

## Summary of Public Input for the 2017-2020 Tentative STIP

**Aberdeen, SD – 53 Attendees (23 Attendees in 2015, 31 Attendees in 2014, 94 attendees in 2013)**

1 Comment

**SD47 North of Hoven** – A Hoven citizen asked if something could be done in the next year or two to improve this portion of highway from Hoven to US12. Three people have died within 3 miles of his farm due to the shoulders. The bridge across Swan Creek is also quite narrow. (This is a Pierre Region project and more comments can be found in the Pierre meeting summary below).

6 Comments, 3 other non speaking attendees, Petitions

**SD10 Reconstruction through Sisseton** – Presented petitions signed by approximately 480 people opposing the use of roundabouts and reducing the number of lanes of traffic from 4 to 3 lanes and 2 lanes in some places. They are concerned that farm equipment will encroach the turning lane and double semis will tie up the roundabouts. Concerned that snow removal will be an issue at the roundabouts. Are costs for roundabouts more expensive than regular intersections? Business owners would like to see traffic signals instead of roundabouts so there are breaks in the traffic.

3 Comments

**US12 Between Ipswich and Mina** – What can be done to make this route safer? They realize there are behavior issues on this segment but can something be done to make it better? When will the rumble strips be installed as promised? Spend money on roads, not bike paths. Building four lanes from Mina to Mobridge would help improve safety. There is concern about the speed limit just west of Ipswich and turning movements at a housing development there. Also feel three lane configuration in Ipswich is not as good as the four lane configuration. Also need to look at turning lanes at Craven Corner.

1 Comment

**What factors led to the deaths in US12 between Ipswich and Mina?** – Staff noted that cross centerline crashes are a majority of the crashes. Many crashes also occur at off peak traffic hours. Some involve winter time driving conditions. Higher law enforcement visibility is helping with driver awareness.

1 Comment

**US212 from Redfield East 10 miles** – This road is currently being resurfaced. Will something be done so the cracking that causes the constant “Thump Thump Thump” will not reoccur?

1 Comment

**US12 Through Groton** – Want to verify that this project will be constructed in 2017. (This is a 2016 project that will be let this summer).

1 Comment

**Smart Phone App for Road Closures** – Will there be an application for road closures? (Already available via the 511 system).

1 Comment

**US14/US83 Junction East of Pierre** – Expressed concern about the configuration of the junction. There is a jog east of the junction that affects site distance. Can a flashing light or speed reduction be implemented? How about installation of a roundabout to slow the traffic?

1 Comment

**Sharing Results of Accident Investigations** – Asked if the results of accident investigations could be shared with the public so they know what caused them. It could be helpful in educating the citizens in what to avoid.

1 Comment

**US12/I29/Summit** - Felt the speed limit should be lowered along this segment of the highway. With the truck stop and turnoffs to the town and interstate located in close proximity, a slower speed would enhance safety.

1 Comment

**Bridge Replacement Bypasses?** – Will there be shooflies available when the various bridges are replaced in the region and will they be able to carry the load of loaded semis?

**Sioux Falls, SD – 47 Attendees (46 Attendees in 2015, 41 Attendees in 2014, 38 Attendees in 2013)**

1 Comment

**SD115 Reconstruction from Harrisburg to Sioux Falls** – Inquired about the breakdown on funding for this project.

1 Comment

**Lincoln County 106 from Tea Easterly** – Asked if the SDDOT should consider taking over funding for the improvement of this portion of Lincoln County 106 due to the amount of traffic on the road. The City of Tea will be assessing the adjacent land owners \$300 per foot to fund the improvements to reconstruct this road to 5 lanes and it is hard to justify since this (in his understanding) will be Highway 100 in the future.

1 Comment

**SD100 Material Needs** – Asked if the needed extra dirt has been secured for the construction of the Highway 100 project (Veterans Parkway from I90 to Rice Street). <Negotiations underway to secure the necessary material>

1 Comment

**SD34/SD37 East Junction** – Requested a lighting project be added to the STIP for lighting of this intersection. Her father was killed last Thanksgiving when he missed the curve due to the darkness and rolled his car. <This is programmed in the STIP for 2018>

1 Comment

**Use of Rumble Bars** – Would like to see the use of ‘rumble bars’ on US81 north of Yankton. There were two head on collisions resulting in five deaths on this segment of highway and it was felt that rumble bars would have alerted the drivers and possibly help prevent these accidents.

