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Mouse River Plan PROGRESS was developed by the Souris River Joint Board and its' partners to keep project stakeholders, constituents, and the region updated on the progress of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP). The MREFPP is a basin-wide endeavor focusing on flood risk reduction along the Mouse River. The estimated $1.5 billion project was initiated following the devastating 2011 flood and is anticipated to be completed in 25 years.

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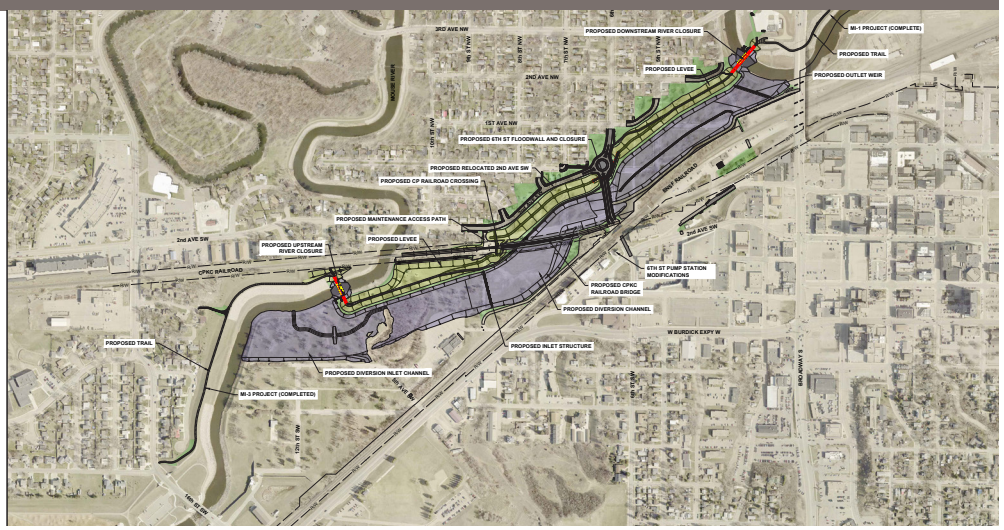
URBAN ACTIVE PROJECT PHASES

