



SDDOT RAILROAD PROJECTS

August 19, 2026

South Dakota Railroad Board

ACTIVE GRANTS

FUNDING SOURCES	Local Match	Federal Grant	RR Trust Fund State Match	State General Funds State Match	Total
2020 STC - MRC - Meet & Pass Siding	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 2,357,352.00	\$ 640,000.00		\$ 3,297,352.00
2021 RAISE - RCP&E 87.7 miles	\$ 42,000,000.00	\$ 22,000,000.00		\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 84,000,000.00
2021 STC - Ringneck & Western Efficiency and Growth	\$ 1,199,339.36	\$ 1,799,009.00			\$ 2,998,348.36
2021 STC - RCP&E Increasing Rail Resilience	\$ 219,723.00	\$ 878,892.00			\$ 1,098,615.00
2022 CRISI - Sisseton Milbank Modernization	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 24,712,204.00		\$ 6,189,956.00	\$ 30,952,160.00
2022 RCP&E - Upper Black Hills Corridor Upgrade	\$ 6,026,712.00	\$ 14,062,328.00			\$ 20,089,040.00
2022-2023 STC Ringneck and Western Grade Stabilization	\$ 2,077,733.00	\$ 8,310,932.00			\$ 10,388,665.00
2022-2023 STC D&I Railroad Mainline Replacement	\$ 2,489,311.40	\$ 9,957,245.60			\$ 12,446,557.00
2022-2023 STC Sisseton Milbank Railroad Rail Relay	\$ 810,260.00	\$ 3,241,040.00			\$ 4,051,300.00
2022-2023 STC Belle Fourche Economic Development Rail	\$ 240,860.00	\$ 963,440.00			\$ 1,204,300.00
2022-2023 STC DMVW Rail Improvement (SD)	\$ 1,760,036.08	\$ 17,600,360.80	\$ 2,640,054.12		\$ 22,000,451.00
2025 DMVW Rail Improvement (ND)			\$ 3,991,817.00		\$ 3,991,817.00
Totals	\$ 57,173,974.84	\$ 105,882,803.40	\$ 7,271,871.12	\$ 26,189,956.00	\$ 196,518,605.36

Completion Target Dates

• 2026

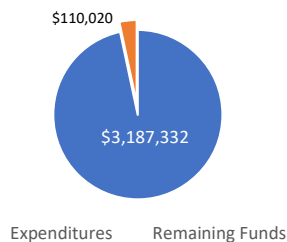
- STC 2020 R&WRR meet & pass siding
- STC 2021 R&WRR Efficiency and Growth Project
- RAISE 2021 RCP&E South Dakota Expansion Project

• 2027

- STC 2021 RCP&E Increasing Rail Resiliency
- STC 2022 – 2023 Belle Fourche Economic Development Industrial & Rail Park
- STC 2022 – 2023 D&I Railroad Mainline Relay Project
- STC 2022 – 2023 DMVW Britton Line Rehabilitation (SD)
- STC 2022 – 2023 RCP&E Upper Black Hills Corridor Upgrade
- STC 2022 – 2023 R&WRR Grade Stabilization Project
- 2025 DMVW Britton Line Rehabilitation (ND)
- State Rail Plan Update and NPRW Feasibility Study (December 2027)

