

Kraft 'shuddered' when Brady belted on touchdown

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Patriots owner Robert Kraft "shuddered" when he saw Tom Brady take a crunching hit on a 1-yard touchdown plunge. He even wondered if Brady's back was broken.

Such a graceful dive. Such a powerful blow.

"It was scary," Kraft said Monday, his momentary fears quickly put to rest, "but he popped right up."

Brady shook off the body-bending force of Ray Lewis' helmet to his lower back, spiked the ball and punched the air in celebration. He had just scored the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter of New England's win over the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC championship game Sunday.

He was OK and so are the Super Bowl-bound Patriots, who will face the New York Giants on Feb. 5.

At the instant of impact,

there was concern in the owner's box where Kraft was sitting with friends, family and former Patriots.

"We all shuddered," he said. "We thought that his back might've been broken."

Another unexpected occurrence also caught Kraft's attention — the vertical leap of the lumbering Brady. He soared high over his offensive line, arcing his back and reaching the ball over the goal line while clutching it with both hands.

"I actually didn't know he had that kind of rise," Kraft said with a smile.

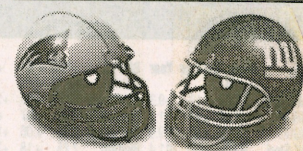
But as Brady was landing, the picture wasn't as pretty.

He had his head toward the ground and his legs up in the air as if he was about to complete a somersault. Then Lewis, who had lined up a few yards behind the line, barreled in for the blow and sent Brady's legs back from where they had come. Both players got up without jawing as their teammates

prepared for the extra point.

"That's the way the game should be played, physical," Patriots wide receiver Matthew Slater said. "This game is not a noncontact sport. So there's going to be hits. We knew that going into the game with those guys. They play physical football and we knew we had to match that going in. I didn't see it as a dirty hit at all."

Two plays earlier, on second-and-goal at the Ravens 1-yard line, Brady ran off left



UP NEXT

New England vs. N.Y. Giants
WHAT: Super Bowl XLVI
WHEN: 5:20 p.m., Feb. 5
WHERE: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis **ON:** NBC, KXMR

guard for what officials initially ruled a touchdown. But it was reversed when replays showed his knee hit the ground before the ball crossed the goal line.

Dayton: Vikings stadium must be at Dome to pass

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton told Vikings owner Zygi Wilf on Monday that the team's new stadium will have to be at the Metrodome site if a stadium bill is to pass the Legislature this year, Dayton's spokeswoman said.

The Vikings have said they prefer a Ramsey County proposal to build a \$1.1 billion stadium in suburban Arden Hills.

Dayton spokeswoman Katharine Tinucci said it's not that the Democratic governor necessarily prefers the Metrodome site. But he believes that the stadium must be at that site if the bill is to pass during the legislative session that convenes Tuesday.

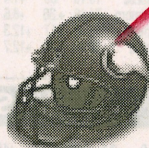
"I can't say this is the governor's favorite (site)," Tinucci told The Associated Press.

Vikings vice president Lester Bagley did not immediately return a phone message Monday night.

The Vikings' lease at the Metrodome has expired, and team owners have said that 30-year-old facility is no longer profitable enough compared with other NFL facilities. Fans fear that no new stadium could drive the team to another city.

Along with the Arden Hills and current Metrodome locations, one possible Minneapolis site for the stadium is near the Basilica of St. Mary Catholic Church, not far from the Minnesota Twins' Target Field. However, the basilica's rector, the Rev. John Bauer, said last week that church leaders do not want the stadium so close to their building and that they are exploring legal options.

Dayton said last week another possible Minneapolis site, near the city's Farmer's Market, is no longer under active discussion.



Associated Press

Tom Coughlin and the Giants celebrate after winning the NFC championship game against San Francisco.

Coughlin has special feeling for this team

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants' are Tom Coughlin's team.

The Maras and Tisches own the NFC champions. General manager Jerry Reese built them and made them Super Bowl ready.

This team though is all Coughlin. The expression the players have used in their recent five-game run to the title game is "all in," and it's all in Tom's way. They have bought in 100 percent with their 65-year-old coach, and he is enjoying every second of it.

When the Giants ended the Patriots' 20-game regular-season winning streak at home in November, Coughlin was hoisted in the air by his players. He loved it. When they went through a four-game losing streak

bond among the players, one that has them all working for a common goal.

