

Summary of Public Input for the 2018-2021 Tentative STIP

Aberdeen, SD – 41 Attendees (53 Attendees in 2016, 23 Attendees in 2015, 31 Attendees in 2014, 94 attendees in 2013)

3 Comments

SD10 Reconstruction through Sisseton – A state representative expressed opposition to the use of roundabouts. Alexandria MN is having difficulties with long trucks using the roundabouts and there is concern that they will fill in with snow. He noted that 17,000 semi passing through town and that will likely increase with the opening of the grain facility in Britton and wheat shipments destined for Dumont, MN. How will businesses on the south side near the roundabouts be accessed during construction? Will there be a frontage road? There are businesses and a hospital that needs to be accessed during construction of the highway. Two other citizens were concerned if the flow of traffic increases with the roundabouts, traffic on the side streets on the north side of the highway will find it very difficult to enter the highway, especially with the reduced number of lanes (4 lanes to 2 lanes). This will affect the safety of the road, especially with the number of elderly drivers.

1 Comment

SD47 North of Hoven – An Ipswich citizen thought this segment was going to be reconstructed and asked if it could be completed in the next year or two to as the county road south of Bowdle is now handling the truck traffic and taking ‘a pounding’. (This is a Pierre Region project and more comments can be found in the Pierre meeting summary below).

1 Comment

Highway Improvements in the Redfield Area – A Redfield citizen thanked the Department for all the work in the Redfield area including the resurfacing of US212 east and west of town, US281 north and south of town, resurfacing of the state highways through town, the addition of handicap accessible sidewalks in town, lighting, and the current reconstruction of the bridge. The infrastructure is in very good condition and he appreciated all the work that has taken place in the past 10 years.

3 Comments

County and Township Highway Bridges and Culverts – Concerned that townships have little funding and can’t participate in the Bridge Improvement Grant program. The townships need some financial aid to be able to maintain and replace their bridges. Township roads are where most grain shipments begin and need to be maintained. There should also be funding for culvert replacement as well. \$15 Million for the BIG program is not enough funding to address these needs. Would like to see the amount increased.

1 Comment

Wildlife Incident Concerns – Asked if SDDOT could work with Game Fish and Parks to try to minimize wildlife/vehicle collisions on the highways. Could a fence be built in the higher deer population areas to direct them away from the highways?

1 Comment

Use of Milling and AC Resurfacing – It was noted that the Department does a many Mill and AC Resurfacing type projects across the state. Is that because it is an economical treatment for those roads?

1 Comment

Dollar Threshold Amount for projects? – A citizen asked if the Department sets a threshold on the total amount it would spend on a single project. If a 35 mile project was identified and made sense to

construct as a single project, would the Department do so or break it up into 2 or more projects if it cost was too much?

1 Comment

Use of county and township roads as haul roads for state highway reconstruction – A county commissioner questioned why the local tax payers should have to shoulder the burden of repairing their local roads that get beat up by contractors using the local system road to haul in materials when rebuilding the state highway system roads. Staff noted that the Department enters into an agreement with the counties to use these designated roads and makes the needed repairs to bring them back to a similar condition.

Mitchell, SD – 39 Attendees (Sioux Falls Meetings: 47 Attendees in 2016, 46 Attendees in 2015, 41 Attendees in 2014, 38 Attendees in 2013)

1 Comment

SD44 from East of Platte to West of Corsica – Noted it is scheduled for resurfacing. There is severe rutting there and it needs something done.

1 Comment

SD45 from Platte to Kimball (I90) – Noted it is scheduled for resurfacing. Will this overlay eliminate the need for spring load limits? With the new grain facility there, it is a hardship to drive the extra distance to be able to deliver the grain here.

2 Comments

SD46 from US81 to Irene – A Yankton Transportation committee member and local State Senator commented that this segment of SD46 remains dangerous due to the rolling terrain and mixed traffic using the route. There is local slow agricultural traffic that impedes the flow of recreational vehicles. These RV get impatient and pass in no passing zones. Better site distance and additional width would help alleviate some of these issues. While the project is on the SDDOT's radar, it would be beneficial to get this done sooner if possible.

