## FM Area Diversion Q1 Project Update



On behalf of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority and our partners in designing, building, operating and maintaining the FM Area Diversion project, I'm providing this update. If you have questions or would like any materials on the project for your use, please reach out to me at any time. We all remain grateful for your ongoing support of this history-making infrastructure project that will protect 235,000 from significant flood events.

Sincerely,

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PROGRESS UPDATE



Watch our latest construction update here. For additional monthly updates, see our playlist.

## KEY MESSAGES

The scale of this project can make it challenging to talk about. Here are some key points that may be beneficial when speaking with constituents.

**The project is being watched by groups around the world** since it is the first flood management project across all North America that's being completed with a public-private partnership. It's also the first P3 done in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Construction is happening 24/7** to get permanent flood protection as quickly as possible. Plus, by using a P3, the diversion will be completed about 10 years sooner than with traditional government design-and-build projects.

**The project's innovative funding and financing plan** was recognized with 10 national and international awards in 2022 alone. That's added assurances that not only is the world watching, but they are taking notes on the financial stewardship demonstrated by the project's leadership.

## EVENT CALENDAR

MFDA leadership takes part in periodic public events regarding the FM Area Diversion. If you would be interested in learning more or attending, please contact <u>info@fmdiversion.gov</u>.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
FM Area Diversion	May 8-12, 2023	Fargo-	The MFDA Board members and U.S. Army
Leadership Project	(specific date	Moorhead	Corps of Engineers leadership will gather
Tour	TBD)		for a tour of major diversion components.

A schedule of board and committee meetings, as well as agendas and minutes, is available at <u>https://fmdiversion.gov/minutes-agendas/</u>