



Bismarck-Mandan Area Transit Development Plan

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bismarck Street Fair
September 17, 2022
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Overview of the Transit Development Plan

Every five years the Bismarck-Mandan MPO teams with Bis-Man Transit to prepare an updated Transit Development Plan (TDP). The purpose of the plan is to review the state of the current system and services offered, review current and future opportunities to address customer needs, document anticipated development across the communities that can support transit, estimate a future service budget and identify service changes to enhance the choices people have in getting to/from work, school, shopping, medical appointments or simply visiting family and friends.

The process of conducting the Transit Development Plan Update is divided into four primary steps:

- Conduct an outreach program with riders, communities leaders, the public, business leaders and other interested stakeholders to document a vision for transit in the region.

- Characterize How Well Current Services Meet Local Needs/Transit Vision – Understanding different groups will have a range of expectations for transit, a key step will be to document and review how well the current range of services support user and potential user transportation needs.
- Service Plan Alternatives – Where change is needed, the plan development process will investigate alternatives, including new/expanded service and revision of current service.
- Develop a Plan – The final product of the process will be a detailed plan of where changes are needed and what changes make sense and are supported by the community.

Transit Visioning: As a Community, What Do We Want Transit To Provide?

A critical FIRST step in preparing the transit plan will be gathering input from a broad portion of the community to understand the perceived role for public transportation for today and into the future.

Steps to Updating the Transit Plan

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Public Engagement In Each Step

Transit Visioning: As a Community, What Do We Want Transit To Provide? (Cont.)

We see this step as critical because long term support for service is best received when it reflects what the community believes it should provide. Through a series of workshops and surveys, the TDP team will gather input from:

- Riders/users
- Community Leaders
- Businesses
- Transit Board Members

Watch for a Visioning Input Event



Opportunities For Input

The Bis-Man Transit TDP update will provide customers, community leaders/advocates, and people interested in participating in the process a range of means and times over the update to:

- Gather information about transit in the region.
- Provide input on your perception of current or possible new service ideas.
- Participate in public discussions regarding transit.

Over the course of the plan update, Bis-Man Transit and the MPO will host a series of public information meetings, which will be advertised in advance and held in convenient locations at various times of the day.

Meetings will be advertised through Bis-Man Transit and other city outlets.

The TDP update was initiated in September 2022 and will be finished in Summer 2023

SEP 2022 - NOV 2022	DEC 2022 – MAR 2023	APR 2023 – AUG 2023	ON-GOING
Initiation	New Ideas	Plans	Implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off • Prepare Transit Vision • Assess Current Conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is Transit Organized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No Change? – City Department? – Other Options? • Are Service Changes Needed? • If Yes, What are Options? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas Must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Meet goals – Provide service needs – Supported by Community – Be affordable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address Funding Needs • Prepare Action Plan • Documentation
	Updates	Updates	Updates

PM - Public Meeting
 N - Plan Newsletter
 CO - Community Outreach Event
 W - Website Update