Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area Flood Protection Projects

Financial Plan Presentation

May 2016



Presentation Agenda

- Project Background and Costs
- Enabling Agreements and Revenue Sources
 - Consistent with JPA and PPA



Purpose of Today's Presentation:

- Communicate results of Financial Plan to the public and elected officials
- Timing is consistent with 2016 scheduled activities



Fargo Moorhead Diversion Authority 2016 Key Activities Schedule¹

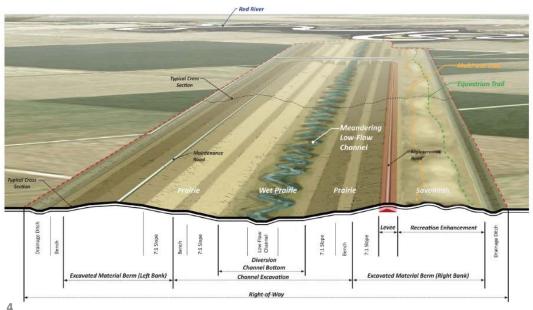
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			2	Diversion Authority Fiscal and Calendar Year 2016					
					Federal Fiscal Year 2016				
	Jan	√ F ≥b	Mar	Agr May	June	July	Aug	Sept	
Funding and Finance									
2016 USACE Workplan Released		\Q							
Federal Funds in Place			\rightarrow						
Project Cost Estimate Update			•	<u> </u>					
Financial Plan				♦					



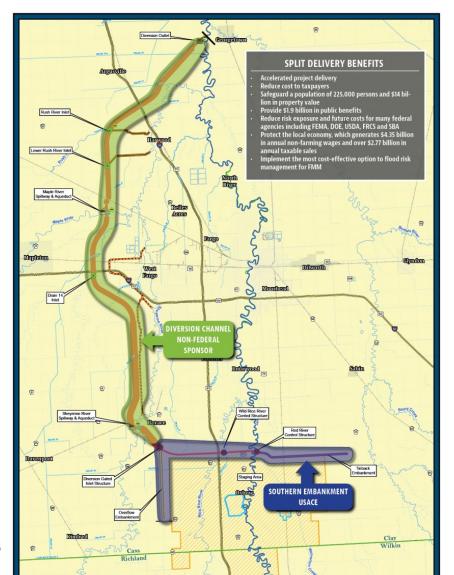
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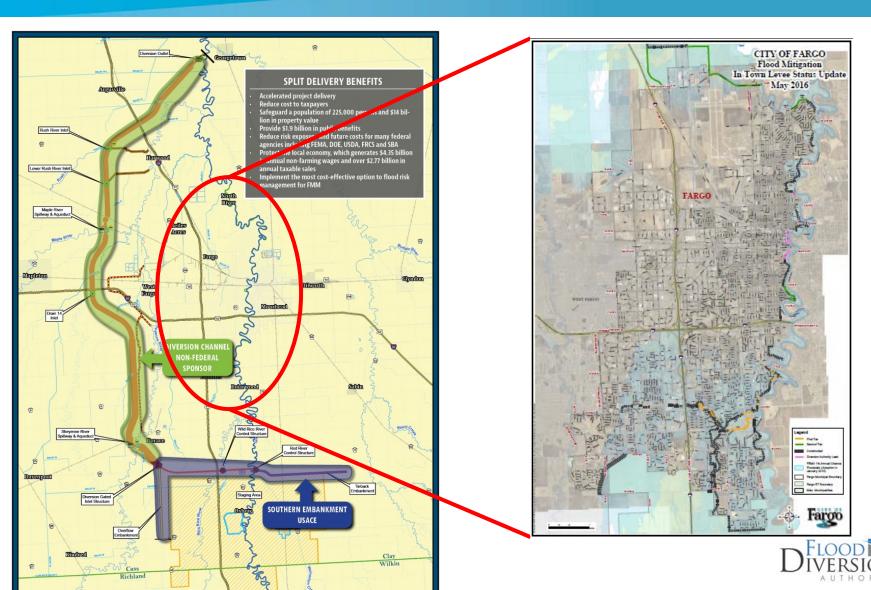




