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WELCOME!

Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Bicycle & Pedestrian Element Update

River Road Priority Concept Development Open House

March 29, 2023



Grand Forks - East Grand Forks

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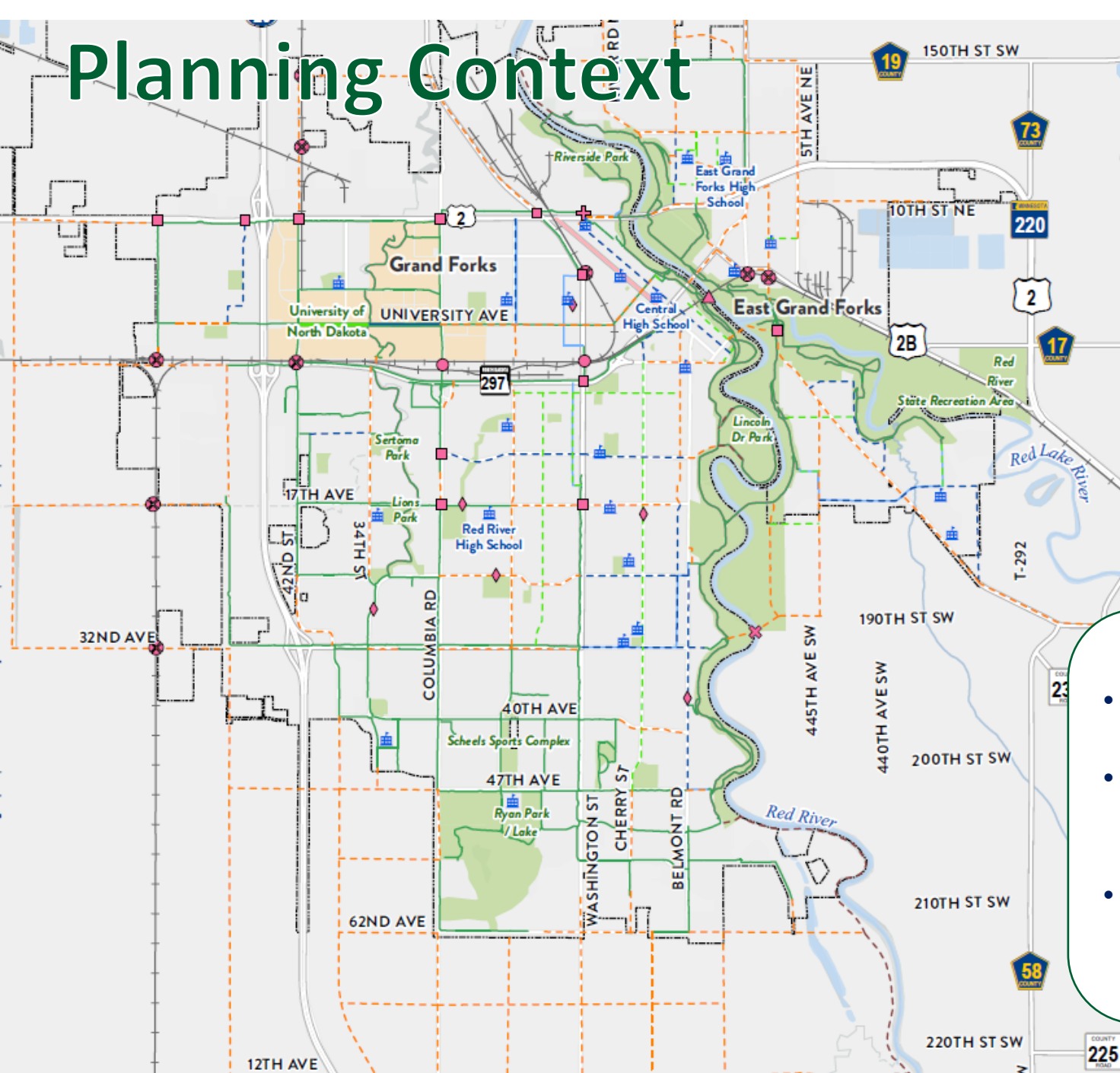
Meeting Framework

- Virtual Meeting – Recorded
 - Participation and Best Practices
 - Meeting Slides
 - INPUTiD
- Ongoing Engagement/Next Steps
 - Follow up with INPUTiD
 - <http://www.theforks-bikepedplan.com/>

Today's Agenda

- Introduction
 - Project Planning & Background
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Process
- Priority Corridor Concept Presentation
 - Summary of Corridor Features
- Vision – Community Concept Review
 - Review Corridor Concepts
 - INPUTiD Brainstorm
- Ongoing Engagement/Next Steps
 - Project website and INPUTiD

Planning Context



Grand Forks - East Grand Forks
Metropolitan Planning Organization

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ELEMENT

(2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN)



What is a Bike/Ped Plan?

