

City of Minot

TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: Lance Meyer, P.E., City Engineer

DATE: February 16, 2021

SUBJECT: WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES ON NDDOT RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend the council approve the agreement with the NDDOT and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

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| Lance Meyer, City Engineer | 701-857-4100 |
| Emily Huettl, Assistant City Engineer | 701-857-4100 |

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

Last year, the council approved an ordinance and related policies for allowing wireless telecommunication facilities (facilities) within the City's right of way.

B. Proposed Project

The NDDOT has been working on an agreement with cities to allow the placement of wireless facilities on state or federal highways. The agreement essentially assigns ownership of the transportation infrastructure where the facilities would reside to the City. The City's ordinances and policies would govern the facilities during the time they occupy the transportation infrastructure. The NDDOT will continue to require the City to follow the NDDOT's Policy for Accommodation of Utilities on State Highway Right of Way.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

The ability of providers to improve data services to customers and the City is a key piece of infrastructure to support the growth of the City.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

Having a consistent policy for administering facilities on local and state highways ensures a consistent permitting process.

C. Fiscal Impact:

N/A

V. ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to approve the agreement with the NDDOT. In that case, the facilities would be approved on a case by case basis, but still having to follow NDDOT right of way policies.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

The NDDOT is requesting timely approval of the agreement.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A. NDDOT Contract