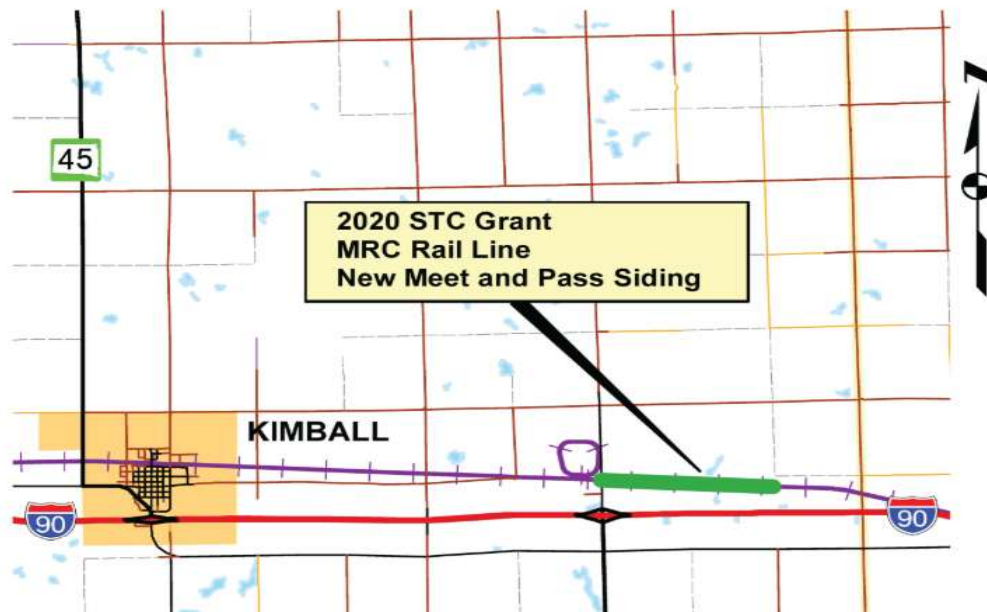
STC 2020 RWRR MEET AND PASS SIDING PROJECT UPDATE

FEDERAL	\$ 2,352,357
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 300,000
STATE	\$ 640,000
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 3,297,352



Challenges and successes

- The funding agreements were executed June 10, 2025
- Excavation started December 2025 and was completed April 2026
- Excavation was able to continue through winter despite some frozen topsoil and mild precipitation
- Track construction began April 2026 and was completed the last week of May
- Punchlist items and final inspection completed beginning of June 2026
- Project is in closeout
- After the project is completed, RWRR will reimburse the State \$500,000, plus an additional \$500,000 each year for two years on the project's anniversary



The pictures above are the grade work and track installation STC 2020 RWRR Meet & Pass Siding



The aerial picture above is the STC 2020 RWRR Meet & Pass Siding

CRISI 2022 SISSETON MILBANK MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

CRISI 2022	\$ 24,712,204
LOCAL MATCH	\$50,000
STATE	\$6,189,956
TOTAL FUNDING	\$30,952,160

Challenges and successes

- The project will rebuild 37 miles of 100-year-old 60-to-90-pound jointed rail, replace turnouts and crossings, and repair and strengthen bridges. The rebuilt line will handle 286,000 lb. rail cars at 25 MPH.
- Environmental Clearance and Preliminary Engineering were completed June 2025.
- Funding agreement is currently with SMRR railroad pending signature.

STC 2022-23 Sisseton Milbank Railroad Culvert Rehabilitation

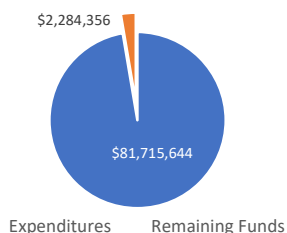
FEDERAL	\$ 3,241,040
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 810,260
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 4,051,300

Challenges and successes

- Culvert replacement and rehabilitation along the Sisseton–Milbank main line from MP 1.8 near Milbank to MP 37.8 near Sisseton, spanning Roberts and Grant Counties
- Received executed FRA Grant Agreement December 2025
- Funding agreement is currently with railroad pending signature.

