



## Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Open House to be held on the Mill Spur Railroad Crossing Improvement Study –** The Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization (GF/EGF MPO) is conducting a study of the highway-rail crossings along the Mill Spur railroad line (north of Demers Avenue, east of Washington Street). The purpose of this study is to evaluate potential safety and traffic operation improvements along the corridor.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to review and provide comments on corridor issues and opportunities and roadway/railroad crossing improvements and concepts, which would improve safety, traffic operations, and community cohesion along the Mill Spur corridor. Input on the Bacon Road Railroad Crossing Closure Study will also be taken at this meeting.

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010  
Location: Grand Forks City Council Chamber  
255 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Grand Forks, ND  
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (short presentation at 7:30 PM)

“We frequently receive comments about the safety of the railroad crossings on the State Mill Spur,” stated Mr. Earl Haugen, MPO Executive Director. “University Avenue is the one most commented upon; however, we are studying all the crossings since each currently has just the bare minimum required traffic control devices.”

Some of the safety improvements would require up-grading to active warning devices like flashing lights and gates. A few of the crossings have been examined for possible closure. Presentation of concepts to improve the safety on each crossing will be presented. In addition, aesthetic improvements along the rail spur will be presented.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, the MPO will be accepting written comments until noon on March 5, 2010. Comments can be mailed to the MPO at P.O. Box 5200, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200. Comments can also be emailed to the MPO at the following address [info@theforksmpo.org](mailto:info@theforksmpo.org). Additional material is located on the MPO website at [www.theforksmpo.org](http://www.theforksmpo.org) or can be reviewed at the MPO offices in Grand Forks City Hall.

For further information, contact Mr. Earl Haugen, Executive Director of the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO at 701-746-2660. Any individual requiring special accommodations to allow access to participate is asked to notify the ADA Coordinator 701-746-2655 of their needs prior to the meeting.