1 Comment

SD50 from I90 into Chamberlain – A local Chamberlain citizen thanks the staff for getting work programmed on this segment of highway. Also thanked them for the turning lane there that leads to the school/hospital road. Also thanks for allowing the City to install an LED stop sign in downtown Chamberlain. Finally, thanks for the cooperation extended to the City during the water pipe replacement.

1 Comment

SD50/US18 intersection at Lake Andes – US18 comes into SD50 around a curve at a diagonal. It is very difficult to see oncoming traffic and this needs to be made into a "T" intersection.

2 Comments

US81 intersections north of Yankton – A Yankton Transportation committee member and local State Senator commented that there are three intersections on US81 starting 5 miles north of Yankton that need safety enhancements. This includes the intersections of 303, 304 (Utica Road) and 306 (Tyndall Road) Streets. Due to the terrain and different types of vehicles using the road (grain/gravel trucks, recreational vehicles, wind blades, etc.), the addition of turning lanes and/or the addition of extra lanes would enhance the safety at these locations.

1 Comment

US81/SD50 intersection – A local State Senator commented there is a need for a left turn signal at this intersection. Recreational vehicles heading back to Sioux Falls from Gavins Point Dam will back up for nearly a mile waiting to make this east to north turning movement. SDDOT staff told her in the past that the traffic doesn't meet warrants for a left turn signal her but she said counts need to be taken during the heavy peak times on Sundays when the traffic backs up.

3 Comments

Thanks for having the meeting in Mitchell – Appreciated that the meeting was back in Mitchell again this year. Also thanks DOT Commissioner Vahle for attending the meeting.

1 Comment

Access Management for State Highways – A local State Senator noted that a convenience store was constructed near the State DOT shop in Yankton (SD50 & West City Limits Road) but they were not granted direct access to the highway. Customers have to enter from a local city street but passersby don't know this and are making U turns on SD50 to go back to the city so they can get to the store. What is the policy that prohibits this? project.

1 Comment

Foster Street Extension in Mitchell – The chair for transportation planning from Mitchell expressed a desire to see a project that would include the extension of South Foster Street under I90 and extending to the Mitchell Technical Institute campus to enhance access. All traffic currently has to come down Burr Street and then easterly on Spruce Street to reach the campus. Many times, the railroad track is occupied by passing trains and access is cut off. He requested that the Department consider widening the existing interstate bridges over the railroad tracks when they need to be replaced to accommodate the Foster Street extension.

1 Comment

Thanks for the partial repair of the I29 bridge 6 miles south of Beresford – When not perfect, it is better riding than before the repair.

1 Comment

Bicycle Safety Education – A bicyclist was nearly hit when he didn't observe the stop sign at an intersection in Madison. Perhaps the state needs to push cyclist education.

1 Comment

SD46/SD25 & SD44/US281 Junction – Even though there are stop signs there, certain drivers are not stopping.

1 Comment

SD37 From Mitchell south 3 miles – With the congestion and development around this area, it might be time to consider upgrading this segment to a 4 lane.

1 Comment

Yankton Truck Bypass – Expressed the need for the construction of a truck bypass around Yankton.

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.

Pierre, SD – 29 Attendees (41 Attendees in 2016, 24 Attendees in 2015, 32 Attendees in 2014, 44 Attendees in 2013)

1 Comment

Intersection of US18/SD73 in Martin, SD – It is extremely difficult for a semi-trailer heading northbound on SD73 to make a right turn onto US18 at Martin. This intersection needs some turning radius modifications to accommodate turning movements.

4 Comments, 8 people attending in support, 1 Written Comment

US18 From SD73 East to the Bennett/Todd County Line – This segment of road lacks adequate shoulders. The rest of the route has wide shoulders and this should as well to match the expectations of the rest of the route. Many oversized loads are routed on this segment and there is little to no room to pass on this narrow segment. Also, many of the approaches are too narrow for larger machinery to utilize. The SDDOT spent a lot of time plowing and blowing snow here last year because of the bad geometry. If this segment was regraded, some of the areas that plugged with snow could be eliminated. Concerned if this road is resurfaced in 2019, there will be no opportunity to reconstruct it for many years until the surface wears out. A state representative noted that this segment was the only road he knew of where the rumble stripes are on the white line. More people would have attended to support this reconstruction but they are fighting fires.