- Led by the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO with frequent input and collaboration from stakeholders.
- Bike and Ped plans provide a detailed roadmap for improving the safety and feasibility of walking and biking through targeted investment and programs.
- Related to and supportive of programs like Safe Routes to School, Complete Streets, Travel Demand Management, Climate Goals, and public health goals.



Planning Context – Process



**Long-Range
Planning**

Determine
needs



**Prioritization
& Program
Development**

Feasibility,
Local Input
& Project
Funding



**Project
Planning**

Minimize
Impacts



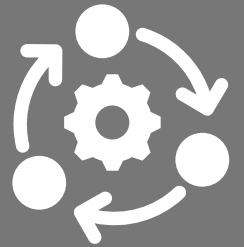
Project Design

Design Project
& Acquire
Right of Way



Construction

Build
Facility



**Maintenance
& Operations**

Maintain
Facility



Design Context

BICYCLIST DESIGN USER PROFILES

Interested but Concerned

51%-56% of the total population

Often not comfortable with bike lanes, may bike on sidewalks even if bike lanes are provided; prefer off-street or separated bicycle facilities or quiet or traffic-calmed residential roads. May not bike at all if bicycle facilities do not meet needs for perceived comfort.

Somewhat Confident

5-9% of the total population

Generally prefer more separated facilities, but are comfortable riding in bicycle lanes or on paved shoulders if need be.

Highly Confident

4-7% of the total population

Comfortable riding with traffic; will use roads without bike lanes.



LOW STRESS TOLERANCE

HIGH STRESS TOLERANCE



Expanding the All Ages and Abilities Network

- Focus on providing recreational and transportation opportunities in Greater Grand Forks
- Priority corridors provide linear connections to regional trail system (i.e., Greenway) and other resources.
- Result of a data driven corridor selection process that balanced project feasibility with network connectivity, demand, and project engagement findings.
- Connects to multiple important destinations such as schools, job centers, daily services, tourism and cultural destinations, commercial districts, and more.

Source: FHWA bicyclist design profile, 2019



Built for Community

Survey reporting for largest barriers to biking and walking in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks:

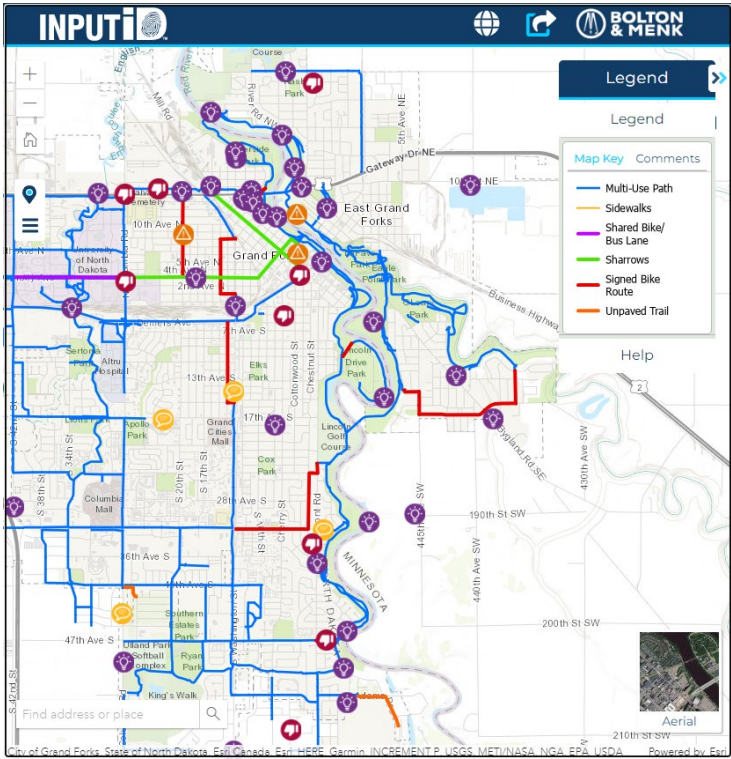
51% Lack of connected multi-use trails and/or sidewalks



42% Weather/ Climate



23% Lack of safe street crossings & quality of trails/sidewalks



Feedback: What Prevents you from Biking and Walking?

