

North Plains Connector LLC
North Plains Connector Transmission Project
Docket No. PU-26-82

Late-Filed Exhibit 17 – Route Adjustments

At the September 1, 2026 technical hearing, North Plains Connector LLC (“North Plains”) discussed three proposed route adjustments for the North Dakota portion of the North Plains Connector Transmission Project (“Project”) that had not been finalized at the time of the hearing. Information regarding these three proposed Route adjustments is provided below.

Oliver County:

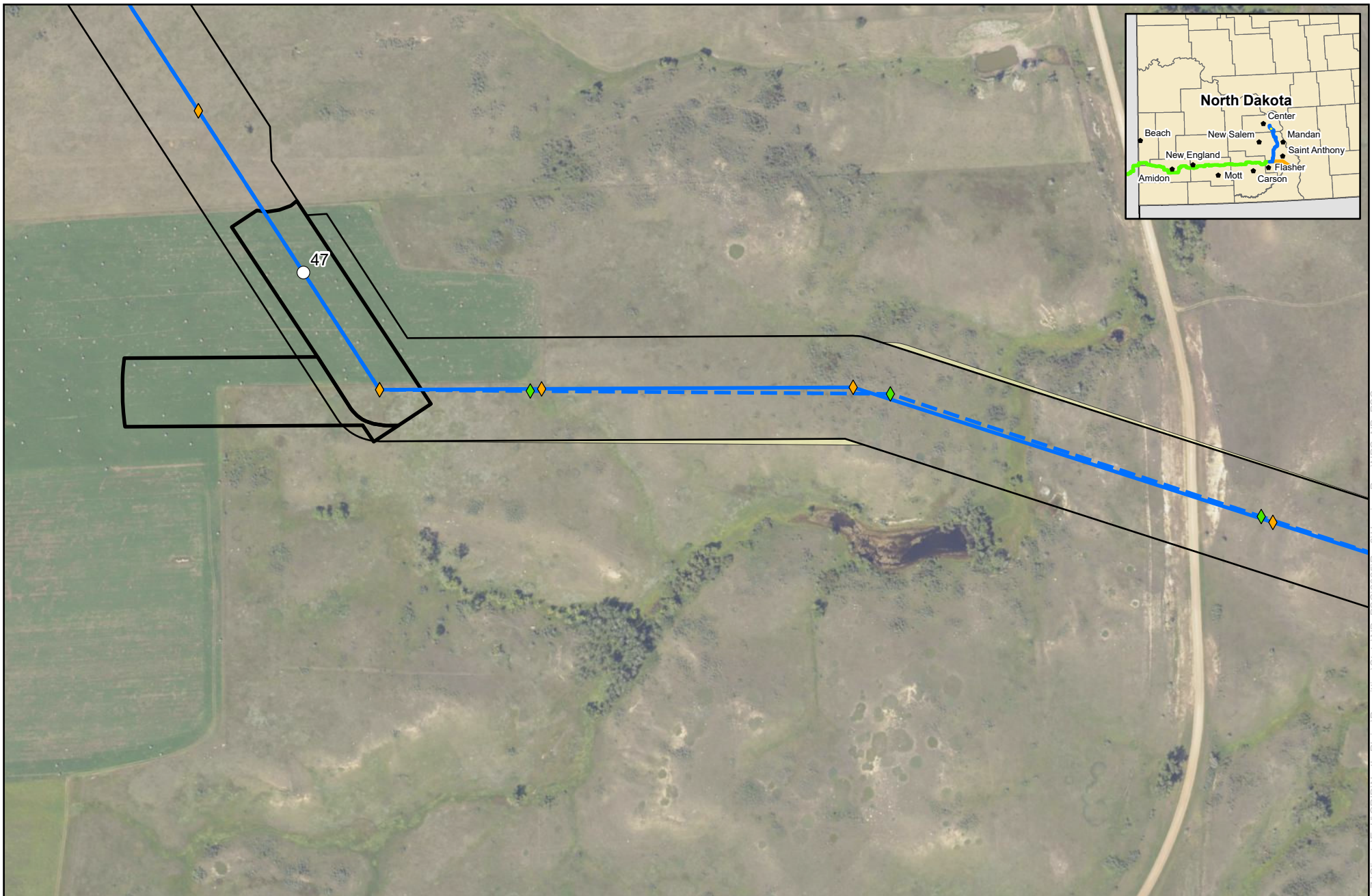
In his testimony, Brant Johnson testified regarding a proposed route adjustment in Oliver County to avoid a sensitive resource. The finalized Route/Corridor adjustment is depicted in the attached **Late-Filed Exhibit 17-1**. The Route/Corridor adjustment complies with the North Dakota Public Service Commission’s (“PSC”) exclusion area and avoidance area criteria, was discussed with the landowner, and is covered by the existing easement option agreement.