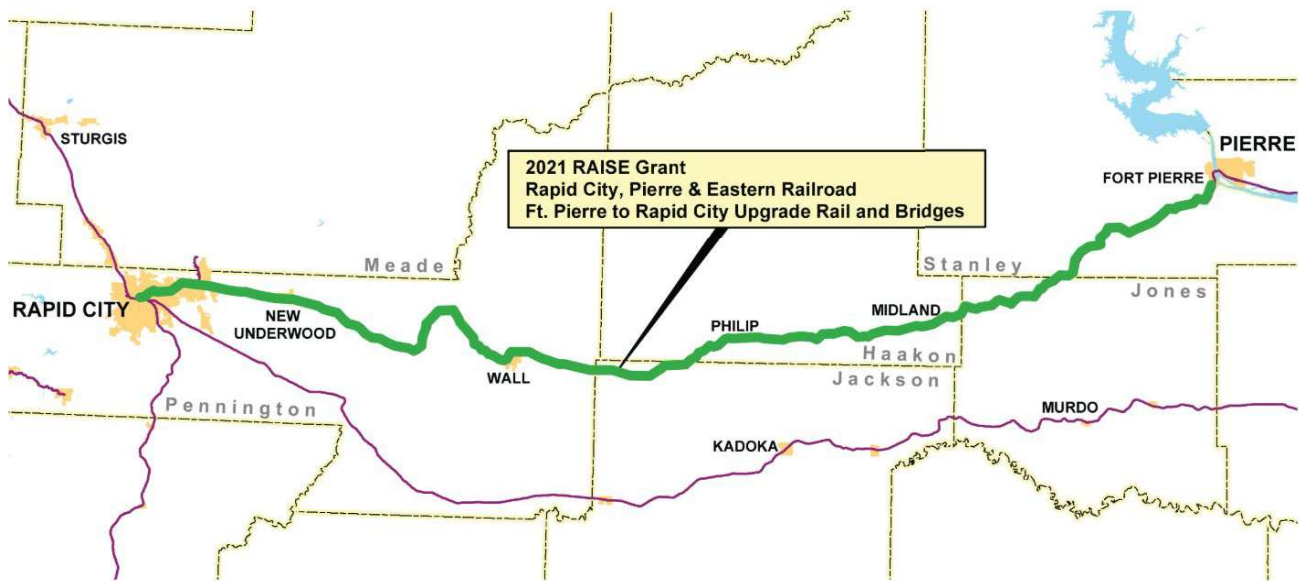
RAISE 2021 RCP&E SOUTH DAKOTA EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

RAISE 2021	\$ 22,000,000
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 42,000,000
STATE	\$ 20,000,000
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 84,000,000



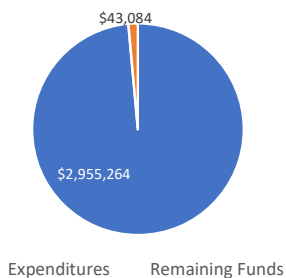
Challenges and successes

- The Project upgrades 87.7 miles of rail to continuous welded rail; rehabilitates 130 bridges; replaces 80,000 ties, 11 turnouts, and 122 crossings; installs 76,200 tons of ballast and four new detectors, enabling 286,000-lb cars and 25-mph minimum speeds between Fort Pierre and Rapid City.
- The rail construction was awarded to RJ Corman with a completion date of November 1, 2026.
- Timber bridge strengthening was awarded to Continental, and work was completed February 2026
- The wayside detectors bid was awarded to AGE and Railroad Signal, and the steel/concrete bridge construction bid was awarded to Martinus.
- Steel/concrete bridge construction bid was awarded to Martinus.
- Completion of the project is projected by the end of 2026.



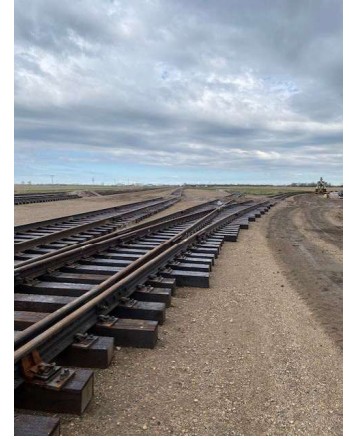
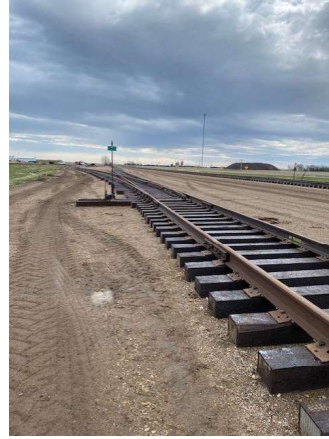
STC 2021 RWRR EFFICIENCY AND GROWTH PROJECT UPDATE