- 1 Use stickers to mark what prevents you from biking and walking more often.
- 2 If there are additional reasons not listed, please write them in the lower right corner.

Time or distance	High traffic speeds	Costs of bicycle equipment	Weather or climate	Too many trips to walk or bike	Convenience of driving	Personal safety
Physical limitations	Carrying children	Difficulty crossing busy streets	Lack of bicycle parking at destination	Lack of sidewalks or paths	Lack of transit connections	Other reasons? Share below!

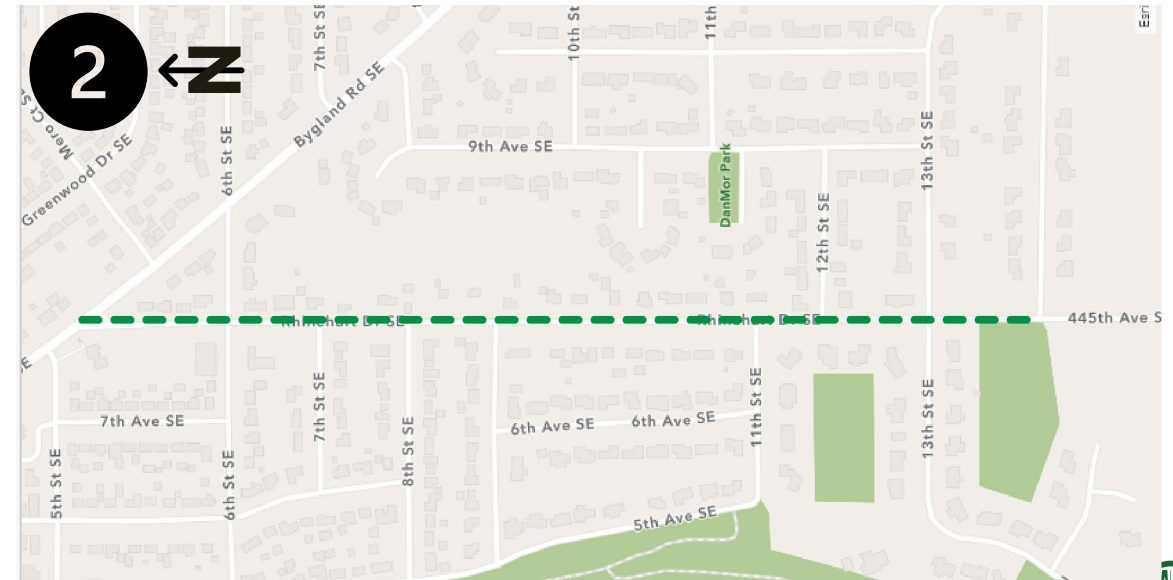
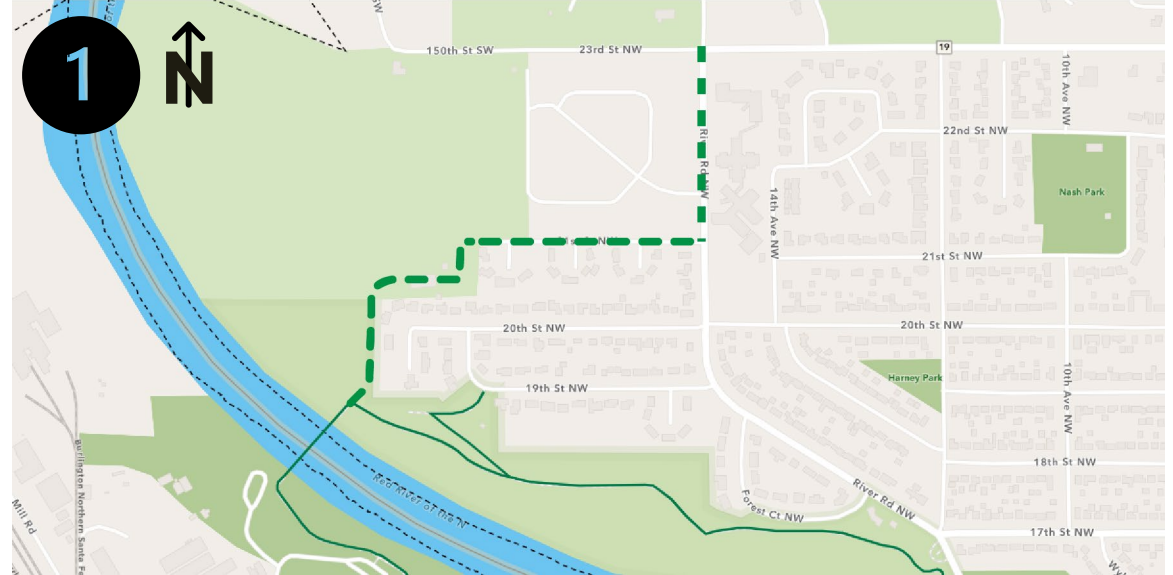
East Grand Forks

