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WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Hello and hopefully welcome to the newly organized Community Committee for the 2008-09 update to the Long Range Transportation Plan. As an urban area of over 50,000 people, Bismarck, Mandan, Lincoln, Morton County and Burleigh County are required to prepare or update a coordinated long range transportation plan that establishes a blueprint of the transportation system projects and programs that address identified transportation needs in the MPO area. In general, the MPO area covers most of Burleigh and Morton Counties and the MPO is governed by a Policy Board that is made up of mayors from the member communities, commissioners from the member counties, a representative of the Transit Board, and representatives from the Department of Transportation.

In addition to the Policy Board, the MPO has:

- A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that is made up of engineering and/or planning staff from each of the member communities, the member counties, the Department of Transportation, Bis-Man Transit, and a representative of the commercial vehicle industry.
- Transportation Planning Staff of an Executive Director, a Senior Transportation Planner and a Transportation Planner.

The Policy Board and the TAC meet once a month to discuss the various transportation projects and programs that are being conducted throughout the region.

Traditionally, the public is involved in the long range transportation planning process through public meetings held at key milestones in the plan development period (which generally takes about 18 months) and through information that is placed on the MPO web page (www.bismarck.org - in the Planning & Development & MPO area). For the 2008-09 update, the team preparing the plan has organized what we are calling the Community Committee (CC). The CC is comprised of residents, business groups, bike groups, transit users/representatives, and community agency representatives and is intended to reflect the mixture of interests in the transportation community. This forum will be a primary source of input and comment at each of the milestones of the plan update.

At each milestone point in the planning process, the CC will meet to discuss information, provide input to the study team and have an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification on specific topics.

L RTP PUBLIC MEETINGS:

July 30, 2008: Mandan City
Commission Chambers
July 31, 2008: Bismarck Public Works
Building

Each Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM

L RTP PROCESS AND MILESTONES

As background to the CC, a flow chart covering the key milestone steps that are achieved in preparation of the long range transportation plan is attached. Displayed in the flow chart are the points in the process where the CC will get together to discuss plan development activities.

businesses impacted by a widening, reduction in travel time to work, etc.) that are associated with the universe of alternatives that will be discussed. We are asking the Community Committee to be a soundingboard throughout the steps to help the technical study team create a plan that reflects the community.

ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Preparation of a long range transportation plan requires coordination of many technical aspects of transportation system planning (what actions would reduce/resolve congestion at a specific location, where are additional trails needed to support user needs, how many more [or fewer] buses are needed to handle transit demand in 2035?) with the social impacts/benefits (number of homes/

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Initial Meeting: July 29 at 6:30 PM
Bismarck Public Works
601 South 26th Street

- Introduction to Transportation Planning Process
- Transportation Plan Goals/ Objectives
- Discussion of Current Issues

Next Meeting: September 2008

- Growth Areas/Levels
- Process for Evaluating Alternatives
- Project Funding

L RTP Update Process