Morton County:

In his testimony, Brant Johnson discussed two proposed route adjustments to avoid section line right-of-way in Morton County. One finalized Route/Corridor adjustment is depicted in the attached **Late-Filed Exhibit 17-2**. The Route/Corridor adjustment complies with the PSC’s exclusion area and avoidance area criteria, was discussed with the landowner, and is covered by the existing easement option agreement.

After further discussions with the affected landowner, North Plains has decided not to make the second proposed route adjustment in Morton County. The proposed Route and Corridor are shown on Figure A-6 (page 9 of 102) in Appendix A to the Consolidated Application (**Exhibit 1**). As proposed, the Project’s 200-foot-wide right-of-way overlaps the section line right-of-way by approximately 18 feet for approximately 4,280 feet. No structures, conductors, or associated transmission line infrastructure would be located within the section line right-of-way.

North Plains discussed the situation with John Saiki, Morton County Engineer, and Mr. Saiki confirmed the section line right-of-way overlap described above is acceptable. North Plains will include the section line right-of-way overlap authorization in its road use agreement with Morton County, similar to other road crossings. A copy of e-mail correspondence with Mr. Saiki is attached as **Late-Filed Exhibit 17-3**.



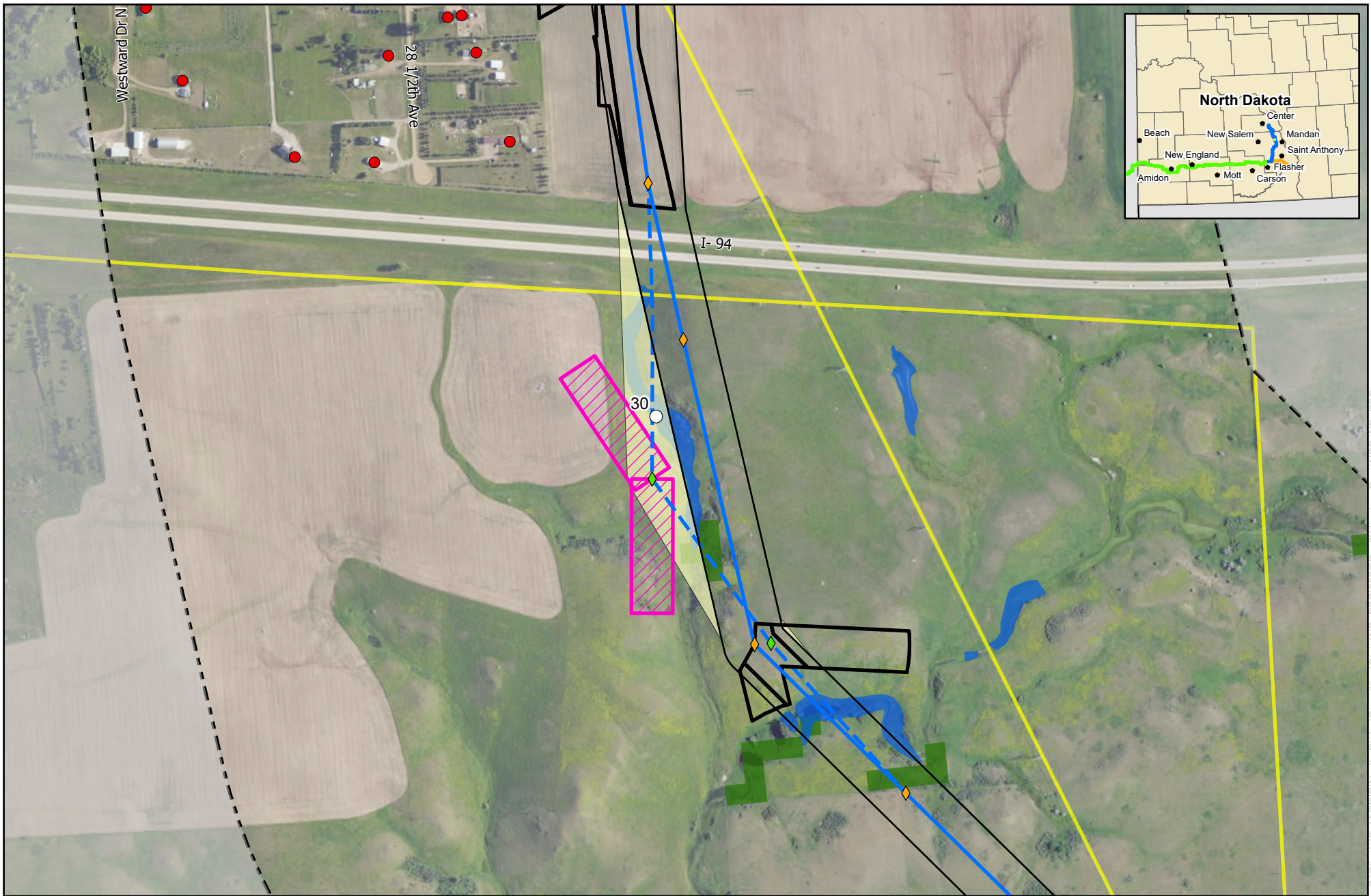
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Late-Filed Exhibit 17-1 **Route Adjustment – Avoidance of Sensitive Site** North Plains Connector Project Oliver County, North Dakota