PHASE MI-4
MAPLE DIVERSION



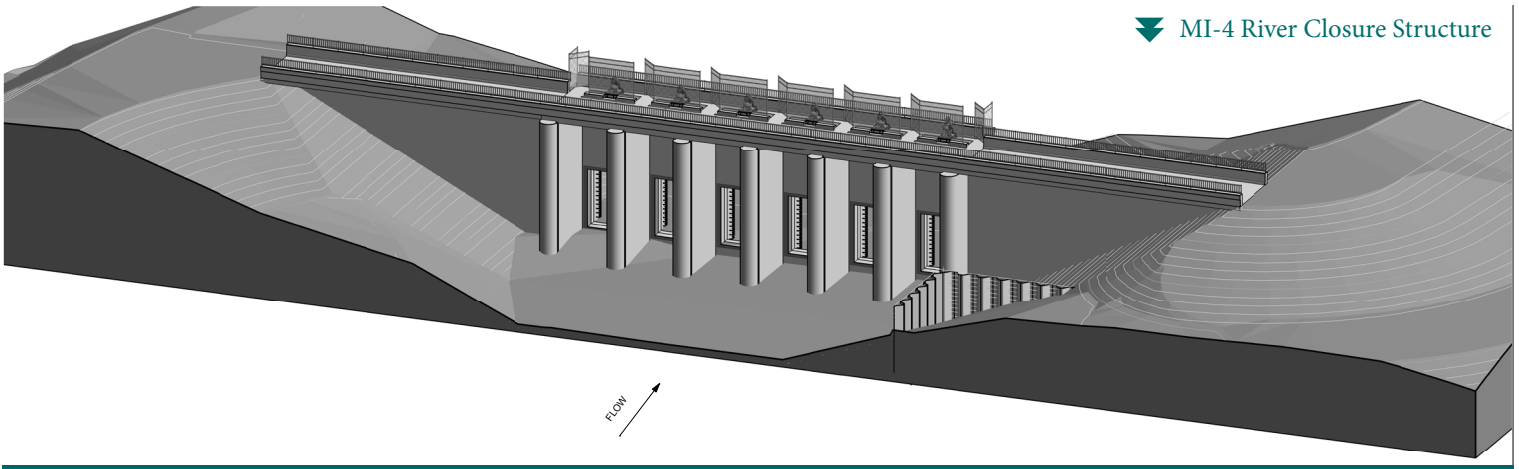
MI-4 Overall Figure

The Maple Diversion Project Phase MI-4 is a federally backed project connecting two previously completed SRJB projects: MI-3 Forest Road on the west and MI-1 4th Avenue on the east. The main and largest goal of this project is to provide certified flood protection for approximately 60% of Minot residents who reside in the FEMA regulatory floodplain. This project involves the construction of two river closure structures on the Souris River and flood protection features along a diversion channel. During flood events, gates at these river closure structures will close, diverting water through the diversion channel around the Ramstad Loop. The section of the river channel between the structures (Ramstad Loop) will serve as internal drainage storage, managed by the Broadway Pump Station built in Phase MI-1 4th Avenue Broadway location.

The 95% deliverable is scheduled to be delivered to project stakeholders in August of 2026. Design comments from the 65% deliverable in 2025 were received from USACE, City of Minot, and our railroad partners (BNSF, CPKC, and Amtrak). The overall project layout is noted in the figure on the top right.

The proposed river closure structures will block flow to the Ramstad Loop in times of flooding have six bays where water can flow through the structure at times of normal river flow. When the structure needs to be utilized during a flood, each opening will be closed with a gate, forcing water to utilize the Maple Diversion Channel. An isometric view of the upstream river closure structure is available in the figure below.

With federal involvement from the USACE, SRJB personnel are working with USACE representatives to streamline the design/review process. The goal is to reach 100% design completion early in 2027 and proceed with construction contracting afterward. Federal funding for the project was secured in 2022 with support from Senator Hoeven, and $61.45 million was allocated for the construction of the Maple Diversion Project.



MI-4 River Closure Structure

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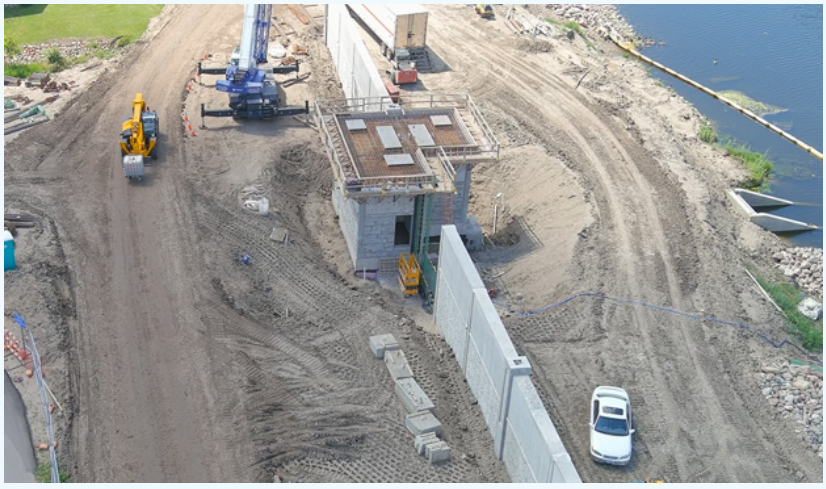
PHASE MI-6
DOWNTOWN

Phase MI-6 - Downtown begins at Main Street North in the Minot downtown area and continues east along the railroad tracks and river, extending past 8th Street SE. This phase ultimately concludes at Roosevelt Park, which connects to Phase MI-7, currently under construction. Features of this phase of the project include concrete floodwalls, earthen levees, roadway modifications, utility adjustments, a gatewell, and a stormwater pump station. The proposed concrete floodwalls in the downtown area will be similar in height, pattern, and color to the Phase MI-1 floodwalls, extending approximately 13 feet above the finished grade. The section along Central Avenue will maintain a similar height but will feature a different pattern and color to compliment the pump station and park features. Additionally, the earthen levees will be seeded and will transform into a natural green space upon completion.