"On Saturday night they were locked in as well as any team that I have ever been associated with," said the coach who led the Giants to a Super Bowl win over the Patriots in 2008, "You could hear a pin drop in the meeting rooms when I visited. It started out with special teams, then offense and defense. I walked around and I listened to the meetings. You could really feel and sense the focus and concentration. Those are things I appreciate."

Looking toward the Patriots, Coughlin said the Giants last game with New England seems like it took place a long time ago. He also noted Tom Brady and company are riding a 10-game winning streak. "They are an outstanding

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Minnkota Power Coop, Inc. 345 kV Transmission Line - Center to Grand Forks Siting Application

Case No. PU-09-670 NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARINGS January 18, 2011

On September 7, 2011 the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 121 to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) designating a transmission facility corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North Dakota to the Prairie Substation near Grand Forks, North Dakota.

On December 2, 2011 Minnkota filed applications for a modification to the designated corridor, a waiver of procedures and time schedules, and a transmission facility route to be designated within the modified corridor as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission waive requirements under N.D.C.C.

chapter 49-22 that separate hearings be held concerning the waiver request, the corridor modification and the route permit.

Three separate public hearings will be held with each covering an overview of the project, but focusing on specific portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing. A Public Hearing on the application will be held: February 22, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall, 805 Main Ave. Washburn, ND 58577. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Burleigh, McLean, Oliver and western Sheridan Counties.

February 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. in the Baker Courtroom at the UND School of Law, 215 Centennial Drive Stop 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58201. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties.

March 1, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at the Chieftain Conference Center Tepee Room, 60 4th Ave.S, Carrington, ND 58204. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Eddy, Foster, Griggs, eastern Sheridan and Wells Counties.

The issues to be considered are:
1. Will the location, construction, and

operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?

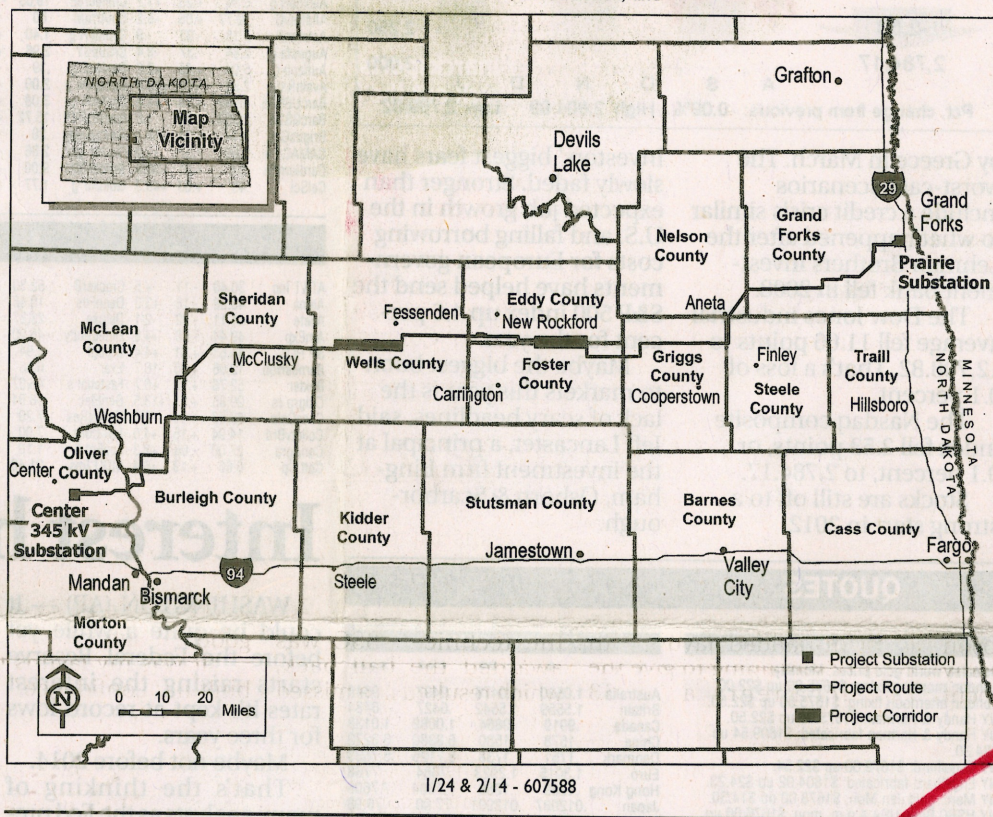
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to approve a 1,000-foot-wide corridor as requested in the application?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Kevin Cramer, Commissioner
Tony Clark, Chairman
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner



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INVITATION TO BID

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDDOT) REQUESTS BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SALT/SAND STORAGE BUILDINGS; Sealed bids will be received for one or both membrane covered salt/sand storage buildings. One 10,000 square foot building to be located in Devils Lake, ND and another 10,000 square foot building to be located in Minot, ND. Bids will be received until 1:30 PM, on Thursday February 23, 2012 in Room 330 of the Transportation Building located on the Capitol Grounds in Bismarck, ND. Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time. Bids shall be sealed and endorsed "Sealed Bids for Devils Lake/Minot Membrane Covered Salt/Sand Storage Buildings". Late bids will be returned unopened. No bid may be read or considered if it does not fully comply with requirements of North Dakota Century Code Section 48. Any deficient bid submitted will be ressealed and returned to submitter immediately. Bids shall be submitted on exact copies of bid forms provided in the Invitation to Bid (ITB). Bids shall be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the sum equal to five percent of total amount of bid price; executed by bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in North Dakota or by either a certified check or a cashier's check of the Contractor on a solvent bank in the sum equal to five percent of bid price; conditioned that if principal's bid is accepted and contract awarded to principal, principal, within ten days after notice of award, shall execute a contract in accordance with terms of bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and regulations of NDDOT. If successful bidder does not execute a contract within the ten days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to NDDOT and project awarded to next lowest responsible bidder. Contractors submitting a bid must be licensed for full amount of bid price, as required by NDDC Section 43-07-05 and 43-07-12. Bidder's bond and a copy of contractor's license or certificate of renewal shall be placed together in a

envelope. C. Tax abatement applications. D. Approval of October 19, 2012 raffle for Farm Rescue at Best Western Ramkota Hotel. E. Reappointment Marv Heinert and Julie Kuennen to Vision Fund Committee. F. Engineering Dept: Approval of Boulder Ridge Townhome Association Encroachment and Waiver Agreement. G. Civic Center: Approval of sole source purchase of AV equipment in Exhibit Hall meetings rooms. H. Finance Dept: Approval of Kronos Professional Services Contract for module upgrade. I. Utility Ops Dept: Approval of sole source purchase of chlorinator wall panel for Water Plant; Approval of sole source purchase of services to clean sludge line at Water Plant. J. Call for public hearing: Ord 5857 - Parking Citations - Presumption. K. Community Development Dept: Request to purchase one compact SUV at State Bid for Building Inspections Division; Call for public hearings on following: Ord 5858 - zoning change on Lots 3 & 4, less East 80.63 feet of Lot 4, Blk 1, Eastdale Addition; Ord 5859 - zoning ordinance text amendment relating to Definitions. Addendum Items: City Attorney: request to retain Mallory Alexander International Logistics (Cathy Spencer) on hourly consulting basis for 2012 at Northern Plains Commerce Centre; Engineering Dept: update of original request for funding match and conditional approval of contract with Dynatest Consulting, Inc. for MPO Automated Pavement Data Collect Project. Grossman moved to approve consent agenda. Smith seconded. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. REGULAR AGENDA 3. Board of City Commissioners received Strategic Planning Project update from Patrick Ibarra of Mejoorando Group. Board received update and took no action. 4. PUBLIC HEARING: Request to locate transfer Class F-2 liquor license at 1136 N 3rd St (dba The Walrus Restaurant). No persons appeared. Askvig moved to approve request for liquor license transfer. Smith seconded. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. Seminary removed himself from table for following agenda item since it concerns his

