

Comprehensive Policy Plan
"Working Spaces"

Policy Letter 111: Downtown Traffic Access and Flow

BACKGROUND:

The Fargo Chamber of Commerce policy position for transportation improvements states that improving east-west traffic flow with time phased reconstruction, extensions, and widening on the N. P. Avenue/1st Avenue project is the number one downtown transportation priority. Main Avenue is currently the primary east-west access to downtown and is becoming increasingly congested. The N. P. Avenue/1st Avenue project would create another major east-west corridor spreading out traffic which would lessen the burden on Main Avenue as well as simplify the confusing and inadequate intersections of N. P. and 1st Avenue with University Drive.

Problems of congestion may diminish over the next few years if planned reconstruction and widening of Main Avenue occurs. Also, another issue relating to east-west traffic flow into the downtown is a tendency for more drivers to use corridors such as 19th Avenue North and 12th Avenue North to 45th Street West.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The City of Fargo should promote and support the transportation improvement strategies for downtown Fargo.

CONCLUSION:

Priorities for corridor reconstruction or widening may shift as Fargo continues to grow and expand but the need for cooperative efforts in planning for future needs is critical. The Downtown Business District is a diverse area with needs that can best be articulated and prioritized by the civic leaders, business people, and citizens living within that area.