1 Comment

**Thanks** – Thanks for all the Department and the people do to make the roads in the state great. Also a thanks to Ron Peterson who is being inducted into the Department of Transportation Hall of Honor.

1 Comment

**Divided Lanes on SD50 from SD37 to Tabor** – Do not remove these existing 4 lanes in exchange for a 2 lane facility with a center turning lane. Keep what is there, just make it safer. 739 people signed petitions submitted earlier this year making that request.

1 Comment

**Yankton Truck Bypass** – Expressed the need for the construction of a truck bypass around Yankton. 850 people signed petitions submitted earlier this year making that request.

1 Comment

**SD50 West of the Fort Randall Dam** – Hope to see some safety improvements on the icy hill on the segment of road.

1 Comment

**SD52 From SD37 to SD50 in Bon Homme County** – Why was this delayed from 2019 to 2020? It is badly needed. <It went from a shoulder widening project to a reconstruction project which required more time for design and ROW>

1 Comment

**Railroad Crossings** – There are rough crossings west of Lesterville and in the City of Tripp. These need to be replaced.

1 Comment

**Real Time Snow Plow GPS Reporting** – Colorado is doing real time snow plowing reporting and wondered if South Dakota is considering such an option.

1 Comment

**SD50 from Chamberlain to I90** – Chamberlain city officials would like to partner with SDDOT for the installation of some roadway lighting along a portion of the highway, particularly up the hill and around the hill. Would also like to explore the construction of a bike path along the route as well.

**Pierre, SD – 41 Attendees (24 Attendees in 2015, 32 Attendees in 2014, 44 Attendees in 2013)**

7 Comments, 8 people attending in support

**SD47 From Hoven to US12** – This road is narrow and very dangerous with the steep shoulder drop offs. There is no room for driver error. One bridge is so narrow that two vehicles can't cross at the same time. There are many gravel, grain and milk trucks on this road. People over correct when the wheel drops off the shoulder and then roll their vehicles. If rebuilt, this road could pull some traffic off of US12 from Ipswich to Aberdeen. You should consider delaying the mill and resurfacing project on SD20 from US83 to Hoven scheduled for 2019 and instead advance this project.

1 Comment

**Thanks for all the good work** – All the improvements made in the Highmore area are appreciated. They really look good. Also thanks to the staff for working closely with the county highway superintendents.

5 Comments

**US14/Kingsway Road north of Pierre** – Is the delineation project scheduled for 2017 a final solution or an intermediate step? <It is an intermediate fix>. Oppose the proposed barricading of Kingsway Road for southbound traffic. SDDOT doesn't seem to listen to the public. Perhaps traffic needs to be slowed down more.

1 Comment

**Thanks** – Thanks to the Department for doing a great job maintaining the highway system. You do a lot with the given resources.

## **Rapid City, SD – 28 Attendees (33 Attendees in 2015, 51 Attendees in 2014, 47 Attendees in 2013)**

2 Comments, 3 Attendees, 1 Written Comments

**SD34/US85 Intersection at Belle Fourche** – Would like to see the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of US85/SD34. A major retailer will soon be opening a new store in the southeast quadrant of the intersection and a light is needed to help with traffic. The City has set aside funding to help with installation of the traffic light. The rodeo and fireworks also generates much traffic as well.

1 Written Comment

**US16/Catron Blvd Intersection in southern Rapid City** – Is there any improvements planned here in anticipation of the construction of Black Hills Power facility there? <Planning study being conducted>

1 Written Comment

**Mount Rushmore Road Reconstruction, Rapid City** - Expressed appreciation of the work completed thus far and the work planned to complete the reconstruction.

1 Written Comment

**Diverging Interchange at LaCrosse** – Requested an explanation of how this type of interchange works. <A video was played to show the traffic movements>. Will it stay in the same footprint?

1 Written Comment

**SD79 Turning Lane to the Broken Spoke Campground east and north of Sturgis** – Due to the purchase of this facility by the Full Throttle owners, there is concern that the increase in traffic will require turning lanes. Will they be added?

## **Webinar - 77 Live Viewers watching from Pierre, Sioux Falls, Woonsocket, Mound, Hot Springs, Dell Rapids, St Edwards, San Jose, Rockport, Watertown & Omaha. Youtube - 38 views**

1 Comment

**State Funding for small bridges and culverts** – A representative for the SD Association of Towns and Townships and SD Association of County Commissioners requested that \$2,000,000 be set aside to fund repair/replacement of small bridges and culverts in small towns and township roads.

