-street bicycle facilities near the project area include 4th Street North and 4th Avenue North. Additional on-street bicycle facilities are planned for 2nd Avenue North throughout downtown Fargo.

Deficiencies

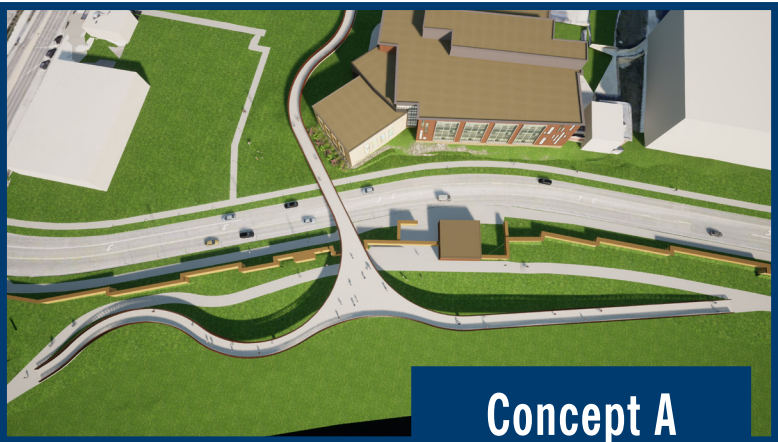


Bicycle/Pedestrian System Linkage

There is **no connection** for bicyclists through Civic Plaza to 2nd Street North. In addition, the floodwall east of 2nd Street North presents a barrier for bicyclists and pedestrians moving between downtown and the Red River Greenway trail network. This results in an **inaccessible and underutilized** Red River Greenway trail.

Social Demands

Public comments obtained during development of the City of Fargo's downtown plan, *Downtown InFocus*, included encouragement of alternative transportation modes to foster a **WALKABLE AND BIKEABLE** downtown. Another main theme was creating access and connection to the Red River of the North.



Concept A



Widened gathering space



Widened gathering space from below



No widened gathering space – space between paths left open



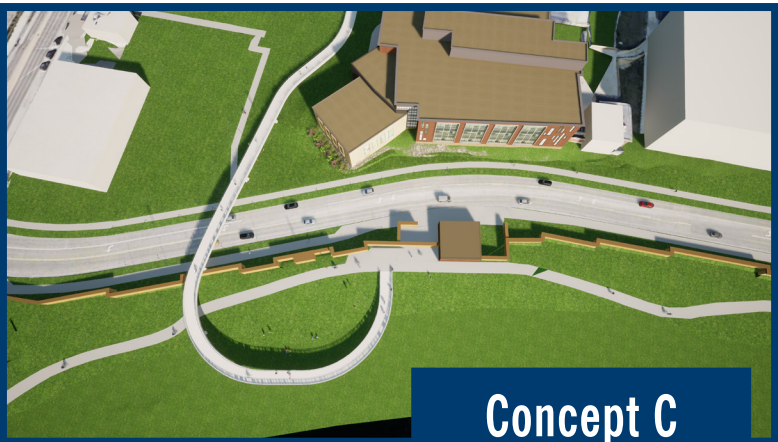
Concept B



Including a river overlook



Preserving views of city hall



Concept C

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Estimated Structure Costs