STC 2021	\$1,799,009
MATCH	\$1,199,339
TOTAL FUNDING	\$2,998,348



Challenges and successes

- The Project includes construction of three main components: a 989-foot locomotive shop track, two transload tracks (2,295 and 2,601 feet), and a 396-foot aggregate loading track. Ancillary work includes a loadout spur, transloading access roadway, approximately six turnouts, and a maintenance pit.
- Final Inspection performed June 2026
- Project is complete
- Grant team is working on closeout



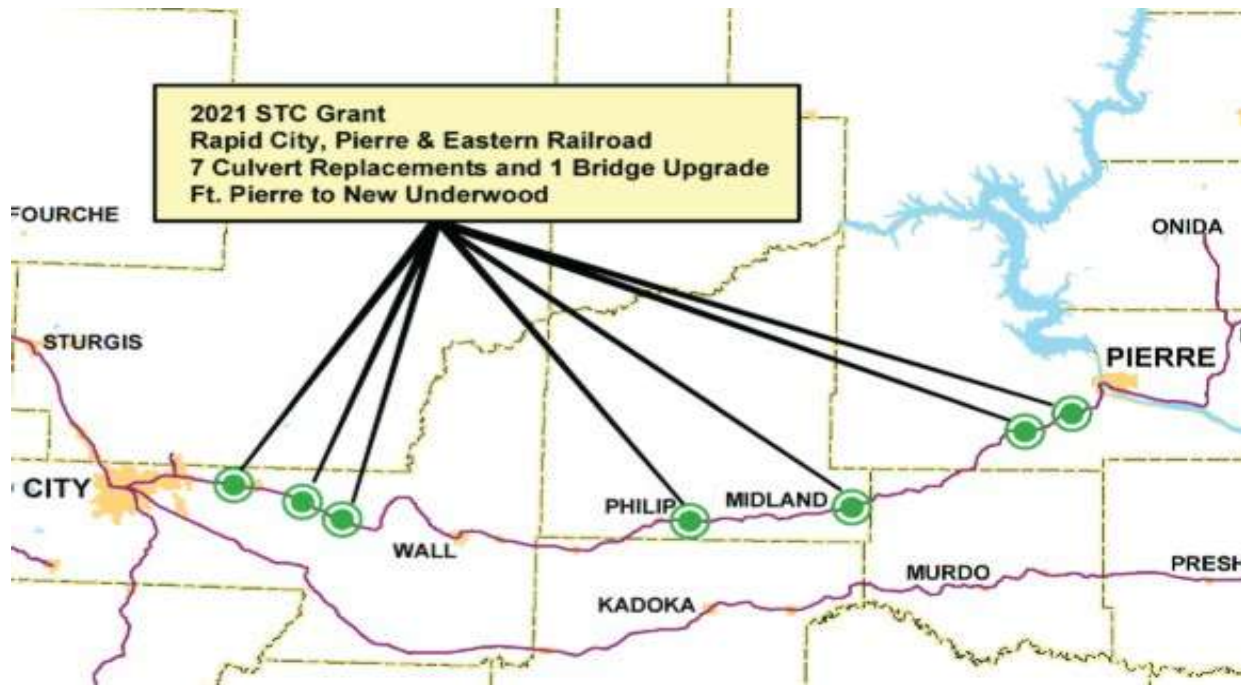
Above pictures are of mechanic's pit and track installation for STC 2021 RWRR Efficiency & Growth Project

STC 2021 RCP&E INCREASING RAIL RESILIENCY PROJECT UPDATE

Challenges and Successes

FEDERAL	\$ 878,892
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 219,723
TOTAL FUNDING	\$1,098,615

- Once a hydrology study was completed it was apparent the scope of the project would need to be revised. Originally, the scope was to replace or install culverts at 7 locations and remove and fill in 22 spans of a 25-span bridge. The revised scope is to replace and install culverts at 5 locations and strengthen the 25-span bridge.
- Preliminary design and environmental were approved by FRA in June 2025.
- Sub-recipient Agreement fully executed February 2026
- Construction is planned for 2026.
- FRA approved final design.
- Bid letting scheduled for August 2026