To accommodate the schedule of securing necessary right of way from our railroad partner in the downtown area, Phase MI-6 has been broken into two parts for construction purposes. Work on Phase MI-6A in 2025 by Park Construction with construction including underground features like utilities, the seepage barrier, foundations of structures, and some pavement west of 5th Street NE. Construction in 2026 has focused on completion of the underground utilities and transitioned to more visible portions of the project including the floodwalls and the above ground portions of the Central Avenue Gatewell and the 8th Street NE Pump Station.

7th St Removable Closure & Floodwall

Central Ave Gatewell



8th St Pump Station & Gatewell

The work around the 8th Street Pump Station has progressed to a point where the Roosevelt Park Pool was re-opened for the 2026 season. Underground utilities have been completed, and temporary pavements and safety barriers were installed for safety of entrances and exits of pool patrons. The above ground walls and decks of the Central Avenue Gatewell and 8th Street Pump Station have been erected. The pumps and gates have been installed as well as the outfall structures which receive and discharge to the Mouse River and the oxbow. Significant progress has also been made on the floodwall, with only approximately 600 lineal feet of floodwall remaining to complete the project. The project's final completion date is scheduled for June 2028.

URBAN ACTIVE PROJECT PHASES

PHASE MI-7
ROOSEVELT PARK AND ZOO

Phase MI-7 Phase Roosevelt Park and Zoo of Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP), is a phase where seven active construction contracts are split between three general contractors and dozens of subcontractors encompassing all of the north side and mall of Roosevelt Park and the Zoo.

A majority of the heavy civil work was completed in 2025, most of the work now focuses on final restoration, landscaping, hard surface paving, and park amenities. Construction activities for the 2026 season began early this spring focused on backfill of the flood, final sections of levee fill, common fill for levee ramps, and placement of topsoil. Sheet piling was installed at the interface of the levee and floodwall. Staining of the floodwall began as soon as weather conditions allowed and will continue for several months. The parking lots in the north section of Roosevelt Park were completed this spring to serve pool patrons and allow for Roosevelt Park Pool to reopen this year. Final lift of asphalt, sections of curb and gutter, sidewalks, and railroad crossings were required to be able to open the parking lots.

The Magic City Express, a miniature railroad which travels through the park, is being constructed this spring/summer. Approximately 3,000 linear feet of new railroad are being installed throughout the north end of the park and will also travel along the perimeter of the new zoo area. New concrete rail crossings are also required to allow for vehicle traffic. The railroad will feature a new aluminum tunnel. The MCE Maintenance Building was completed over the winter. The MCE engine and cars will be relocated to the building following the completion of the new sections of track. A new restroom facility is also being constructed on the north side of the

View of new restroom and parking lot with entrances next to MCE tracks

pickleball courts to replace the facilities which were required to be demolished for flood control. The new restroom is near completion and is anticipated to begin start up in late summer and open shortly afterwards. Construction activities within the north end of Roosevelt Park will begin to wrap up in late summer while work through the zoo will continue throughout the fall.

Both the concessions stand and the Discovery Barn have been open and in operation serving zoo patrons since this spring. This phase also includes repurposing of the former Okapi exhibit and creating a new exhibit for camels. Selective demolition of the former structure is completed, and Mattson Construction is in the early phase of reconstructing the new camel structure.

