



### Hub City funding projections to aid Minot's budget

Minot is projected to collect approximately \$4 million more in hub city funding under the new formula approved by the North Dakota Legislature.

Shane Goettle, hired by the City of Minot as a special counsel, presented a roundup of the 2019 Legislature to the City Council on June 17.



Goettle said the new conservative estimate for Minot's hub city funding is \$12.56 million for the 2020-21 biennium, compared to \$8.036 million that Minot received for the 2017-2019 biennium.

The new method, which was approved as part of House Bill 1066, also known as the Prairie Dog Bill, is far more permanent than it was before. The new production tax distribution rules take effect July 1.

A pool of \$44 million per biennium will be split between the designated hub cities of Williston, Dickinson, Minot.

Goettle said the Legislature based the new tax distributions on estimates of 1.4 million barrels per day at \$48.50 per barrel for 2020, and 1.44 million barrels per day at \$48 per barrel for 2021. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

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### MADC receives grant for Minot Intermodal Facility

The Federal Railroad Administration announced in mid-June it

will award more than \$326 million to support railroad infrastructure across the nation. The Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program grants will fund 45 projects in 29



states. The Minot Area Development Corporation successfully applied for \$400,000 to complete a preliminary engineering and federal environmental review for the Minot Intermodal Facility. The review will include additional rail lines, container storage and grade crossing improvements. The CRISI grant was authorized by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Over 1/3 of the funds – more than \$118 million – were awarded to rural projects to help rural and urban communities thrive economically.

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### Trinity campus construction update

Over the past several weeks, representatives from insurance companies and engineering consultants have been on site at the location of the future Trinity Health campus in Minot to inspect



the steel structure and conduct tests on the beams to determine if they were damaged in any way as a result of the fire event in March 2019. Officials expect the final reports from that assessment in the next week or two, which will provide clarity on how to proceed with that area of the project.

While that work has been ongoing, other construction has been moving forward:

- Steel has been going up in areas outside of the small impact zone.
- New steel beams have replaced those obviously damaged during the fire event.
- Steel studding has been progressing on the exterior of the building and around the stair towers.
- Concrete continues to be poured.
- The water retention/detention ponds and surrounding landscaping work progresses.

While work did slow down for a short period of time, Trinity officials are confident some of that can be made up during the remainder of the construction period.

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## Trauma service verified with zero deficiencies

The Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons has verified Trinity Hospital as a Level II Trauma Center following an onsite survey that found zero deficiencies. During the site visit in June, an experienced team of site reviewers



highlighted several strengths of Trinity Health's trauma program, citing the dedication and commitment on the part of trauma team members, the use of evidence-based protocols to treat injured children, including those with head trauma; the existence of a highly developed trauma alert system, and the availability of inpatient rehabilitation. "This recognition confirms our commitment to provide the highest quality of care for injured patients," said Trauma Director Gary Wease, MD, FACS. "I extend my appreciation and congratulations for the hard work by physicians and hospital staff that resulted in this outcome."

## Airport completes major emergency exercise

The Minot International Airport completed a major emergency exercise on June 12, with help from a wide variety of area agencies. Deanna Stoddard, airport operations manager, said the Federal Aviation Administration



requires the airport to complete a full-scale emergency training exercise every three years.

"It was a really successful exercise," said Stoddard. "There were some teachable moments and some lessons that can be learned, but I'm very proud of all the work that we put into the planning process, how all the agencies came together and how everyone performed."

Minot Fire Department and Minot Police Department crews were on scene shortly after the simulated crash to help Community Ambulance triage injuries. The Minot Rural Fire Department was also on scene.

Stoddard said this event was the first time the airport had conducted a large-scale exercise that didn't take place on a runway or other main part of the airport. Instead, the crash

scenario utilized a large grassy area off the end of a runway and space on nearby Enbridge property. Click [here](#) to read more details on the exercise.

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### ND State Fair almost here!

The 2019 version of the [North Dakota State Fair](#) (NDSF) will be held July 19 to July 27 in Minot. The NDSF is bringing the fun with food, rides, and entertainment. There are a number of notable of new food items this year. You can find the classics, like a corndog or lemonade, or try something new, like Nordic Waffles on the Midway. There is a new carnival this year, bringing new rides for fairgoers to experience with something for children and adults. The entertainment brings bull riding, the ranch rodeo, free stages, car racing, and concerts. Grandstand concerts this year include the following: Rascal Flatts, Justin Moore, Midland, Ned Ledoux, Rick Springfield, Tim McGraw, and Weezer. We hope to see you there!




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### Minot State begins Summer Theatre revitalization fundraising project

Minot State University announced a project to revitalize the MSU Summer Theatre complex. The total renovation and expansion is slated to begin after the 55th season in 2020. The project will feature a number of improvements to the facility to enhance audience comfort and convenience.



"MSU Summer Theatre is a true gem in our community, something that thousands of folks look forward to each summer," said Rick Hedberg, vice president for advancement. "The complex is definitely showing its age and is in need of renovation. We are excited about the potential changes as it will make the experience better for the crew and attendees."

The updates include the complete relocation of the main restrooms from the upper level of the amphitheater to the lower/ground level of the complex. The concession stand will also be relocated to the ground level, which will take on a plaza-like appearance. Enhancement and expansion of the cast

dressing rooms and the box office/ticketing area are being planned, along with the addition of a canopy covering the center stage.

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