1 Comment

SD73 Reconstruction in Bennett County – Thanks for the work on this segment of highway. It is appreciated.

1 Comment

Thanks for the fencing work all these years – The spouse of a fencing contractor thanked the Department for the opportunity to build fences along highways since 1992. Now that the work is completed, he worked himself out of a job since there is no fencing projects in the Tentative STIP.

Rapid City, SD – 49 Attendees, (28 Attendees in 2016, 33 Attendees in 2015, 51 Attendees in 2014, 47 Attendees in 2013)

1 comment

US12/SD73 intersection at Lemmon – There is a project scheduled in 2017 to extend roadway lighting along US12 in Lemmon. Since then, a large grocery store has been constructed at this intersection and the lighting is needed more urgently. They want to make sure the lighting goes to the intersection and would like to even see it go beyond as more development takes place to the west. The City of Lemmon has even annexed the land so it is no longer in the county. They don't want this delayed but would appreciate this assistance.

1 comment

Reconstruction of US18 and US385 Through Hot Springs – Thanks for the project but would like to see the design include a cantilevered sidewalk on the west end of the project. It would enhance safety and help with the revitalization of the downtown area. Also there is concern that some businesses along the river will not have access during the reconstruction since there is no back access.

1 comment

US18 Bypass/SD71 Junction in Hot Springs – Would like to have this intersection checked for safety improvements as there was a bad accident recently due to lack of a turn lane.

1 comment

Jennings Street Bridge in Hot Springs – Concern expressed over the condition of this bridge. It is settling and rebar is showing. The City submitted for a grant but were unsuccessful. They have started engineering on its replacement and will be applying again for another grant. It is a critical bridge as it provides access to the fire station.

1 comment

SD20 Projects in Harding & Perkins Counties – There are projects scheduled in 2019 and 2021 for the resurfacing of these segments of highway. Please keep them on track and do not delay them anymore.

4 comment, 1 written comment, 1 petition from the Perkins Co Commission

SD73 from US12 at Lemmon, south – (Note: This is a 2017 shoulder widening and AC surfacing project that has faced delays due to wetland mitigation issues. It is hoped those can be resolved in time for a September letting. It was originally a 2013 project) Expressed hope that this project will be let yet this fall so work can begin. They have been waiting a long time for this project. This is a safety issue and needs to be let. A resolution was submitted from the Perkins County Commission supporting the timely letting of this project. Also thanks to Area Engineer Tammy Williams for working hard in seeing this project gets completed.

1 comment

Webinar – Thanks for the opportunity to participate in the STIP webinar. For those individuals that would have to travel hundreds of miles to attend one of these meetings, this provides an easy alternative for the public to provide input via technology. It is greatly appreciated!

1 comment

Heartland Expressway – Thanks for this project as it provides quick easy access in getting people to and from Hot Springs.

1 Comment, 3 attendees

Mount Rushmore Road Reconstruction, Rapid City - Expressed appreciation of the work completed thus far and the work planned to complete the reconstruction of Mount Rushmore Road. The Mount Rushmore Road Group has been attending these meeting for 12 years and are excited that the project is nearing completion. In 2014, gross sales along this road totaled \$112 Million and 2015 property evaluations were \$60 million. They appreciate the Department's efforts to keep access open to these businesses during construction. The investment in this reconstruction will be recouped by the city and state many times over.

1 comment, 1 written comment

Belle Fourche Highway System Concerns – The Belle Fourche Mayor thanked Tammy Williams for meeting with them and discussing the needs of the city. Some observations/concerns include: Study the possibility of reduce the speed limit on US85 through town; The possible use of a red flashing light on US85 at Jackson Street for the bike path as traffic isn't observing the flashing yellow lights; The addition of a left turn signal at the intersection of Summit and US85 & Ziebach Street and US85; Installation of a traffic signal at the SD34/US85 intersection and the US85/Jackson Street intersection; and continued support of the construction of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway.

Webinar - 49 Live Viewers watching, YouTube – 40 views as of 8/14/2017

1 Phone Call and 1 Written Comment

Interstate Resurfacing Cost Comparison – Inquired about the cost estimates concerning Asphalt Concrete overlays on the interstate system and was wondering why there was a difference in the costs per mile on the various projects.