## **Planning District Meeting Comments**

1 Comment

**US281/SD20 intersection near Mellette** – Concerned with previous fatalities at this intersection. Should the speed limit be lowered? Is there anything else could be done? <Street lighting was installed>

1 Comment

**Redfield Ethanol Turnoff North of Redfield** - Would like to see the speed limit lowered due to truck turning movements.

1 Comment

**US212 Falk County Shoulder Widening Project (PCN 03RQ) in 2018** – Will ROW be needed for this project?

1 Comment

**Center Line Rumble Stripes** - Discussion concerning the use of center line rumble strips. Are they used in other parts of the state? If so, are there any issues with them?

1 Comment

**US14/I29 Reconstruction at Brookings (PCN 546N/04TW) in 2017** - Will the structure(s) be replaced on this project or will they be left and repaired? Also noted that the roundabout had been deleted from the work due to public pressure

3 Comments

**US81/20th Avenue Southeast Intersection (South Connector) in Watertown (PCN 04YQ) in 2018** - The use of a roundabout was discussed. Commissioner Roby noted that demonstrations of the use of a roundabout had occurred both in Brookings and Watertown and the demonstrations were very successful in showing their functionality. Attendees were supportive of roundabouts but felt the public needs to be better educated about their use. Also expressed concern that this project should not occur at the same time the US 212 reconstruction from SD20 to US81 through Watertown occurs as it would diminish west/east movements through town.

1 Comment

**GF&P Projects** - Questioned if the Department of Transportation will be increasing the funding to GF&P so they can better maintain their access roads.

1 Comment

**US212 PCC Surfacing from Watertown to the Goodwin Road (PCN 03RN) in 2016** – When will this project start? The county will be allowing the state to use a county road for detours and the staff would like to know when this will occur.

1 Comment

**US212/BNSF Railroad Crossing Improvement in Watertown (PCN 04CA) in 2017** - Questioned the timing of the railroad crossing improvement. Since this section of road is schedule for reconstruction in 2019, could the work be completed then or does it conflict with the remainder of the project?

1 Comment

**Status of a 2014 Approach Application on US212 west of Watertown** - Codington County officials questioned the status of an application for an approach on US12 west of Discount Seeds west of Watertown. She said the county owns property there and put in an application in the spring of 2014 and haven't heard anything back about it. The county was interested in building a criminal justice facility there and wanted to pursue it

2 Comments

**The BIG program Selection Criteria** - What criteria goes into selecting projects? Some attendees would like a better explanation how project are selected. One county enacted the maximum wheel tax to enhance their ability to get their projects selected. They submitted four applications and receive nothing while another nearby county with a smaller wheel tax got 4 of their 6 projects selected. They felt it was unfair since they enacted the maximum tax and still receive no funding

1 Comment

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**Capitol Street and 8th Street RR Crossings in Yankton** – Yankton Cit officials asked about the coordination of the Capitol Street and 8th Street RR Crossings in Yankton (PCNs 05MA & 05MC). <These projects have since been cancelled by the City>.

1 Comment

**BIG Funding** - Yankton Co. official asked if more bridge funding will come to the counties.

1 Comment

**SD50/Deer Boulevard west of Yankton** - A Yankton County Commission expressed the need for a turn lane at SD50 and Deer Blvd where Dakota Plains Ag is located. They have a concern about safety and didn't see a project in the 2017-2020 tentative STIP. <A project as been added as a staff recommended change>.

1 Comment

**Rumble Strips** - Expressed support for centerline rumble strips especially on US81 north of Yankton.

1 Comment

**SD46 From US81 to Irene** – Would like to see the SD46 widening project moved into the 4 year program.

1 Comment

**SD50 Approaches Near Vermillion** - A City of Vermillion official asked if SDDOT is removing or combining field entrances on SD50 projects in Vermillion (PCN 023L, 037D & 02CL). He has safety concerns if we don't remove or combine accesses or keep the field entrances as roadway accesses when development happens.

1 Comment

**I90 Reconstruction Between Draper and Murdo** - Jones County officials asked when PCN 00GL I-90 EBL from Draper to Murdo was going to be let?