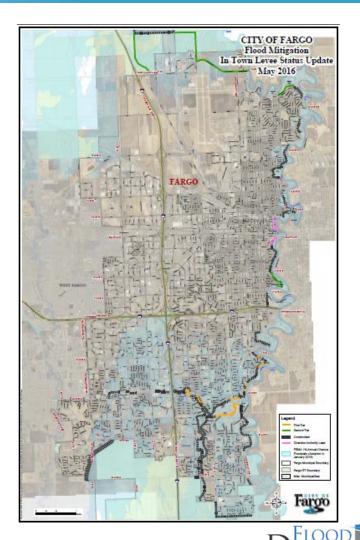


- Split Delivery
- Diversion Channel and Associated Infrastructure
 - Non-Federal Sponsors (Diversion Authority)
- Southern Embankment and Associated Infrastructure, and Mitigation
 - USACE





- City of Fargo Flood Projects
 - Highest priority projects
 - Complementary to Diversion
 - Implemented by City of Fargo over a five-year period



2016 Project Cost Estimate:

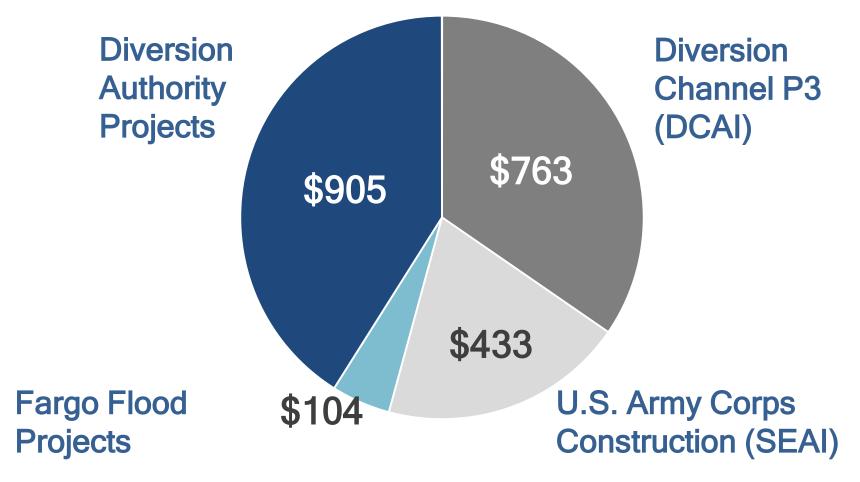
\$2.1B

\$104M

- Includes post-VE Workshop
- All costs for DA and Corps Split Delivery
- Includes In-Town projects to increase flows through town
- Achieves future 100-year certification
- City of Fargo Flood Projects:
- Total Capital Costs in Financial Plan: \$2.2B



Financial Plan Includes Diversion Authority and Fargo Flood Projects Totaling \$2.2B





Financial Plan Includes Multiple Delivery Models

City of Fargo

Flood projects using traditional design-bid-build

U.S. Army Corps

Southern Embankment using traditional design-bid-build

Diversion Authority

- Diversion Channel & Associated Infrastructure (DCAI) using a Public Private Partnership (P3) delivery model
- Traditional design-bid-build for some construction
- Other project elements, including land acquisition



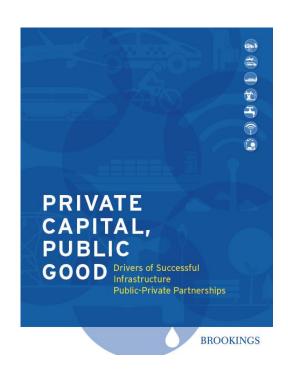
What is a Public Private Partnership (P3)?

• A project delivery approach:

- Competitive procurement process
- Project Agreement between the DA and a private developer
- Fixed price delivery of the design, construction, finance and maintenance of the Diversion Channel and Associated Infrastructure for 30 years

P3 is not privatization

 The public sector maintains ownership of the land and all improvements





Why Deliver the Diversion Channel and Associated Infrastructure Through a P3?

