

## Round table and press conference to mark federal funding appropriation for the FM Area Diversion

**FARGO, ND** (January 20, 2022) – Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND) and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) will join the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Col. Karl Jansen, Commissioner Chad Peterson, chairman of the Metro Flood Diversion Board of Authority, Joel Paulsen, Metro Flood Diversion Authority (MFDA) executive director, and other area leaders on Friday to discuss this week's announcement of \$437 million in funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' work on the FM Area Diversion.

The award, which follows the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, will help the FM Area Diversion deliver permanent, reliable flood protection to the region by the scheduled completion date in 2027.

With this appropriation, the Corps will be able to complete all remaining portions of the federal work, to include the Red River Structure, remaining Southern Embankment reaches, and vital environmental mitigation.

WHAT: Round table discussion and press conference

WHEN: 10 a.m. Friday, January 21, 2022

WHERE: Fargo City Commission Chambers, 225 4th St. N., Fargo

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: FM Area Diversion welcomes \$437 million of federal funding

Please note that the release had an error regarding the congressional delegation when it was sent yesterday, but that has been corrected online.

## **ABOUT THE MFDA:**

The MFDA is the governing authority managing the FM Area Diversion. The project is designed to provide permanent, reliable flood protection to the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. Construction on the FM Area Diversion began in 2017, with expected completion in 2027. For more information, visit <u>FMDiversion.gov</u>.

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