1 Comment

**Thanks for the projects in the Highmore area** – A Highmore official complimented SDDOT on the reconstruction project through Highmore. The drainage problems before the reconstruction have been eliminated since the completion of the project.

1 Comment

**Rochford Road** - A Lawrence County official asked about the Pennington County Rochford Road project and the concern about the segment of road from the north end of the Rochford project to the Lawrence county line that will not be reconstructed and will remain a gravel surfaced segment for about 1 mile or so. <Projects and the limits are determined by the counties>.

1 Comment

**Bid Prices** - A Harding County official asked if bid prices are lower this year and if so, what is being done with the extra funding?

## Written Comments Received by Mail and Email

1 Written Comment, Petitions with 478 Signatures

**SD10 Through Sisseton** – Expressed concern with the proposed design of this project. Objections noted concerning the use of roundabouts and reconstruction from the current 4 lane configuration to a 2 lane configuration with a center turning lane.

211 Written Comments, 3 Resolutions, Petitions with 566 Signatures

**US12 Between Ipswich and Mina and also to Mobridge** – Strong concern regarding the number of deadly crashes between Ipswich and Mina and ways to improve the safety along this segment of highway including reconstruction to a 4 lane facility, reduced speed limits, enhanced law enforcement and increased shoulder width. There were also a handful of letters commenting that the construction of additional lanes is unnecessary and safety devices like rumble strips would be a better fix.

1 Written Comment

**SD46/SD11 Junction near Hudson** – Suggested the addition of rumble strips to alert drivers that a stop is ahead. There has been two fatal accidents where the north bound vehicles failed to stop.

9 Written Comments (including the Walworth, Edmunds, Faulk and Potter County Commissions)

**SD47 From Hoven to US12** – Would like to see a shoulder added to the road. Round bales being hauled rolled off of truck when they had to pull over for a semi driving in the opposite direction. There have been many deaths and they would like to see something done soon.

1 Written Comment

**SD50/437 Ave Northwest of Yankton (New grain facility at Napa Junction)** – Concerned that there is currently no project in the Tentative STIP for the construction of turning lanes at this intersection. With the completion of the Dakota Plains Ag facility yet this fall, many semi turning movements will be occurring there and the movement will impede free flow of the highway and cause safety issues.

1 Written Comment, Petitions with reportedly 570 Signatures (Not all petitions were sent)

**SD50 From SD37 to Yankton** – Expressed support to keep the 5 four-lane segments of SD50 intact (SD37 west junction, SD37 east junction, Tyndall, SD, SD25 Junction, Tabor SD). Also expressed support for construction of a Yankton Truck Route.

1 Written Comment

**SD81 From Yankton to SD46** – Would like to see this segment as a four lane road due to heavy traffic..

1 Written Comment

**SD83 From the ND Border to the East SD10 Junction** – Desires work to be performed on the shoulders. They need to be wider and be paved for the sake of oversized loads and bicyclists.

1 Written Comment

**US85 From Spearfish to Deadwood** – Would like to see the pulloffs restored to this segment of highway. There used to be pullouts but when the road was reconstructed and extra lanes added, guardrail was installed and these areas are no longer accessible. Would like to see them accessible for a place for tired people to rest and for picnics.

1 Written Comment

**US85/SD34 through Bell Fourche** – Would like to see traffic signals installed at this intersection due to the new businesses opening up just to the south creating addition traffic and conflicts. Would like a speed study conducted on US85 from SD34 south to Wood Road as new growth is creating more conflicts. Would like to see traffic signals install on US85 and Jackson Street. Would like SDDOT's help in developing 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Ziebach Street to SD34 as an alternative north/south route. Also support the construction of US85 as a four lane highway to the North Dakota state line.

1 Written Comment

**US18/US385 in Hot Springs** – Anxious to see the scheduled 2018 reconstruction project for this segment stay on schedule. With the growth the city is experiencing, this project is badly needed. Would like to see it constructed in 2017 if possible.

1 Written Comment

**Elk Vale Road in Rapid City from I90, South** – Requested the construction of a walking path along Elk Vale Road in Rapid City to accommodate the foot traffic from Homestead/Timmons Road to the businesses near the interstate.

1 Written Comment

**Suggested bias in use of asphalt paving in reconstruction projects** – The Dakota Asphalt Pavement Association suggested the SDDOT shows a bias against the use of asphalt pavement in new reconstruction. The Department would be able to save \$22 million by using AC on five projects they identified in the Tentative STIP.