Phases tied to new construction, in the park mall, on animal exhibits are making headway. The North American cats, new wolf exhibit, and storage building for maintenance; foundations for all three buildings were completed earlier this summer. Below grade plumbing, electrical, and mechanical items have also been completed. Foundations for all three buildings were completed earlier this summer and concrete floor slabs for all buildings were finished in late July. Vertical construction

Completed demolition of former North American exhibits

North American cats exhibit footings being laid out

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A new feature to the north end of the Roosevelt Park mall, a tunnel for the MCE to travel through when giving rides to visitors.

for the buildings will follow and continue throughout the remaining summer season. Interior work for the buildings will be completed this fall and winter. The NA cats building will include a public restroom for zoo patrons, and the building will be constructed of split face concrete block. The wolf building exterior will resemble log siding. The storage building will feature metal panels for the exterior walls and roof. Exterior exhibit work including fencing and caging will be completed in the spring of 2027 with these exhibits being completed by the end of summer 2027.

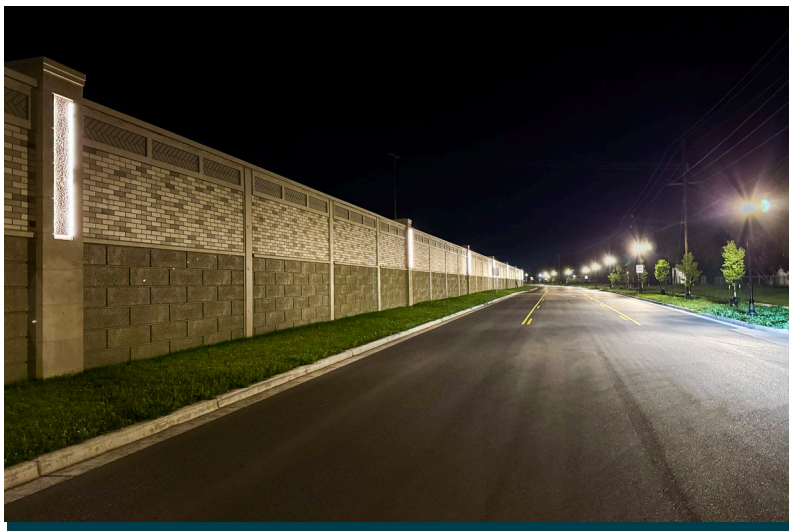
Construction of a new otter exhibit, bison barn, and goat barn to replace the exhibits in the former North American section of Roosevelt Park Zoo, that required demolition for allow for advancement of the flood control project, has also begun in the Roosevelt Park mall. The otter exhibit features a viewing pool and waterfall similar to the former space. The viewing yards are included in the bison and goat exhibits. There is also a netted birds of prey exhibit adjacent to the otter facility.

A preconsolidation pile was constructed last fall in order to consolidate the area beneath the otter exhibit to avoid future differential settling of the pond and building. The preconsolidation pile has been removed, and the excavation of the otter exhibit has begun. Foundation work will follow over the late summer and fall months with precast wall panel installation anticipated in early winter. Excavation and foundation work for the bison and goat barns will begin in August with construction of all facilities scheduled to be completed by the end of 2027.

There is one phase of MI-7 located within the current footprint of the existing zoo on the eastern side adjacent to the newly constructed African Plains building. This phase features exterior elevated boardwalk extending from the interior platform of the African Plains building. This serves as a replacement to the former feeding platforms. A new restroom facility is also being constructed as a replacement for a former building. Construction completed for this phase includes the foundations for the boardwalk piers. The bathroom foundation has been excavated and currently being constructed as well. This phase is scheduled for completion in 2027.

Demolition of the Roosevelt Park Zoo's North American Exhibit on the north side of Mouse River began demolition over the winter. This area is being demolished in preparation for future flood control phases. The buildings and exhibits were removed over the winter months. Removal of underground utilities and existing fencing are on-going. Demolition and site restoration are scheduled to be completed by the end of summer. The area will be turned into a green space with most of the existing paths remaining in place for public use.

