

Friends of the Rail Bridge

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Mr. McCaskey,

This report from Friends of the Rail Bridge (FORB) is in response to Stipulation XIII, Monitoring and Reporting, in the Programmatic Agreement (PA), "BNSF and FORB shall each provide all consulting parties to this PA a monthly summary report detailing work undertaken pursuant to its terms on the first of each month following the execution of this PA until the USCG bridge permit is issued . . ."

FORB's April 2021 Progress Report:

April 9, 2021 FORB submitted a "Preserve the Historic Piers" Alternative in accordance with Stipulation III in the PA.

April 14, 2021 FORB submitted to the USCG: Friends of the Rail Bridge Transmittal of CLOMR Technical Memorandum (Stipulation IVA and IV B in the PA)

April 14, 2021 FORB submitted letter to the USCG including Proposed Amendments to the PA, and requests for agenda items at next consulting parties meeting

April 14, 2021 Bridge Advisory Committee Report was submitted to the USCG (PA Stipulation V.B, FORB)

April 15, 2021 FORB presents update of Programmatic Agreement to Bismarck Park Board.

April 16, 2021 FORB sent Letter to USCG committing to Public Private Partnership Responsibility

April 24, FORB representatives met with staff of the SHSND on a mitigation alternative which could involve the SHSND (see attachment – Bismarck City Commission)

April 27, FORB, at the invitation of the Bismarck City Commission, presented information on mitigation alternatives that involve the City of Bismarck. (See attachment – Bismarck City Commission)

We request the USCG distribute this report to the list of Consulting Parties (Stipulation XIII), as we may not have a complete list and request all receive a copy of BNSF's monthly reports. Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you on all of these matters.

Sincerely,

Mark Zimmerman, President Friends of the Rail Bridge

