THE DIVERSION AUTHORITY AND LOCAL FUNDING SHARE

The communities of Fargo and Moorhead, along with Cass County, Clay County, and the Cass County Joint Water Resources District, have signed a joint powers agreement, which created the Metro Flood Diversion Board of Authority (Diversion Authority). The Diversion Authority is led by thirteen board members from the stakeholder entities. Its purpose has been to work with the US Army Corps of Engineers to build, finance, operate, and maintain a comprehensive project to provide the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area with permanent flood protection from the Red River of the North and its tributaries.

The Diversion Authority has developed a comprehensive and prudent financial model for the Project that assumes cost-share funding from federal and state grants. The local share of approximately $1.1 billion is being funded via a Cass County and City of Fargo sales tax. Voters have approved three half-cent sales taxes to be extended through 2084 to cover the local share.