1. River Road

- River Road to 21st NW to the Levee
- Off-street shared use path

2. Rhinehart Drive

- Bygland Road to Greenway Boulevard
- Sidewalks on both side of road



Priority Corridors

Grand Forks

1. University Avenue

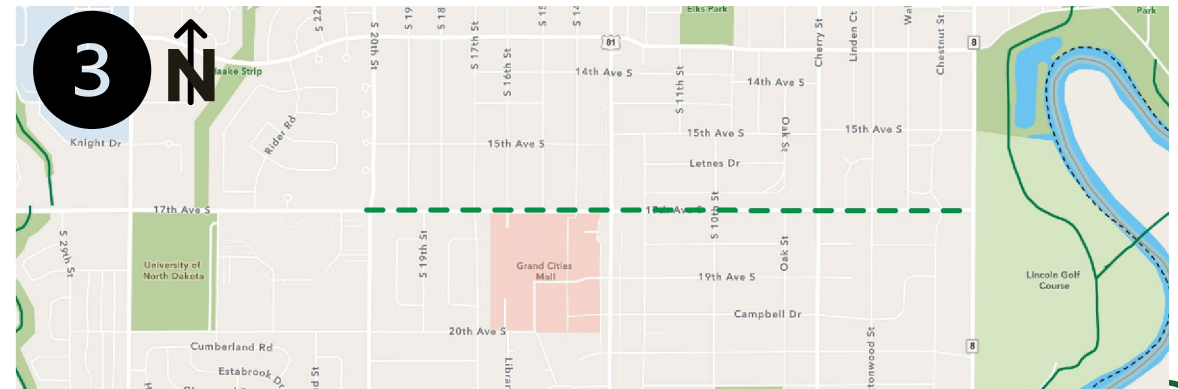
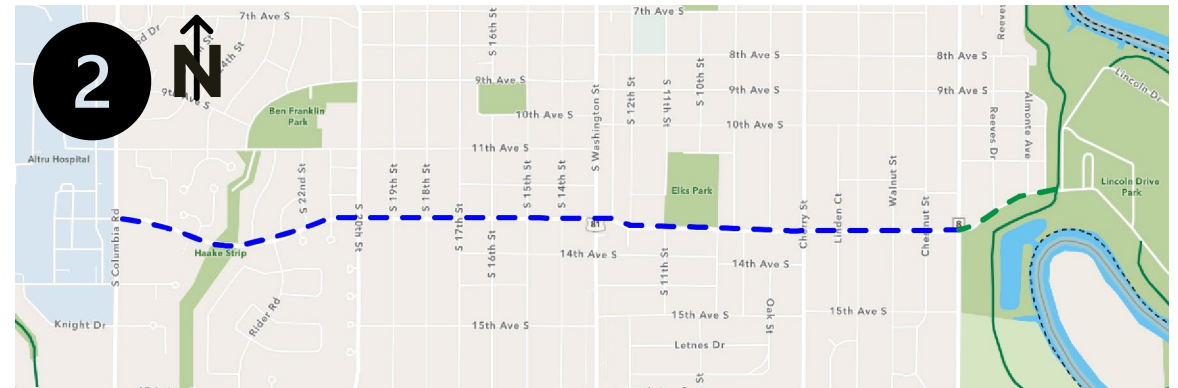
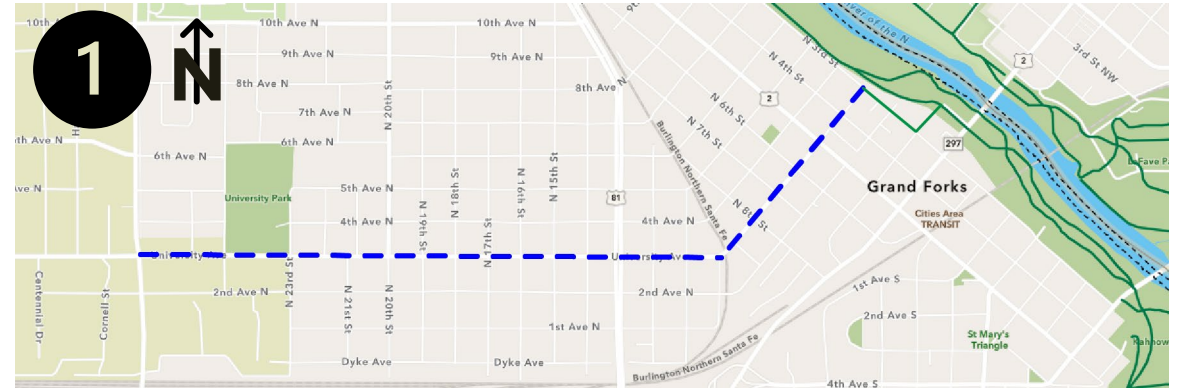
- North 3rd Street to North Columbia Road
- Mix of separated, buffered and/or traditional on-street bike lanes