- Milepost
 - ◇ Structure
 - Oliver Transmission Line
 - ▭ Project Corridor
 - ▭ Pulling Site
- Route Adjustment**
- ◇ Revised Structure
 - - - Revised Project Route
 - ▭ Revised Project Corridor



Late-Filed Exhibit 17-2

Route Adjustment – Section Line Setback

North Plains Connector Project

Morton County, North Dakota

- Milepost
- ◇ Structure
- Oliver Transmission Line
- ▭ Project Corridor
- ▭ Pulling Site

- ◇ Revised Structure
- Revised Project Route
- ▭ Revised Project Corridor
- ▭ Revised Pulling Site

- Residences, Schools, and Places of Business
- Residence
- Public Services
- Existing Transmission Line

- Water Resources
- ▭ Delineated Wetlands
- Vegetation Resources
- ▭ Wooded Areas

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Fw: North Plains Connector ROW overlap

To: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>

From: John Saiki <john.saiki@mortonnd.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2026 9:15 AM

To: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>

Cc: Terry Traynor <terry.traynor@northplainsconnector.com>

Subject: RE: North Plains Connector ROW overlap

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Cally,

I have reviewed your email and it covers our conversation accurately.

As work progresses we will continue to keep communication open.

Good luck tomorrow. I am sure all will go well.

John Saiki, PE
Morton County Engineer
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From: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 4:37 PM

To: John Saiki <john.saiki@mortonnd.gov>

Subject: North Plains Connector ROW overlap

John,

Thank you for meeting with me today and for the nice visit.

To recap, North Plains Connector has been working with one of the Morton County landowners we have a signed easement with to find a satisfactory route for the transmission line through his property.

In the attached map, you'll see the line as it routes through his property, with the centerline in the middle of our 200-foot right-of-way (ROW). On the north side of the landowner's property, the landowner requested our ROW stay closer to and overlap with the unimproved section line.

By moving the line closer to the section line as pictured, there is about 115 feet between our centerline and the section line, rather than our typical 133 feet (which accounts for the 33-foot-wide section line ROW [one side of the section line] plus our 100 feet of ROW). This means our line ROW overlaps the section line ROW by about 18 feet. Per our discussion, I understand you find the overlap acceptable, with the understanding the overlap occur only in this specific instance.

As we discussed, no structures, line or associated transmission line infrastructure will be located in the section line ROW. During construction, there will be construction activities occurring within the line's 200-foot ROW (100 feet either side of the centerline), which would include that 18 feet of overlap into the section line ROW.

We will include the overlap outlined above in the future road-use agreement we will secure with Morton County (similar to road crossings). Additionally, when construction work occurs in this area, North Plains Connector will be sure to notice you as the county engineer.

If you could please confirm these details accurately capture our conversation and your understanding, John, for our records with a reply back, I would appreciate it.

Thank you!

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Figure A-6

Detailed Site Plan

North Plains Connector Project

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Oliver Transmission Line

Milepost

Structure

Pulling Site

Project Corridor

Study Area

Public Services

Existing Transmission Line

Geological and Soil Resources

Abandoned Mine

Landslide Deposits

Water Resources

Delineated Waterbody

Delineated Wetlands

Vegetation Resources

Wooded Areas

Residences, Schools, and Places of Business

Residence

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