

Comprehensive Policy Plan  
"Utilities"

Policy Letter 508: Utility Coordination

**BACKGROUND:**

Coordination and communication among utility providers may vastly be improved through Policy 501 of the Comprehensive Policy Plan, "Joint Utility Trenching". The coordination and communication between utility providers and staff from the City Planning or the City Engineering Department may require other means.

The City of Fargo provides land use growth plans to utility providers in the form of a land use plat, zoning map, or an area plan. The utility providers can provide the City with plans that identify utility projects and major infrastructure. Currently, much of the private utilities development has been reactive to construction and has been following land use development. Utility providers meet with staff from the City Engineering or Planning Departments, but these meetings are typically project oriented rather than long range and comprehensive.

More coordination is needed to ensure utility services and facilities are consistent with the land use development plans of Fargo. Both utility providers and the general public can benefit by the City taking a more active role in ensuring the communication between utility providers and the City of Fargo.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

**The City of Fargo should hold periodic coordination meetings for utility providers. The meetings are to enhance consistency between the comprehensive system plans of each utility provider and the growth plans for the City.**

**CONCLUSION:**

In addition to the current coordination that takes place, perhaps there could be a biennial or more frequent meeting with City representatives and private utility providers. This meeting would be to talk about long-range proposals or ideas, both from the perspective of the utility provider and from the City.