2. 13th Avenue South

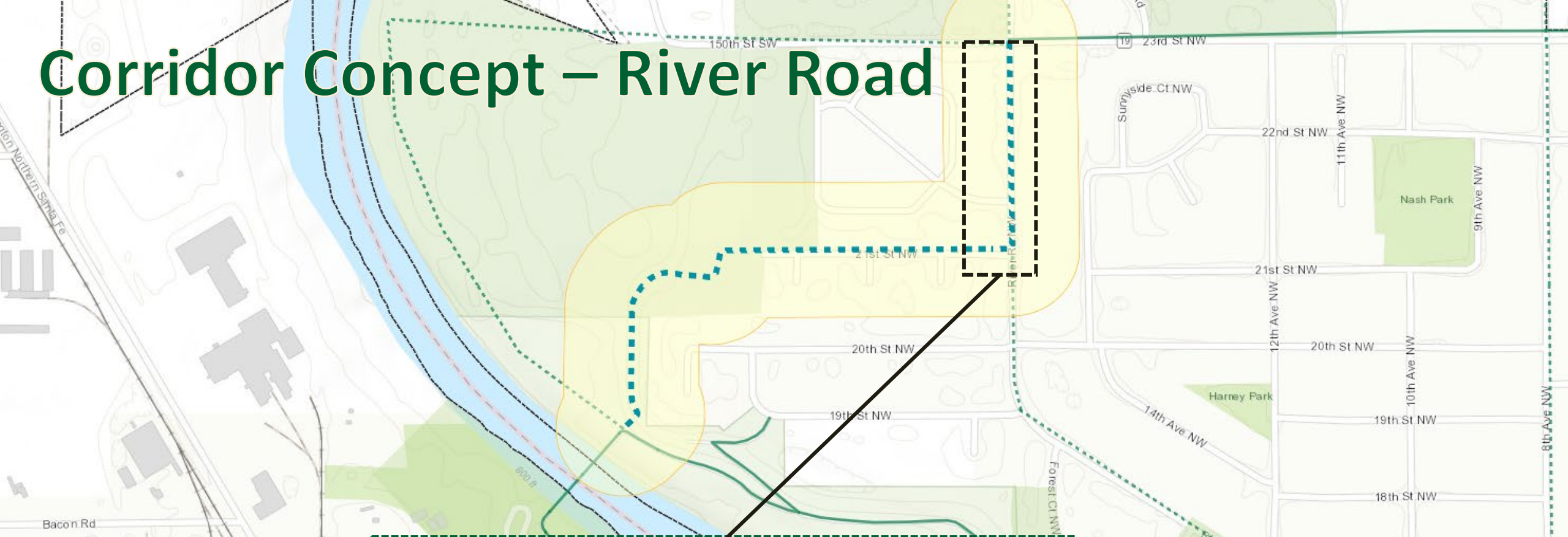
- South Columbia Road to Greenway
- Mix of buffered bike lanes, bike boulevard, and/or shared use path