- Surest route to federal dollars
- Authority gets schedule and cost certainty
- Delivers best value for the public's money
- Assigns risk to the party most able to manage the risk
- Provides performance guarantees and long-term warranties
- Promotes delivery innovation
- Shortens schedule achieves flood risk reduction sooner



Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

- A new agreement that replaces the existing Limited Joint Powers Agreement
- A permanent agreement between "Member Entities"
 - City of Moorhead (scheduled for June 13)
 - City of Fargo (scheduled for June 6)
 - Clay County (approved May 23)
 - Cass County (approved May 16)
 - Cass County Joint Water Resource District (scheduled May 26)
- Establishes the financial structure for the Flood Diversion Project



Definitions used throughout Financial Plan JPA - Article II

- Availability Payments
- City Sales Tax
- County Sales Tax
- Future City Sales Tax
- Future County Sales Tax
- Milestone Payments
- P3 Payments



Sources of Revenue JPA - Article IX

- Project financed from sales and use taxes, grants, donations, and any other funds from Member Entities ("Pledged Revenues")
- If Pledged Revenues insufficient: propose sales and use tax increase to voters (Fargo/Cass County) and/or use Improvement District (CCJWRD)
- Operations & Maintenance paid from "O&M Revenues" (Estimated @ \$3M to \$5M annually)



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Sales Tax Funding for FM Metro Flood Protection				LIBERTY 1971	LIBERTY LIBERTY	1 ³ / ₄ ¢	

DIVERSION

Flow Chart of Permanent Financing



Cass County ½
Cent Sales Tax

Sales Tax Revenues Sales Tax Bonds, Open Indenture

Excess Sales Tax Funds



Fargo ½
Cent Sales
Tax

Sales Tax Revenues Sales Tax Bonds, Open Indenture



Allocated Fargo ¾
Cent Sales Tax
Revenue

Improvement Bonds Issued by CCJWRD

- Credit Enhancement Debt Instrument
 - No Reserve Fund required
 - No Coverage Test requirements
- Uses sales tax funds available after payment of sales tax bonds & use of funds are subordinate to sales tax bonds issued by Cass County and Fargo
- Also used to secure Availability Payments
- Annual assessments are **not** projected to be needed & only used if sales and use tax funds and Reserve Fund are insufficient

Long-Term Financing

- Sales Tax Bonds
 - Special limited obligations of Cass County & City of Fargo
 - Bondholders have no legal right to other available funds of Cass County or City of Fargo
 - Multi-generational funding source
- Improvement Bonds (Assessment District)
 - Improves credit ratings
 - Provides access to future sales tax growth
 - No reserve requirement
 - No coverage test for revenue



Financial Plan Takes a Multi-Generational Approach

Key features of the Financial Plan include:

- Long-term extension of existing sales taxes at current rates (subject to voter approval)
- 3% sales tax growth (historical average = 4%)
- Improvement District mechanism to improve credit ratings and access sales tax growth
- No special assessments required to be paid by property owners
- P3 financing to enhance project delivery
- Multiple financing tools to achieve a prudent, robust, and cost-effective financial profile



Sources of Funding and Financing

Federal Funding:

• \$450 million (2015\$) to fund USACE portion of the Project, escalating to year-of-expenditure per PPA

State Funding:

- \$450 million from North Dakota for DA projects (committed)
- \$120 million from North Dakota for In-Town Projects (committed)
- \$43 million from Minnesota (to be requested)

Sales Tax Revenues

- 1¾ cent sales taxes allocated to FM Metro Flood Protection
- Covers all PAYGO and debt service requirements

