



Bismarck-Mandan Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan



Without proper walkways along Memorial Highway, pedestrians are forced to walk on the shoulder of the road, often navigating busy traffic and intersections.

What safety enhancements will the new design feature?

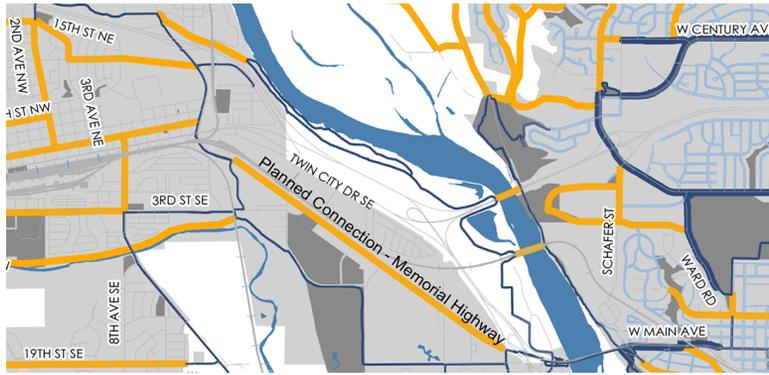


As seen in the above rendering, the new design of Memorial Highway will include three key bike and pedestrian safety enhancements:

1. In certain areas, a six-foot sidewalk will provide a designated area for pedestrians to walk, protected from traffic flow.
2. Pedestrian refuges will be placed in the median to protect pedestrians at signalized intersection crossings.
3. A ten-foot wide shared-use path will separate both pedestrians and bicyclists from traffic.

How does Memorial Highway fit into the overall Bike & Pedestrian plan?

Memorial Highway was identified as a planned connection route. The new connections for this bicycle and pedestrian plan were determined by several factors. These factors included public input for desired routes, roadway analysis, routes that would increase connections, routes that would improve equity, and routes proposed in the Long Range Transportation Plan.



Who pays for the construction and maintenance of the sidewalks and shared-use path?

The sidewalks and shared-use path will be constructed within the scope of the Memorial Highway project. Maintenance and snow removal for the sidewalk will fall on the responsibility of individual businesses and property owners along the corridor. In the City of Mandan, Mandan Parks and Recreation typically maintains the shared use paths and trail network.

Why does Bismarck-Mandan have a Bike & Pedestrian Plan?

In 2016, Bismarck-Mandan was awarded a Bronze Level "Bicycle Friendly Community" designation from the League of American Cyclists. Some of the weaknesses noted include:

- High rate of bicycle crashes
- Low percentage of commuters who bicycle
- Limited network of on-road facilities

In 2017, the [Bismarck-Mandan Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan](#) sought to engage public input, using that feedback to create a bicycle and pedestrian network and implementation plan.

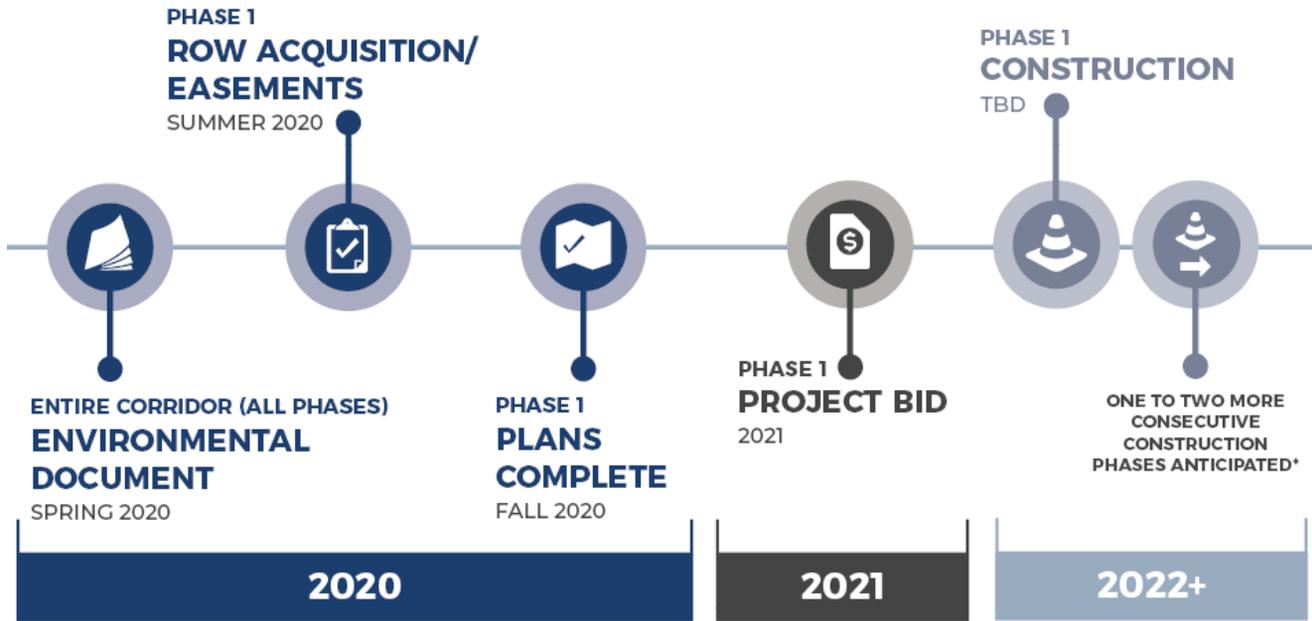
What were the goals that the plan established?



The five goals established by the plan are:

1. **Network Use** - Increase the number of bicycling and walking trips made by people in Bismarck and Mandan
2. **Connectivity** - Develop a connected network of bicycling and walking routes throughout both communities in partnership with local, regional and state partners. Connect bicycling and walking routes to community destinations and other transportation systems, including transit.
3. **Safety and Comfort** - Build and maintain safe and comfortable bicycling and walking facilities for people of all ages and abilities. Support driving, walking and bicycling behaviors that increase the safety of people who walk and bicycle.
4. **Maintenance** - Protect the public's investment in the bicycling and walking system over the long-term and ensure system accessibility all year round.
5. **Planning** - As new commercial and residential projects are planned, integrate bicycle and pedestrian facilities with project designs during the development review process.

Here's what's next...



Tentative Schedule

The North Dakota Department of Transportation has created a website for the project. Visit dot.nd.gov/projects/memorialhwy for more information. To submit comments, email input@memorialhighwayproject.com. Periodic updates will also be posted to the cityofmandan.com website.

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