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Williston to extend 16th Avenue, 42nd Street

The City of Williston is moving forward with plans to extend 16th Avenue West and 42nd Street West. The Williston City Commission voted unanimously on Tuesday, June 23 to hire Alliance Consulting as the Selected Consultant for the Design and Construction Service of the Sloulin Field Infrastructure Improvements.

The project is critical to the City's plan to redevelop Sloulin Field after it is decommissioned in October 2019. The project contains approximately 800 acres of developable land adjacent to US Highway 2 and 85.

"We are 9 weeks away from opening a new airport and we have now started to move forward on the redevelopment of Sloulin," said Shawn Wenko, Williston Economic Development Executive Director. "Planning for this area has been ongoing since 2014. It's exciting to see the progress."

The estimated \$17 million projects are part of the City of Williston's 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. The projects will be completed in phases as time and funding allows. Construction is tentatively set in 2020.

"We hope to get them designed this fall/winter and get either 42nd or 16th constructed next year," said David Wicke, Williston City Engineer.

The projects include: extending 16th Avenue West from 26th Street West to 42nd Street West, extending 42nd Street West from 16th Avenue West to 32nd Avenue West, developing a stormwater retention system for the associated roadways and developing drainage areas in the Sloulin Field redevelopment.

The roadway extensions will greatly improve transportation in northwestern Williston.

"16th Avenue West will provide a route to 42nd Street West to travel east to access US Highway 2. The connection will greatly enhance and benefit transportation and traffic flows from a large segment of citizens and businesses located west of the current airport," said Wicke.

Meanwhile, the 42nd Street West extension will provide improved east-west access.

“The new 42nd Street West extension will go past the golf course and connect to 32nd Avenue West and that will give drivers better access to the high school from the east side and a more direct route to the highway,” said Wicke.

Once the roadways are completed the site will be ready for growth, which will most likely include housing and quality of life features.

“We have discussed a few options and ideas,” said Wicke.

“The redevelopment of Sloulin Field airport is going to be our next big venture once the new airport is opened and the current property is decommissioned,” said Wenko.

Alliance will present an official Contract Service Agreement to commissioners later this summer.