



MADC reenergizes Business Expansion and Retention program

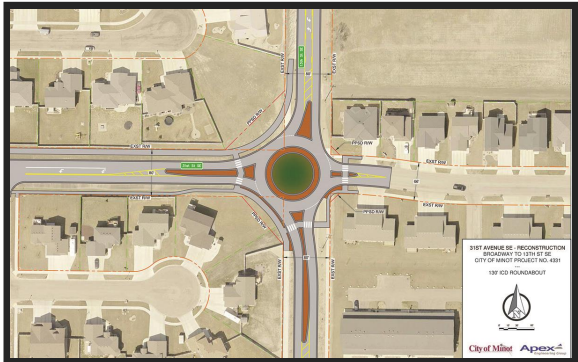
Minot Area Development Corporation revamped its Business Expansion and Retention program



(BEAR) in the first quarter of 2019. The corporation updated the initiative to align with the International Economic Development Council’s industry standards. This is an economic development strategy of proactively connecting with our community’s existing businesses to understand and respond to their needs. “We hope to gain some perspective on what our local businesses need and respond, so that businesses grow, stay and become even more committed to the community,” said MADC President and CEO Stephanie Hoffart. The area’s lead economic development group will strive to meet with approximately 100 primary sector businesses in the second and third quarters of 2019.

Minot will soon get its first roundabout

Members of the Minot City Council approved on April 1 a reconstruction plan for a portion of 31st Avenue Southeast that includes a roundabout at the intersection of 31st Avenue Southeast and 13th Street Southeast.



“When you have an intersection that functions poorly with a two-way stop or a four-way stop, but the traffic volume doesn’t warrant signals, a roundabout works great,” said City Engineer Lance Meyer. “Eventually, as that section of the city continues to grow, we’ll have more and more people who will wait in line

on 31st Avenue. The longer people wait, the more frustrated they get, which can lead to more people taking chances trying to get through the intersection. This will lead to more and more crashes. The roundabouts help meter the traffic through in all directions, thus reducing the wait time or delay at the intersection.”

The project will reconstruct 31st Avenue Southeast from Broadway to 13th Street Southeast with a new concrete roadway, new street lighting, curb and gutter, and utilities, as well as new storm sewer. The current path alongside the road will be moved to the north side and sidewalks added to the south side of the road. The project is currently in the design stage and is scheduled for construction in 2020. You can find more information about the project at www.minotroads.com.

New capital improvement plan for City of Minot

The Minot City Council approved a new, comprehensive capital improvement plan at its April 1 meeting.

City Engineer Lance Meyer, who presented the plan to council members in March, said as many as 800 hours of work went into creating the detailed document.



“Every city does this. It’s a normal process that we undertake to make sure that we’re planning for the growth of the city appropriately,” Meyer told council members.

Members of the council had previously expressed a desire to have more detailed information on the City’s capital improvement projects, spurring the creation of the updated plan. The engineering department compiled the data, with major input from other City departments.

“We asked each department for a lot of information, including list of projects, their start year, how projects would be funded, and what the cost would be,” Meyer said. “And then we used that data to create this plan.”

For more details on this story, [click here](#).

2019 Fair lineup announced

The North Dakota State Fair (NDSF) has announced their full concert line-up for the 2019 NDSF. The country music concerts include; Tim McGraw, Rascal Flatts (who were announced at the fair last year), Midland, Justin Moore with special guest Chase Rice, and Ned Ledoux. The two rock concerts are Rick Springfield with Eddie Money and Greg Kihn, and Weezer. The [concert tickets](#) will be on sale starting April 10. The [North Dakota State Fair](#) will also be featuring new rides and working with their vendors to bring new food options for 2019. The

2019 NDSF this year will run July 19-27.

Statewide tourism conference to be held in Minot

Minot will host the 2019 North Dakota Travel Industry Conference (NDTIC) at the Grand Hotel April 15 – April 17. The NDTIC is North

Dakota’s premier conference for tourism marketers, travel-sector businesses, attractions, events and groups. The conference will feature national and international keynote speakers, workshops, events, and social gatherings as well as the annual Governor’s Awards Luncheon for Travel and Tourism. The North Dakota travel industry and its partners are coming together to learn, grow and of course, to ‘be legendary.’



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