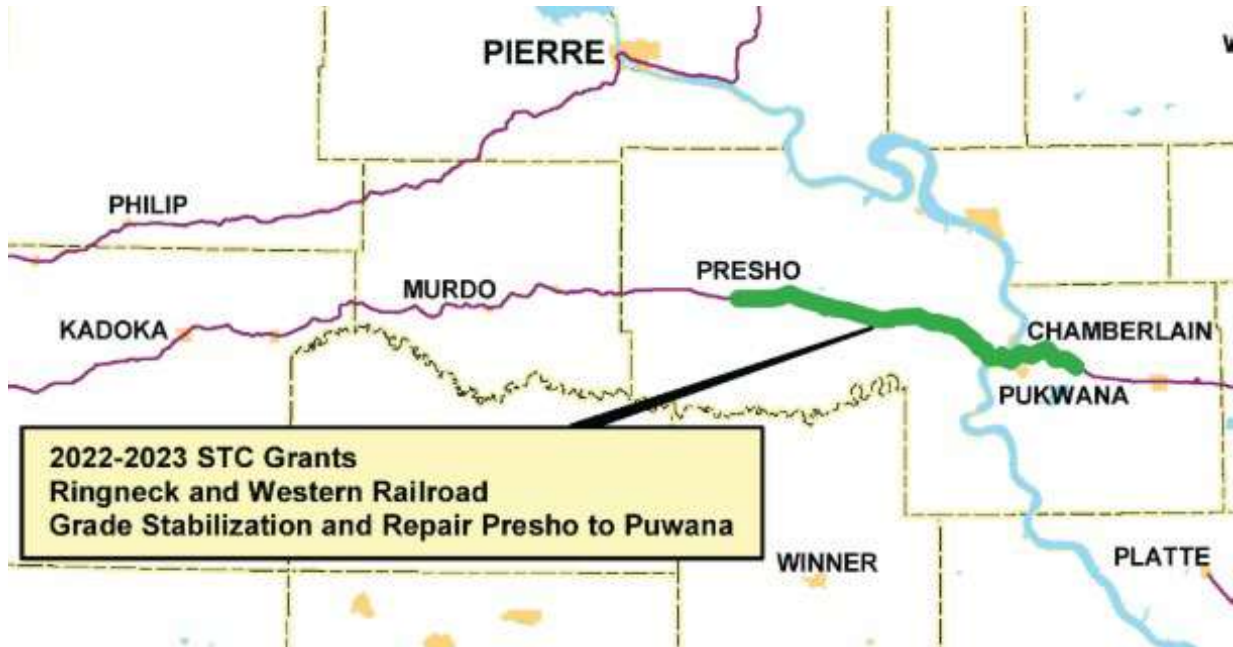


STC 2022-23 RWRR Grade Stabilization and Repair Project

FEDERAL	\$ 8,310,932
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 2,077,733
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 10,388,665

Challenges and successes

- This project involves stabilization railbed, replaces a culvert, repairs bridges, installs ballast, replaces about 31,600 ties, and resurfaces 44.5 miles of track. Funding agreement have been executed in 2025
- FRA finalized CE July 2026
- Target completion project by end of 2027

