

CCMC-USACE Public Meeting
October 30, 2018, 6pm
Miles Community College, Rm 106

Present: Please see related attendance sheets (33 attendees)

For overall presentation content, please see USACE PP Presentation as well as KLJ PP Presentation (re: slough project)

Questions & Additional Discussion:

- 1) What is a “National Economic Development Plan”
Chris explained BCA process and the possibility of adopting a “locally preferred plan.”
- 2) How did USACE establish the maximum affordable project range (\$15.6M to \$33.5M)
Chris outlined some of the formula used to determine cost/benefit and how the “Reach” analysis was being utilized to get to that range.
- 3) Concerns that Miles City (due to population, location, and size) is being “slighted” since they can’t justify the use of substantial federal funds
Chris further explained how the Federal statute and guidelines under the Section 205 determine qualified projects and “national economic development.”
- 4) Is the Railroad (BNSF) providing any financial support?
No, not currently, but Railroad personnel (BNSF) are on the stakeholder notification list and have attended prior meetings.
- 5) If the Study is only concerned with the Tongue, but it is determined a levee on the Tongue will need to extend up the Yellowstone, how far can it be extended before it becomes a “Yellowstone River” project?
The Study is not far enough to 1) have identified the levee as the preferred alternative, and 2) if it is, to determine how far it will extend or where it might be placed. (Community members did indicate during discussion a belief that tying a levee into the 7th Street bridge on the Yellowstone would be the only effective location)
- 6) How will the water/waste water facilities be protected if the Study and related construction is only dealing with the Tongue River?
Discussion about “non-structural” remedies (perhaps a flood protection wall around the facilities themselves) and the ability of the USACE, at the City’s request, to include protection of specific structures in the overall study/alternatives selections.
- 7) What role does USACE play in coordination of new flood mapping (CLOMR/LOMR)?
Sam and Chris discussed the CLOMR/LOMR process and that USACE would provide the information prior to construction to submit a CLOMR. Once approved by FEMA, construction would move forward and then, upon completion, the LOMR would be submitted.

Additional Discussion Items following formal presentation:

- * Discussion of the difference between 1D and 2D modeling and the potential impacts of that for the community and revised floodplain mapping.
- * Discussion of some possible alternatives outside a levee structure (dredging, culverts, etc..)
- * Discussion of any role that State grants/contributions might play in the future (particularly for construction)
- * Discussion of the timing of the current Section 205 Study, alternative selection, construction and “phasing” any Yellowstone River work with USACE/Tongue River project (to a great degree based on funding availability)
- * Discussion of ways in which the Montana federal delegation might be of assistance
 - Increasing amount of Federal Share (from the current \$10 million maximum)
 - Decreasing time when insurance rates can be reviewed during construction (from the current 75 percent completion timeframe)
 - Including flood protection projects in WIFIA loan eligibility (as Greg had mentioned earlier in the day and Chris had reviewed in his slides)