Planning District Meeting Comments

Black Hills Council of Local Governments Meeting:

Bid Prices - Noted that the counties are seeing lower bids again this year and are able to get more work done. Asked if SDDOT is seeing the same thing.

Fatalities - Asked about the Dept. of Public Safety press release noting that 2016 was second lowest year in highway fatalities. Was this based on miles of travel or the count of actual fatalities?

SD79 Realignment/Extension - Noted there is a SD79 resurfacing project east of Sturgis. Could the state straighten out the alignment at the SD34 intersection and then extend it south to I90?

SD79 Rutting - Noted that SD79 (North of SD168) is already starting to rut, the shoulders are too narrow, and the inslopes are too steep.

ROW Requirements - Expressed frustration with the ROW documentation process on the Elk Vale Road and Elk Creek Road project. The county is working on securing the documentation required by the SDDOT ROW office but they keep changing the requirements and this project is now in jeopardy of being deferred another year.

Stimulus Cash - Questioned where the extra cash from the stimulus package that President Trump promised during the campaign is going. Does the state have a plan and will some be passed down?

New State Highway - Request was made by Meade County to make the county highway from north of New Underwood to SD34 a state highway.

Central SD Enhancement District Meeting:

US83 Projects south of Murdo Scheduling - Kristi Barnes of Murdo questioned why there are grading projects for US83 in 2018 and 2019 south of Murdo but the surfacing would not occur until 2021. Dave Voeltz speculated that the 2018 and 2019 projects would be let late in the fiscal year and actual construction would begin the following year, but he would check and let her know.

SD47 in Highmore - Vikki Day, City of Highmore, complimented SDDOT on the reconstruction project through Highmore. The City is really enjoying having sidewalks so the children don't have to ride their bikes to the parks and pool on the highway anymore. It gave the town a nice face life. Thanks much!

First District Meeting:

Rest Areas - A question was asked concerning the status of the rest areas in the state and what was planned for them in the future. Region Engineer Sens discussed the Rest Area Study and how Tourism is working with the SDDOT to upgrade the facilities near the state lines. A few rest areas have been identified for closing and others will receive upgraded in the future. He mentioned the facilities at Hidewood would be removed but the parking area would remain to monitor usage by the trucking industry. When asked if the facility could be privatized, Jeff noted that federal regulation would not

allow that since it was constructed with federal funds. Jeff also noted the Ward Rest Area is receiving a facelift and will be opened in a few weeks when that work is completed.

US212 Reconstruction from Watertown to the Goodwin Road – Gary Jaeger, Deuel County Commission, discussed the use of county and local roads by the traveling public for detours while the reconstruction of US212 is taking place. He asked if SDDOT has responsibility to return the roads to the condition they were in prior to the additional use generated by the construction. Jeff Sens noted that the county and township roads are public roads and SDDOT can't regulate where the traffic travels. We can specify the route that the contractors use. He and Matt Brey noted that they do work with the counties and will make needed repairs to bring the roads back to a like condition prior to their use.

Matt also noted they would be opening up US212 for the 4th of July to Kranzburg for the parade. It will then close so the remainder of the work can be completed.

US81 Roundabout - Codington County Commissioner Brenda Hanten asked if the roundabout is needed on US81 in southern Watertown now that a 4 way stop has been installed. Jeff Sens explained the 4 way stop was a temporary measure to improve safety until this project can be completed.

SD15/SD22 intersection South of Clear Lake – Jamie Hintz, Deuel County Highway Department, noted that the stop signs at this intersection seemed to be knocked down on a weekly basis. This apparently is caused by turning trucks. He also noted that people are also disregarding the stop signs in the early morning hours since the good visibility allows them to do so. Jeff Sens noted that we would look at this and see if some improvements can be included with the SD22 project that is planned for 2020.

Thanks to Secretary Bergquist – Gary Jaeger, Deuel County Commission, wanted to thank Secretary Bergquist for attending the County Commissioners meeting and being available to the public, he appreciated it!

