

# 12th Avenue South CORRIDOR STUDY

The City of Moorhead and the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) have partnered to study a section of 12th Avenue South in Moorhead, beginning at the west end at River Drive and extending east to the intersection with Main Avenue. The purpose of the study is to evaluate current and future needs along the corridor, and to identify short-term and long-range improvements for consideration.



This corridor has served as a vital east to west roadway through the community since it was first paved in the 1950s and 1960s. The city has planned for improvements to be constructed in 2020 using an approach to design that considers the needs of everyone who uses 12th Avenue South – vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicycles – as well as the needs of adjacent and nearby property owners including adding or preserving parking, trees and landscaping.

This study will include public input on what needs, issues and improvements would be desirable for the future in addition to technical analysis that identifies current and future conditions and impacts for all types of users of 12th Avenue South.

## STUDY BENEFITS

This study will help influence improvements planned for the 2020 construction season.

Results will help identify and prioritize short-term and long-range planning.

The study allows the city to consider the needs and wishes of all stakeholders.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS CORRIDOR STUDY:

### What is a corridor study?

A corridor study is a focused look at current and future needs of all types of users and stakeholders for a specified roadway, or corridor, through the City of Moorhead. Using a combination of data and public input, the study process identifies needs, issues, alternatives, benefits and constraints.

### Why is a study of 12th Avenue South in Moorhead being conducted now?

This study was initiated by the City of Moorhead and Metro COG to support the current and future needs of all users of this street, a "complete streets" design approach that looks at the needs of residents, walkers, bikers, transit users and motorists. This study will inform future construction improvements planned for 2020, as portions of the pavement are already classified as below-average condition.

### What kind of input are you asking for?

We'll be seeking your input at multiple points in the study. Initially, we're hoping to hear what your ideas, needs and concerns are for what this avenue could provide into the future. As part of a complete streets design approach, we are asking those who currently use this corridor on foot or by car, bike or bus, as well as live or own property on or adjacent to 12th Avenue to share comments. An online survey is available at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Moorhead\\_12th\\_Avenue](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Moorhead_12th_Avenue)

After alternatives and recommendations are developed, we'll be asking for your feedback again.

### How will my input be used?

Your initial input helps us validate current needs and issues, as well as anticipate what future needs will be for this avenue. After alternatives and recommendations are developed, your feedback will help guide plans and priorities for both short-term and long-term improvements.

Information about the study, including technical memos and reports, will be posted to:

[www.cityofmoorhead.com/departments/engineering/current-projects/12th-ave-s](http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/departments/engineering/current-projects/12th-ave-s)

[www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfps/12th-avenue-south-corridor-study](http://www.fmmetrocog.org/projects-rfps/12th-avenue-south-corridor-study)

Please direct all questions and comments to:

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### CURRENT FACTS ABOUT 12TH AVENUE SOUTH:

**3,100 - 7,000** vehicles move along segments of 12th Avenue each day.

**900+** MATBUS riders a month use one of 9 bus stops for 3 routes currently driving on or crossing 12th Avenue.

**2,400+** daily pedestrian crossing movements are made at the intersection of 12th Avenue South and 8th Street while area colleges are in session.

**9** key intersections, **2** that are signalized, will be evaluated and studied, including 24-hour turning movement counts, wait times, queue length and crash data.

In the **Mid-1950s** 12th Avenue South was first graded and paved from River Drive to 20th Street, and the section from 20th Street east to Main Avenue SE was graded and paved in 1964.

**188** trees and hedges are planted in the boulevard, plus the landmark "Crazy Tree" grows on the corner of Concordia College's campus.

