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## RAIL MODAL GROUP MINOT NOW OPERATING INTERMODAL RAIL SERVICE OUT OF NORTH DAKOTA

Minot Area Development Corporation was joined by numerous partners to announce Rail Modal Group (RMG) Minot as the operator for intermodal rail service in North Dakota. This is



an opportunity for intermodal service which allows producers and processors to load containers in Minot and ship them by rail to the ports for international destinations. The RMG facility will be served by [BNSF Railway](#).

For years, Minot has tried to identify partners willing to place containers in Minot, and RMG has made that commitment. Find more information on intermodal rail service in North Dakota [here](#).

## MINOT CATERS TO MEETING PLANNERS

The Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau, launched a new website in September which included expanded content for meeting and event planners. This section will be a useful tool for the organizer establishing the meeting plans as in-person

conferences will be starting once again. This section is intended to streamline search ability to easily find the perfect meeting space to accommodate the incoming group. The venues are broken down by size and amenities with pictures, and contact information.



Looking to host your next meeting in Minot, check out our website at: [www.visitminot.org/tournament-event-planners](http://www.visitminot.org/tournament-event-planners). It's time to meet.

## **CITY SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON BROADWAY STUDY**

The City of Minot is seeking public input on a Broadway corridor study to determine issues and concerns with the busiest roadway in the community.

City Engineer Lance Meyer said the Minot City Council approved funding in April 2019 for the Broadway study through the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The project will study the entire Broadway corridor.

Anyone who wants to offer concerns or ask questions about Broadway can log on to [movingbroadway.com](http://movingbroadway.com), a website created to collect public input. Questions or suggestions can also be submitted through email at [Bethany.brandt-sargent@kljeng.com](mailto:Bethany.brandt-sargent@kljeng.com) or by calling 701-232-5353. The deadline for comments is Nov. 15.

## **THE MINOT CITY COUNCIL HAS CHOSEN THREE FINALISTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION**

The Council met Oct. 22 in executive session to choose finalists from a list of nine semifinalists. A recruitment firm hired by the City interviewed all 50 applicants and identified the pool of semifinalists. A recruitment firm hired by the City interviewed all 50 applicants and identified the pool of semifinalists. The three finalists will be interviewed in Minot on November 4-5.

The finalists are:

- Shawn Hennessee, former county manager in Clark County, Wash.

- Harold L. Steward II, current city manager in Warrensburg, Mo.
- Ray O. Agbabiaka, current director of community development in Matteson, Ill.

These interviews will be broadcast, recorded and posted on the City of Minot's Facebook page.

Find more info [here](#).

## **COUNCIL SUPPORTS APPEAL OF FEMA FLOOD MAPS**

The Minot City Council on Oct. 19 approved an appeal of flood insurance risk maps created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which would help reduce the number of structures in the 100-year flood plain.

In December 2019, FEMA submitted its final FIRMs to the City for adoption or appeal. The new maps showed a significant 100-year flood plain throughout the valley with a large floodway that generally followed the river channel. Earlier this year, the Council approved Ackerman Estvold to prepare an appeal of the maps.

## **MERGER TALKS CONTINUE BETWEEN MINOT AREA CHAMBER AND MADC**

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce and Minot Area Development Corporation board of directors have been working on a plan of merger for the two organizations. The process includes work with a lawyer on bylaws, developing a dues structure to combine memberships, and determining an organizational structure. The process has been running smoothly, thanks to volunteer board members who have been working on committees, and thanks to the help of the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber/EDC President Brian Ritter, who laid out all the pros and cons of merging a city's chamber and economic development arm.

The Chamber and MADC's next step is to see what members think of the change. A survey is being conducted to help in the process of working toward a merger.

## **MINOT STATES 100% ONLINE RN TO BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM OFFERS FLEXIBILITY, OPPORTUNITY**

Melissa Fettig is focusing on creating strong advising relationships as she takes on the advising and director role for

the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program at MSU following Mary Smith's retirement while also serving as assistant professor.

"Mary (Smith) made sure the advising process was very one-on-one, and she would spend a lot of time with each student to help them and make sure they were finding the right resources," said Fettig.



Nursing is unique to other healthcare fields, with several pathways to entering nursing practice. Evidence continues to show that patient outcomes are improved when nurses have reached the level of BSN or higher. The RN to BSN Completion Program is an online curriculum that empowers registered nurses (RNs), or those building on their associate degree of nursing or associate of applied science, to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Receiving a BSN opens new employment opportunities for RNs, including leadership and management positions; public health nurse, nurse educator, and nurse practitioner roles, and careers in Magnet Hospitals, a designation awarded to health care facilities by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

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