3. 17th Avenue South

- South 20th Street to Belmont Road
- Mix of separated bike lanes, traditional on-street bike lanes, and/or shared use path

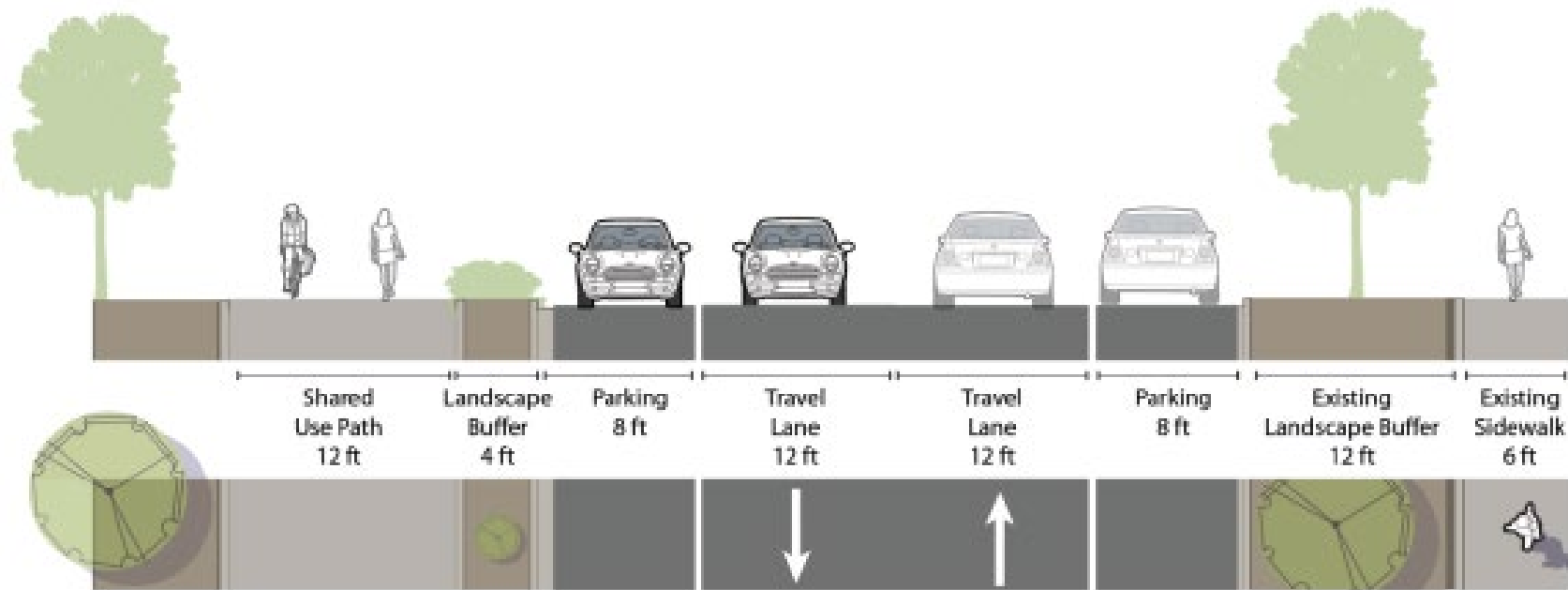


Corridor Concept – River Road



Corridor Concept Draft

RIVER ROAD | FACING NORTH



- Assume existing 80' right-of-way
- 40' curb-to-curb with parking allowed on each side of the street
- Existing sidewalk on east side of the street, add a shared use path on the west side
- Consider implementing temporary on-street shared use path on one side to evaluate potential impacts before building shared use path behind the curb
- Consider temporary on street shared use path on the north side of 21st Street