MI-7 Flood wall looking at the area in Roosevelt Park mall where new exhibits will be placed



PHASE MI-5
NORTHEAST TIEBACK LEVEE

The flood control features for the MI-5A project are completed, with SRJB and City of Minot staff accepting the condition of the pump station as well as the earthen levees and concrete floodwalls. Warranty inspections were completed in July of 2026, and a short list of items were provided to the contractor to repair under warranty. These include some repairs to the concrete pavement which has been experiencing scaling and delamination.

The Phase MI-5 NE Tieback Levee project begins near 3rd Street NE at the east end of Phase MI-1. It features concrete floodwalls extending approximately 2,500 feet eastward, transitioning to 1,400 feet of earthen levees tying into high ground east of 13th Street NE. A gap currently exists between the Phase MI-1 and MI-5A projects near the 3rd Street Bridge. This gap will be addressed in a future phase, after the Phase MI-4 Project - Maple Diversion receives approval from the North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR). Once completed, Phase MI-5 will connect with the previous phases of the MREFPP and is projected to remove around 60% of Minot residents from the proposed FEMA floodplain.

WARD COUNTY (WC) PHASES

Additional phases for Milestone 3 and project phases outside of Minot city limits (to the east and west), will move forward in the MREFPP as indicated in the PER. These phases are still in the plan review stages and additional information will be released in upcoming months as it is available.

PHASE WC-2
BROOKS AND COUNTRY CLUB ACRES / ROBINWOOD

The SRJB has initiated design on the flood protection project for the Brooks and Country Club Acres / Robinwood neighborhoods. To date, our team has been in the field collecting survey information along the proposed levee alignments. The data collected included ground elevations, municipal and franchise utilities, wetland limits, and a raptor survey. This information will be used for the final design and alignment of the proposed levee system. In the coming weeks, additional crews and equipment will be on-site to complete soil borings. This work is important so the design team can verify the ground can support the proposed levee system and make modifications to the design as necessary. As the design progresses, the team will reach out to the residents to notify them of potential impacts.

PHASE WC-3
TALBOTTS PARK

Within Talbotts Park, the existing levee will be removed, this was a decision made through value engineering efforts when working on the levee system through the City of Burlington. The removal of the levee is necessary to increase the flow capacity of the Mouse River between Talbotts Park and the Country Club Acres neighborhood. The work will be completed without impacting on the existing frisbee golf course.

PHASE WC-5
APPLE GROVE LEVEE

The WC-5 Apple Grove planning reach is currently proposed to provide Flood Risk Management (FRM) for the Apple Grove development through construction of a ring dike, road raise reconstruction, along with an up-and-over crossing.

Interior drainage improvements are also being evaluated as part of the conceptual planning effort. The existing dead loop is proposed to be used for stormwater storage, and one 500-gpm pump station is anticipated to be constructed. Preliminary data gathering, including topographic survey, geotechnical borings, environmental inventory, and utility location, is currently underway so conceptual designs can be advanced in the upcoming months.

PHASE WC-6
CHAPARELLE LEVEE

The WC-6 Chaparelle planning reach is currently proposed to provide flood protection consistent with FEMA accreditation requirements. The proposed improvements are intended to provide FRM from Puppy Dog Coulee and the Mouse River design flood level of 27,400 cfs. As planning reach advances, the project team is continuing to refine the flood protection alignment and supporting features needed to meet accreditation objectives.

The project is now anticipated to rely on a proposed 500-gpm temporary pumping system provided by Ward County during flood events. Preliminary data gathering, including topographic survey, geotechnical borings, environmental inventory, and utility location, is currently underway to support conceptual design development in the upcoming months.

