

SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. CDT
Conference Call Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Mike Vehle, Chairman
Larry Nelson, Vice Chairman
Bruce Cull
Rod Foberg
Jaf Karim
Don Roby
Ron Rosenboom
Benj Stoick

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Kari Kroll and Karla Engle

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Joel Jundt, Kellie Beck, Mike Behm, Craig Smith, Bonnie Olson, Sam Weisgram, Becky Hoffman, and Mark Leiferman

OTHERS PRESENT:

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Mark Clausen – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Toby Crow – Association of General Contractors; and Bob Mercer – Keloland

Chairman Mike Vehle called the meeting of the South Dakota Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

Vehle opened the floor to the Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waiver pursuant to the South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3 – 23.

No conflicts of interest were disclosed, and no waivers were requested.

Vehle asked for a motion to approve the May 14, 2020, Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Rosenboom to approve the May 14, 2020, Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Vehle asked for a motion to approve the May 28, 2020, Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Fouberg and seconded by Stoick to approve the May 28, 2020, Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Becky Hoffman, Office of Project Development, presented the following bid results.

June 3, 2020 letting

Shared Use Path

1	06ND P TAPR(29) T&R Contracting Inc In Valley Springs along Valley Drive from Southside Ave. to Broadway Ave.	Minnehaha County \$85,499.99
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Cold Milling Asphalt Concrete & Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing, Pipe Work

2	04WC, 05FG NH 014A(20)29, NH 0085(96)16 Simon Contractors of South Dakota, Inc. US14A - Fm Cheyenne Crossing to Deadwood via Lead and Central City & US85 - At Cheyenne Crossing	Lawrence County \$6,050,476.31
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County Pavement Marking

4	04M0 P 000S(00)237 Vogel Traffic Services, Inc Various Locations in the Aberdeen Region	Regionwide County \$436,682.11
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County Pavement Marking

5	04M1 P 000S(00)238 Vogel Traffic Services, Inc Various Locations in the Mitchell Region	Regionwide County \$725,708.08
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A MOTION WAS MADE by Cull and seconded by Roby to approve bids #1, 2, 4, and 5. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Durable Pavement Marking

3	04JN PH 0030(24) Traffic Services Company LLC Various locations on the State System in the Pierre Region	Dewey, Haakon, Stanley, Ziebach County \$186,753.96
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A MOTION WAS MADE by Fouberg and seconded by Rosenboom to approve bid #3. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Mike Behm, Division Director of Planning and Engineering, presented for Commission consideration an alternate public involvement process for the 2021 – 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, an alternative method of public involvement is being considered for the 2020 public meeting. Knowing that not all individuals will have access to adequate technology, the recommendation was made to offer interactive participation via conference call. Behm described five actions the Department of Transportation (the “Department”) will take:

1. As typical of previous years, the Department will post the tentative STIP along with all other supporting documentation on the Department’s website once approved to do so by the Commission.
2. **New this year**, the Department will post a video recording of the overall Department’s mission and funding presentation from Behm and Program Manager Mark Leiferman as well as a recording of each Region Engineers’ presentations of major projects on the Department’s website in lieu of in-person presentations.
3. As typical of previous years, the Department will advertise through the South Dakota Newspaper Association (SDNA) the availability of the tentative STIP, the request for public input, and the dates and times to participate in the live conference calls for each region. SDNA advertises through local newspaper affiliates throughout South Dakota.
4. **New this year**, the Department will host four separate conference calls, one for each region, to provide the public an opportunity to ask questions and make comments to the Department’s staff in a live setting.
5. As typical of previous years, the Department will request public comments via email or mail to Levi Briggs. This will be an option for everyone but may be most beneficial to those who are not able to participate in a conference call.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Karim and seconded by Stoick to approve the alternate STIP public improvement process as outlined by the Department’s staff. All voted by roll call vote, 7 aye [Cull, Fouberg, Karim, Nelson, Roby, Rosenboom and Stoick] and one nay [Vehle]. The motion carried.

Chairman Vehle shared his thoughts and uncertainty about using the conference call method for the STIP public improvement process and wants to make sure that this does not become the default method for future meetings.

Deputy Secretary Jundt shared with the Commission that the Department is currently working on an external communication plan that will roll out soon and that he’d like to share with the Commission at a future meeting.

Commissioner Nelson recommended reviewing how this process worked at the July or August Commission meeting.

With no other business to come before the Commission, Vehle asked for a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Rosenboom to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye by voice vote. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. CDT.