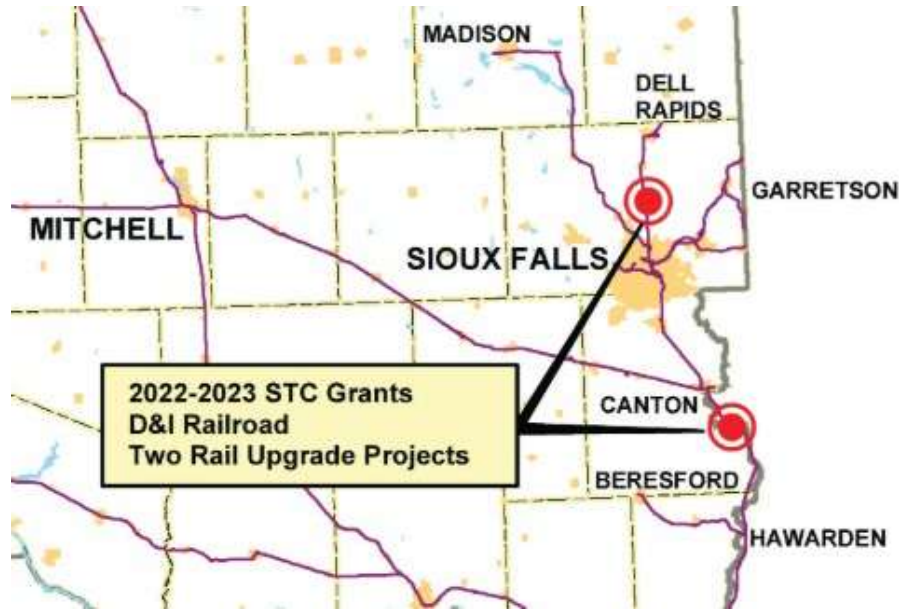


STC 2022-23 D&I Railroad Main Line Rail Relay Project

Challenges and successes

FEDERAL	\$ 9,957,245
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 2,489,311
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 12,446,557

- This project replaces 11.84 miles of legacy jointed rail with 115-lb CWR and upgrades 17 grade crossings. The Project includes two segments: Segment 1 on the Sioux Valley Subdivision and Segment 2 on the Dell Rapids Subdivision.
- Funding agreements executed 2025
- Final design approved by FRA February 2026
- Martinus was awarded bid for Labor and various contractors awarded bids for materials
- Materials are in the process of being delivered and construction is projected spring 2027
- Preconstruction meeting scheduled for August 2026
- Target completion projected by end of 2027



STC 2022-23 RCP&E Upper Black Hills Corridor Upgrade Project

FEDERAL	\$ 14,062,328
<u>LOCAL MATCH</u>	<u>\$ 6,026,712</u>
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 20,089,040

Challenges and successes

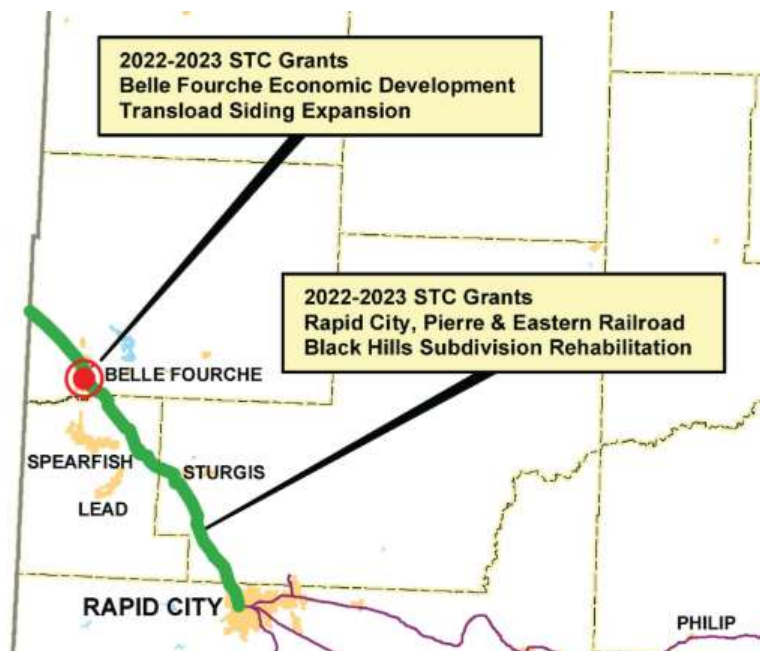
- This project is for the rehabilitation of 16.13 miles of rail and upgrades 34 structures, enabling 286,000-lb capacity within the project limits.
- Funding agreements executed 2025
- Submitted Rail relay & Timber Bridge PE to FRA April 2026
- Environmental resubmitted to FRA July 2026
- Target completion projected by end of 2027

STC 2022-23 Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park Track Expansion Project

FEDERAL	\$	963,440
LOCAL MATCH	\$	240,860
TOTAL FUNDING	\$	1,204,300

Challenges and successes

- This project is for the Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park Track Expansion
- Funding agreements executed 2025
- PMP Approved by FRA January 2026
- Target completion projected by end of 2027