PHASE WC-7
EASTSIDE ESTATES LEVEE

The WC-7 Eastside Estates planning reach is currently proposed to provide flood protection for the rural community through construction of a new levee and related closure features. Current project elements include a roadway up-and-over ramp, a road closure, a railroad closure, and an interior pump station. These features are being evaluated together to provide a coordinated flood protection system for the Eastside Estates area.

In addition, a levee at the upstream tieback is anticipated to extend approximately 600 feet along Puppy Dog Coulee to prevent breakout flooding. This upstream tieback feature will be further evaluated as conceptual design work advances. Preliminary data gathering, including topographic survey, geotechnical borings, environmental inventory, and utility location, is currently underway so that conceptual designs can be developed in the upcoming months.

PHASE MI-8/9 BURDICK SOUTH TIEBACK LEVEE

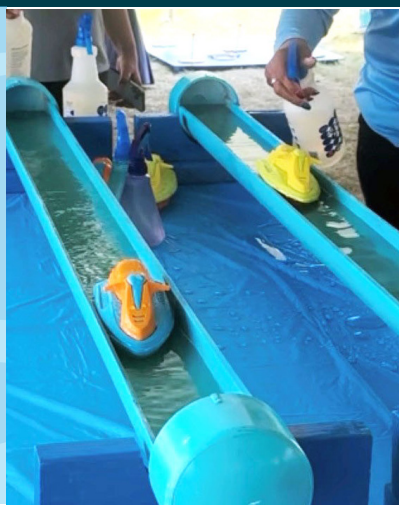
The Flood Protection Alignment for Phase MI-8/9 begins just north of East Burdick Expressway and follows the Mouse River until it reaches just north of 8th Avenue SE, it turns west and ends at 15th Street SE. To accommodate the flood protection features, East Burdick Expressway will be realigned between 14th Street SE and 18th Street SE, with realignment of East Burdick Expressway construction of a new bridge over the Mouse River will also be a part of this phase.

A retention pond and pump station will be integrated into the flood protection south of 8th Avenue SE, complete with an open channel outfall to the river. When constructed, this phase will mark the final stage of Milestone 2 of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project (MREFPP). Once completed, it will help remove downtown Minot from the proposed FEMA floodplain. This phase has completed 90% review and is expected to be ready for bidding in 2026, but likely will not start construction until 2027 or 2028. However, construction schedule for this phase will be dependent on future allocations of state funding through the North Dakota Legislature.

MI-8 Overall Figure

Water Day

It is a privilege to educate the public about what is happening in the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project. A few of our team members spent another FUN (hot and wet) Water Day at the North Dakota State Fair sponsored by the ND Water Education Foundation.



RURAL REPORT

VELVA | VE-1 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Construction on the Velva VE-1 Bridge Replacement began on March 23, 2026, and the project has transitioned from preconstruction into active construction. During the first half of the year, Phase 1 demolition was completed, one-lane traffic control was implemented, and the Phase 1 substructure advanced significantly with construction of piers 2 and 3 and abutments 1 and 2. By the end of June, the substructure was substantially complete, setting the stage for superstructure construction.

Work will continue with installation of the pier 2 cofferdam, completion of the remaining concrete work, grading, and riprap placement. Bridge beam erection will follow in late summer through the fall, allowing construction to advance into the next phase of the project.

Velva Bridge Replacement

Mouse River Park Bridge Construction March 2026

Mouse River Park Bridge Construction July 2026

MOUSE RIVER PARK | RC-1 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The Mouse River Park RC-1 Bridge Replacement made significant progress during the first half of 2026, advancing from foundation work into the superstructure phase. Pile driving and all substructure concrete placements were completed, and bridge beams were successfully installed in mid-June. Crews also continued riprap placement and grading activities in preparation for the remaining bridge and roadway work.

Current efforts are focused on completing the bridge deck and remaining concrete placements, followed by roadway grading, approach construction, and site restoration. Spring load restrictions temporarily slowed material deliveries and construction activity, the project remains on schedule for completion in September 2026, weather permitting.