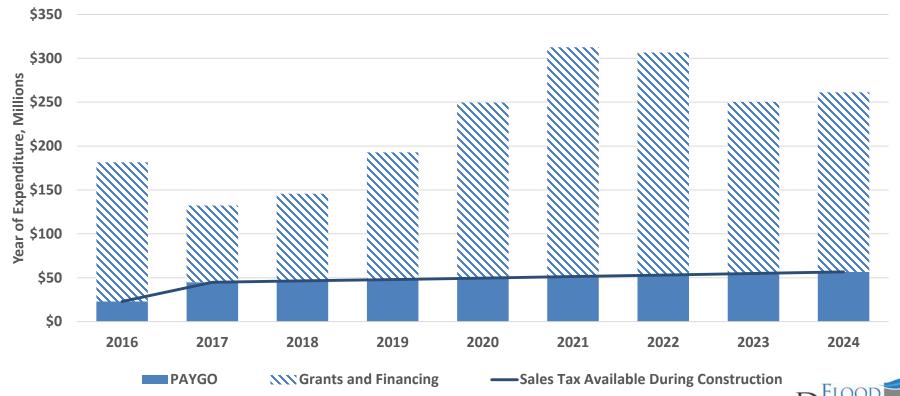
Improvement District

- Authorization of up to \$725 million in Improvement District assessments in the event of revenue shortfall
- Secures Improvement Bonds and Availability Payments

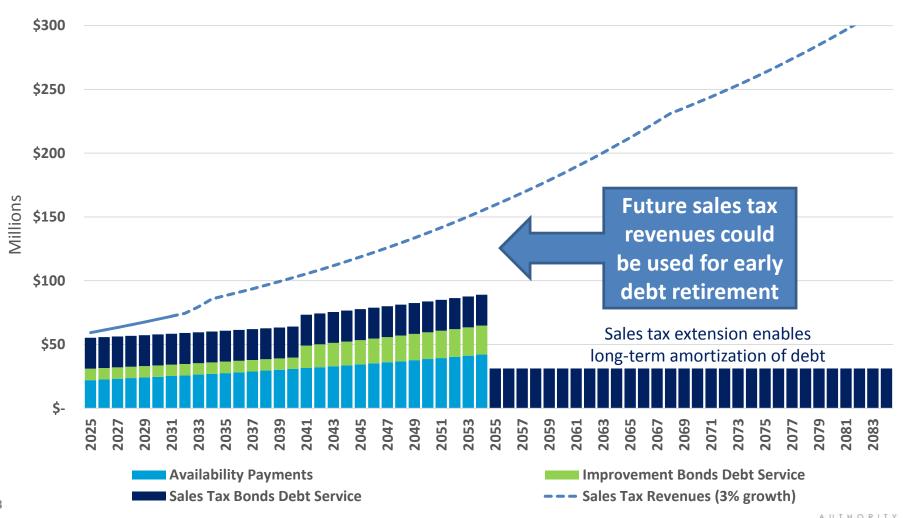


Diversion Authority Costs During Construction

- Costs that exceed available sales tax revenues and grants are financed with public and private financing
- Financial Plan assumes total project costs escalated to year of expenditure
- \$2.5B (\$0.5B Fed, \$2.0B Non-Fed) over the construction term



Summary of Cash Flows After Construction



Financial Plan Will Continue to Evolve

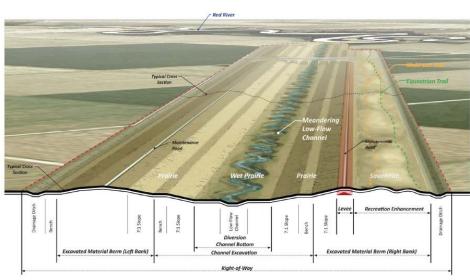
- Interest rates on financing will become fixed after issuance of bonds and P3 financial close
- Diversion Authority and its advisors intend to further explore availability and value of certain federal and State of North Dakota financing programs
- Relative proportions of public debt to private P3 financing will remain under review, may be varied depending on market conditions
- P3 procurement encourages innovation and competition to lower total costs



FM Metro Flood Protection Requires:

- Approval of the JPA and PPA
- City of Fargo and Cass County:
 - Place sales tax extensions on the November 2016 ballot for voter consideration
- Voter approval of sales tax extensions







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