North East Council of Governments meeting:

Concrete or Asphalt – What makes this determination when concrete is used verses when asphalt is used for roadway surfacing? Jeff Sens explained some of the criteria used in the selection process. Each project is reviewed to make that determination.

SD47 from Hoven to US12 – Noted that SD47 is identified for improvement on the Developmental STIP map. Wondered what type of work would occur? Jeff Sens said the project is being reviewed but since the road is fairly flat and site distances are good, shoulder widening and bridge replacement is a likely candidate.

Expansion of US12 to 4 lanes from Mina Westerly – Questioned the status of construction 2 additional lanes on US12 from Mina to Mobridge. Jeff Sens explained that the Ipswich to Mina segment has been analyzed and improvements including roadway lighting, construction of passing lanes, adding/extending turning lanes at certain intersections, and other related work have been identified and will be added to the STIP. As far as the construction of additional lanes, at this point that is unlikely due to traffic volumes and the associate expense involved in maintaining the additional lanes.

US12 Mina Railroad Overpass – Is anything planned here? There have been some accidents.

BIG Program – NECOG staff asked the members what the members thought of the BIG program and how it has been working for them. Brown County officials are satisfied and feel it is working well.

South East Council of Governments meeting:

Getting Projects in the STIP - Ben Scholtz, City of Tea, asked how county projects get added to the STIP. Dave Voeltz and Travis Dressen explained the process.

US18 from I29 to Canton - Amanda Mack, City of Canton, asked about the developmental project shown on US18 from I29 to Canton. Travis shared that is a project the Department is working on and will likely involve reconstruction of the highway as a divided 4 lane facility. She was pleased to hear of that potential project.

Lincoln County 106 (275th St) – Ben Scholtz, City of Tea, asked about funding options concerning Lincoln County 106 (275th St) from I29 to Tea. The road serves as a commuter route from Tea to Sioux Falls and is in need of reconstruction due to capacity issues. It is currently a county highway but the City is discussing assessing adjacent property owners to help fund this project. <This was discussed at the Sioux Falls STIP Meeting last year>. Ben will contact Local Government to see if there are any new options. They are also preparing a third TIGER Grant application for this project.

I29 Structure at the Harrisburg Exit (Exit 71) - Mike McMahon, City of Harrisburg, again shared the City of Harrisburg's desire to see the structure at the Harrisburg interchange replaced due to the limited sight visibility caused by the arched design. A motorcyclist was killed last year on the west end of the structure at the southbound off ramp. This remains high on their wish list of projects.

Third District Meeting:

Maintenance Work/Turning Lane on SD50 - Deb Bodenstedt, Yankton County Commission, asked about some maintenance type of projects (Pipe Cleaning, Chip Seals) and what they entail. She also asked the status of the turning lane construction on 437th Ave 3 miles west of Yankton. She was hoping it would have been completed yet this year as the grain facility will be buying grain this fall and there will be much turning truck traffic at this intersection.

Transportation Alternative Project in Yankton - Mike Healy, Yankton Chamber Transportation, asked details about the Transportation Alternative Project (Shared Use Path) that will be constructed in Yankton in 2018 (PCN 05C8).

Dave Mingo, City of Yankton, shared some questions he received from some citizens asking why the City of Yankton had to share in the cost of constructing the walking path. Dave Voeltz noted it was a requirement of the program and it is reasonable to expect that the recipients of the projects should participate in the funding of them.

US81 Intersection Concerns North of Yankton – Mike Healy, Yankton Chamber Transportation, presented a paper outlining concerns about safety at the intersections on US81 at the Tabor, Utica, and Volin Roads. He also offered some suggestions on how to address these concerns. (See attached sheet and Map). Rod Gall noted that there is a 2018 project (PCN05F7) that will make some intersection improvements at US81/303 & 304th Ave but he thinks the design is completed for that project.

SD46 from US81 to Irene – Mike Healy, Yankton Chamber Transportation, also provided a paper concerning safety issues on SD46 from US81 to Irene. He would like to see the road regraded. Rod Gall noted that we are working toward that end and we are hopeful a reconstruction project scheduled for 2022 will advance into the Construction STIP next year. Mike and the other participants were pleased to hear of this progress.

