

HOEVEN FLOOD PROTECTION LEGISLATION

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION: 2014 WRRDA

Hoeven sponsored legislation to authorize the project in the 2014 Water Resources Reform & Development Act (WRRDA). All projects must be authorized before moving to construction. Authorization follows the completion of a project's feasibility study and the approval of a project's Chief's Report.

NEW START: 2016 ENERGY & WATER APPROPRIATIONS

The senator secured legislation for new construction in the FY2016 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. This permit is required for any Corps construction project to begin the expenditure of federal construction funds.

IMPLEMENTING PLAN B: 2018 WRDA

Plan B modified the project, including construction over federal deed-restricted properties. Hoeven legislation in the 2018 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) lifted restrictions on levee construction across properties bought out under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

ADVANCING P3s: 2019 ENERGY & WATER APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET

The senator's legislation directed the advancement of Corps public-private partnerships (P3s) in the FY2019 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill. This legislation led to the creation of a new account in the president's budget to fund P3s including in the Red River Valley.

WIFIA

To develop innovative options to help lower the local financing costs, Hoeven legislation instructed the Corps to develop a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) plan and provided \$6 million to support implementation in the FY2019 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill.

RESULTS:

- Secured \$100 million in construction funding to date.
- Secured approval for Route B through legislation to address federal easements.
- Project is eligible for funding through the budget and Corps work plan.
- Corps is on track to provide lower local financing costs through WIFIA.
- Project Partnership Agreement with Corps provides \$750 million in federal funding.

