

# COUNCIL MEMO

**Date:** March 17, 2017

**To:** Mayor Steve Gander, Council President Mark Olstad, Council Vice-President Chad Grassel, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Mike Pokrzywinski, Tim Riopelle, Henry Tweten, and Marc DeMers.

**RE:** Weekly Update

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

*Work Session – January 10, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Training Room*

*Council Meeting – January 17, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers*

*Work Session – January 24, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Training Room*

*Council Meeting – February 7, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers*

## **Department Update:**

**Public Works – Jason Stordahl**

### **Kennedy Bridge Project**

The project is now underway. There is planned to be lane closures starting this Friday. They will reduce HWY 2 from a four lane to a two lane highway, one lane on each side of the median. Come Monday they will be working on the cross over and at some point will direct traffic to one side of the bridge.

At the start of the project there will be 12' driving lanes. MNDOT will allow permitted loads across the bridge, with assistance from Police staff from East Grand Forks and Grand Forks. Transporters will have to notify MNDOT in advance as to when they would like to cross the bridge. Similarly farmers wanting to move large farm equipment across will have to notify MNDOT in advance, and will be directed down Demers Avenue. Transport times will be restricted to early morning hours, and East Grand Forks and Grand Forks Police Department staff will assist them in crossing the Sorlie Bridge.

MNDOT has a page (<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d2/projects/kennedybridge>) on their Website dedicated to the Kennedy Bridge Project. They will be updating their site soon to include information for those folks interested in crossing the river with oversized loads. In addition the City will be posting a link on their Website, directing interested viewers to MNDOTS Kennedy Bridge Site.