Brian Hunhoff, Yankton Co Register of Deed and citizen supported the SD46 reconstruction project noted above and asked if there was any way it could be advanced a year or two. Rod Gall noted the survey has been completed and things are progressing on schedule. If there is an opportunity to speed things up, he would see what could be done. Brian asked if passing lanes would be added during the reconstruction and Rod explained that when the regrading is done, the roadway would be flattened, minimized the peaks and valleys and negating the need for passing lanes.

There were no other comments during the meeting but afterward, Greg Henderson, Planning District III, shared a compliment concerning the assistance Andy Vandell provided to the City of Tyndall in securing radar speed signs to help remind drivers of the speed limit. Greg noted that Andy was easy to work with and was open minded in seeing if there was a way to help the city. It was a pleasure working with him and the only reason he didn't bring it up during the meeting was to spare Andy a deluge of phone calls asking for similar assistance.

Written Comments Received by Mail and Email

1 Written Comment

US12 Bike Path/Lighting in Lemmon – Expressed a desire to have a walking path constructed on the western segment of US12 in Lemmon to facilitate access to the new grocery store at the US12/SD73 junction. Also would like the lighting project planned for this segment extended a block further west of the junction to illuminate the access to the new grocery store.

1 Written Comment

US18 From SD73 to the Bennett/Todd County Line – Concerned that the planned overlay of this segment will delay the needed shoulder widening of it. The road has good width on both sides of this segment and it should be widened to the same width for continuity and safety.

1 Written Comment, 1 City Resolution

I29 Structure at the Harrisburg Exit (Exit 71) - City of Harrisburg would like to see the structure at the Harrisburg interchange replaced due to the limited sight visibility caused by the arched design.

20 Written Comments

SD46 from US81 to Irene – This segment is dangerous to the farmers that live adjacent to the highway. Impatient drivers pass slow moving farm equipment in no passing zones, endangering everyone's life. It needs to be rebuilt to a more safe condition or reduce the speed limit to 55 MPH and have the Highway Patrol enforce the law.

1 Written Comment

SD46 from US81 West – Requested this segment be considered for improvement.

1 Written Comment

SD79 Realignment/Extension - Noted there is a SD79 resurfacing project east of Sturgis. Could the state straighten out the alignment at the SD34 intersection and then extend it south to I90?

1 Written Comment

US81/SD46 Intersection – Asked why there are no flashing lights at this intersection but there are at the US81/SD42 and US81/SD44 intersections. There should be for safety.

21 Written Comments

US81 From the end of the divided North of Yankton to SD46 – Commented that the segment north of Yankton from the end of the divided highway north to SD46 should be 4 lanes due to the amount of

traffic and the hills. It would be much safer and would eliminate passing on the hills. Traffic counts should be taken on weekends to get a better assessment of the amount of traffic on this segment of highway. The US81/303rd/304th St. Intersections are especially dangerous. Northbound traffic turning west toward Utica often gets passed on both the right and left side. This is also a limited visibility at these intersections and that needs to be improved for safety reasons. At minimum, these intersections should be improved.

1 Written Comment

Interstate Resurfacing Cost Comparison – Inquired about the cost estimates concerning Asphalt Concrete overlays on the interstate system and was wondering why there was a difference in the costs per mile on the various projects.

1 Written Comment

Highmore City Street Railroad Crossing – Expressed concern on the condition of a railroad crossing on a city street in Highmore. The crossing is rough when crossing it.

1 Written Comment

Amish should have headlights on buggies – Shared concern that the Amish should be required to have headlights on their buggies when operating at night to prevent accidents. Provided a newspaper article reporting such an accident.

1 Written Comment

Implementation of Toll Road and Bridges – Since there is a lack of funding on the county level, the use of toll roads and bridges may need to be explored as a means of paying for improvements.

1 Written Comment

Balanced use of PCCP and AC Surfacing – Observed that only 6 projects in year 2021 specify the use of concrete pavement and would like to see more balance. There are no PCCP projects in the Rapid City Region at all in 2021. It was hoped this is just a one year anomaly.

1 Written Comment

Additional Township and County Secondary Funding – South Dakota Association of Towns and Townships requested the Transportation Commission reconsider their request for a yearly \$2 million fund to address the needs of culverts on township and secondary roads.