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**Williston celebrates Grand Opening of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Extension**

WILLISTON, N.D. – The City of Williston celebrated the grand opening of the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West extension on Wednesday, October 14. A public ceremony was held featuring City of Williston Mayor, Howard Klug.

“This project is going to get people from south to north and north to south,” said Klug. “16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West will take people from 26<sup>th</sup> Street out to 42<sup>nd</sup> (Street). If you are living in that Harvest Hills area, the western part of Williston, it gives you another opportunity to go north and south and it will connect up with 42<sup>nd</sup>.”

Klug added that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street West extension will be paved yet this year.

“It will be another route for the people that live in the eastern and northern parts of Williston to get to the high school area,” explained Klug.

Construction on the 1-mile connection between 26<sup>th</sup> Street West and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street West began on May 18, 2020. The project’s contractor is BEK Consulting and the engineer, Alliance Consulting Group.

The extensions are part of the Sloulin Field Redevelopment, which has been renamed Williston Square. The roughly 800 acres will feature new commercial, residential and recreational amenities. It was announced at the press conference that construction on two new restaurants will begin in the Spring of 2021. Slim Chickens and Pizza Ranch will be built facing east adjacent to US Highway 2.

“Wednesday commemorated the first arterial road built on airport property since the construction of Sloulin Field International Airport in 1952,” explained City Administrator, David Tuan. “We are excited to open this road as it signals a new chapter for Williston Square and for Williston.”

Following Klug’s remarks, the road was officially opened with the Mayor leading the first cars through to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street West.