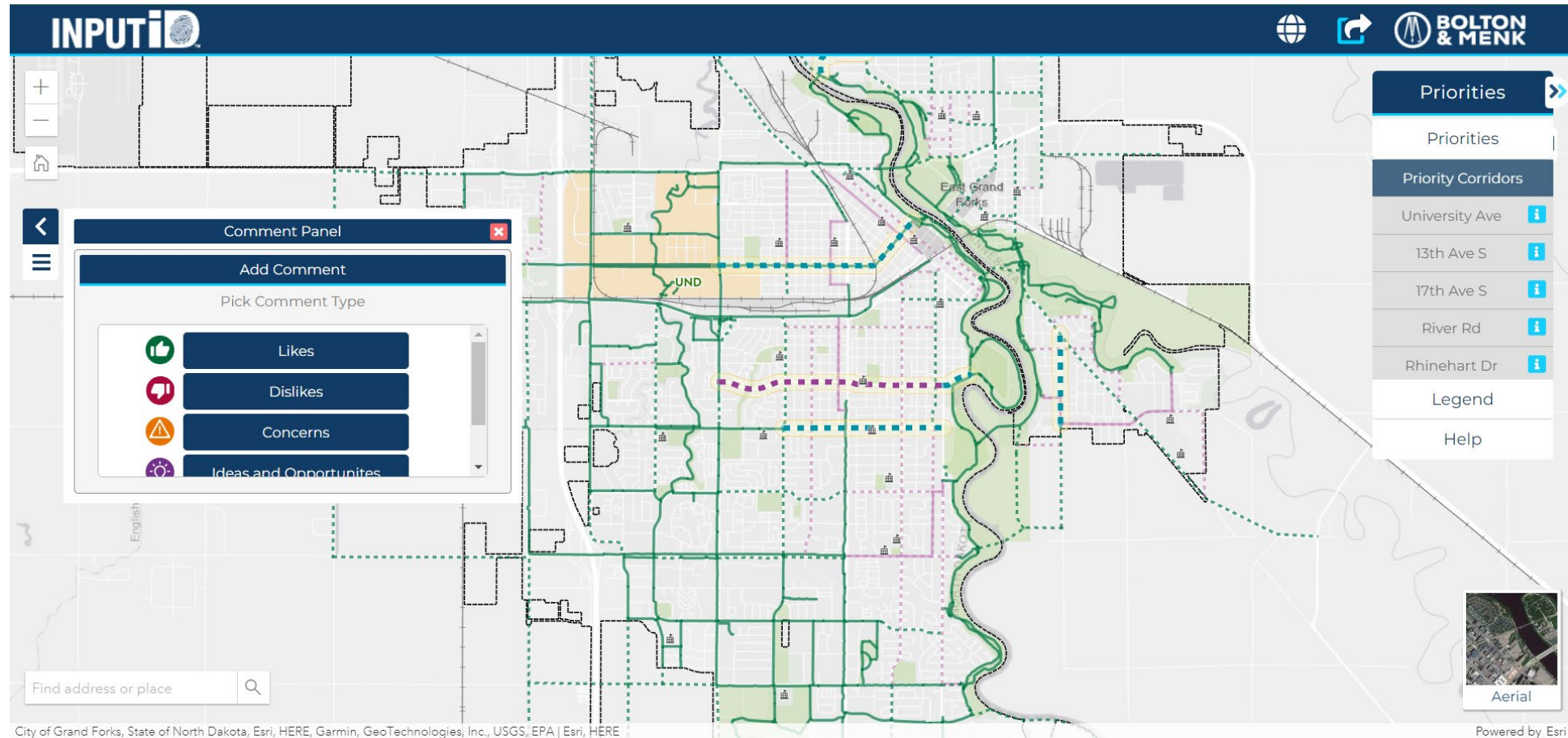


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Discussion Objectives:

- Evaluate proposed corridor concepts, benefits, and drawbacks
- Discuss how these facilities would shape the public realm

INPUTiD



<https://gis.bolton-menk.com/inputid/?app=TheForksMPOBikePriorityCorridors#>

Next Steps

This Week – Open Houses for Priority Corridor Concepts

- <http://www.theforks-bikepedplan.com/>

INPUTID closes for comment: April 9th, 2023

Plan Adoption and Approval Process: April – June 2023

Thank you!



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