

Comprehensive Policy Plan
"Working Spaces"

Policy Letter 122: Other Traffic Corridors

BACKGROUND:

Traffic corridors throughout the community that serve or function as arterial or collector streets should portray a positive image of the City of Fargo. Functional classifications of street may change, but corridors that serve as major entrances to the City should be designed as boulevards with a central green median. Adjacent land use to these entrance corridors must take into consideration design features for aesthetic standards, development set back, elevation, site lines, and measures to minimize friction between traffic and land use.

All traffic corridors, whether serving as an entrance corridor or functioning in a lesser capacity, must become a critical element of developing area plans. Traffic corridor planning should address the issues impacting the community both at the present time and into the future. By developing design criteria for corridor development and establishing corridor plans in the early development of area plans, the image of Fargo can be well preserved.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The City of Fargo should ensure design standards and planning for traffic corridor development address both the aesthetic and functional needs of the community. Entrance corridors should portray a positive image of the City of Fargo. These design standards should be formally structures in the policy of the Planning Commission and/or land use ordinances.

CONCLUSION:

To maintain the integrity of the City's street system and to portray a positive image of Fargo, planning incorporating boulevard landscape treatment, pedestrian/bicycle ways, and transit facilities should be done. Aesthetic standards, along with planning for the functional needs of each traffic corridor throughout Fargo is critical and appropriate to meet the changing needs of the community.