Encroachment Agreement for proposed parking ramp for downtown hospitals. Mel Bullinger, City Engineer, said MedCenter One and St. Alexius Medical Center are proceeding with design plans to construct multi-story parking ramp between 7th St and 9th Street in half block area north of Thayer Ave. While specific design elements relating to structure remain to be finalized, Board was asked to consider tentative approval of following, with specifics to be worked out as design details are completed: a) Encroachment of pedestrian walkway across 7th St at intersection of 7th St and Thayer Ave to connect MedCenter One facility to proposed parking ramp at approximately 3rd floor elevation. b) Encroachment of exterior ramp footings within public rights-of-way of Thayer Ave and 7th St. c) Steam and chilled water buried private utility lines from MedCenter One's power plant to Q&R Clinic facility need to be relocated to avoid proposed parking ramp footings. Seminary asked Mr. Bullinger if there is any reason not to do this project. Mr. Bullinger said only real concerns right now are with access points to parking ramp so least amount of impact on traffic flow and these are still being worked out. Smith asked how many spots will be located in this ramp. Mr. Romsaas, Swenson & Hagen, said number of spots is approximately 1,280 at this time. Warford said role of city for this project is that we are facilitating, through agreement, parking ramp for two hospitals, but city's not building it. Mr. Bullinger said that's correct. Grossman moved to approve request. Smith seconded. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. 8. Ongoing project agenda. Grossman said his suggestion that MBBM become involved in multi-jurisdictional flood task force won't be necessary and that staff and Commissioner Smith will more than capable to handle task. Seminary agreed. Seminary said next Belle Project will be March 13, 2012 and this event will exclusively be for performers of high school age and younger. Seminary said in order to properly screen talent, they can call or text him at 226-7526 by January 23, 2012. There will be a selection process and future

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Bismarck is seeking cost proposals from qualified manufacturers or their representatives to provide One (1) New Current Model Side-Loading Refuse Collection Truck with Optional Rear-Loading Hopper. Proposals for the Refuse Collection Truck for the City of Bismarck will be received by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Bismarck in the office of the City Administrator, until three (3:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened and reviewed at four (4:00) o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

The proposals must be mailed to the City Administrator (PO Box 5503, Bismarck ND 58506-5503) or otherwise deposited with the City Administrator (221 North Fifth Street, Bismarck ND 58501) and shall be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Furnishing Equipment - Side-Loading Refuse Collection Truck with Optional Rear-Loading Hopper". If a bid is to be faxed, the bid must be sent to a bidder's agent independent of the City of Bismarck, placed in a sealed envelope, labeled according to this specification and delivered to the office of the City Administrator prior to the bid deadline.

A certified check of the bidder or a bidder's bond in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the gross sum bid must accompany each proposal. Checks or bonds of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them after making the award.

Bids must be submitted on blanks furnished by the City of Bismarck and in accordance with specifications and conditions therein contained. Copies of proposal blanks and specifications may be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

All bidders are invited to be present at the opening of the proposals.

The right is reserved to hold all bids for a period of forty-five (45) days, to reject any and all bids, to waive technicalities or to accept such as may be determined to be for the best interest of the City of Bismarck.

City of Bismarck
W.C. Wocken
City Administrator
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Bismarck requests written qualifications from professional engineering firms for engineering services required to complete the following:

Water distribution modeling: On-going maintenance of the existing H2ONET distribution system model and modeling support for master planning, conceptual design of improvements and operational decision making.

The City of Bismarck has the need to pursue a multi-year engineering services contract for water distribution modeling services. It is anticipated the following work items will be included in the contract awarded as a result of this request:

- Yearly update of the existing H2ONET hydraulic model to incorporate recent and current year's projects including calibration of the model.
- Periodic working sessions with City and consultant staff to use the model for staff training, to evaluate operational decisions, and to identify possible system upgrades related to hydraulic improvements and water quality issues.
- On an as-requested basis, provide modeling services to support operational decisions, master planning and conceptual design of capital projects.
- Yearly review of the model for recommended upgrades or maintenance to assure continued functionality and improved connectivity between the City's GIS system and the hydraulic model.
- Services to include preparation of reports or supporting documentation suitable for presentation to the public, outside agencies or other City personnel and departments.

Work will be performed as-requested by the City at a negotiated yearly rate schedule. The engineering selection process will be completed in accordance with established City of Bismarck procedures. Written proposals shall address the firm's experience and ability to perform the necessary services in a timely manner. Submittals shall be limited to not more than twenty (20) pages in length. The primary consideration items will be, but not limited to, the firm's:

1. Technical capabilities.
 2. Experience and performance records.
 3. Understanding of project and proposed work approach.
 4. Knowledge of regulations and local conditions.
 5. Project personnel assignments and qualifications.
 6. Ability to respond in a timely manner.
- The selection of the firms will be based on an evaluation of the written proposals. A selection committee may interview selected firms and will recommend a single firm for approval by the Board of City Commissioners. A detailed scope of work will be developed and price will be negotiated with the successful firm. An engineering agreement will be executed