STC 2022-23 DMVW SD Britton Line Rehab SD Project

FEDERAL	\$ 17,600,360
STATE MATCH	\$ 2,640,054
LOCAL MATCH	\$ 1,760,036
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 22,000,451

Challenges and successes

- This project replaces four switches, installs four concrete crossings, places about 27,500 ties and 55,000 tons of ballast, realigns skewed ties, performs surfacing and anchor replacement, and installs 9.2 track miles of 115-lb jointed rail.
- Funding agreement executed 2026
- Environmental approved by FRA August 6, 2026
- Target completion projected by end of 2027



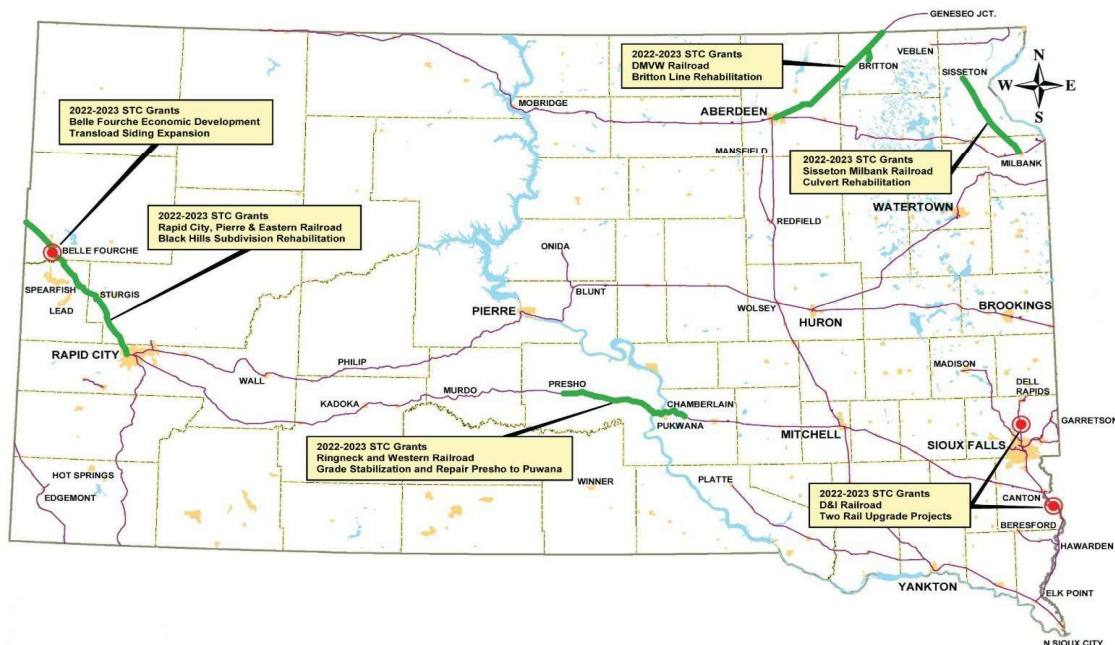
2025 DMVW Britton Line Rehabilitation (ND)

STATE	\$	3,991,817
TOTAL FUNDING	\$	3,991,817

Challenges and successes

- This project is for the installation of approximately 11,395 ties and 18,232 tons of ballast, conducting 22.79 track miles of skewed tie correction, anchoring installation, and surfacing from South Dakota state-line (MP 65.6) to Geneseo Junction, ND (MP 42.91)
- Funding agreement executed 2025
- PE submitted April 2026
- Environmental Analysis submitted and approved May 2026
- Waiting for FRA side of project to be done to bid both DMVW projects at the same time
- Target completion projected by end of 2027

South Dakota 2022-2023 STC Grant Projects



2027 State Rail Plan and Napa – Platte Feasibility Study

STATE	\$	350,000
TOTAL FUNDING	\$	350,000

Challenges and successes

- RFP released on the State's Central Bid Exchange April 2026
- Consultant proposals were due no later than June 4, 2026, and were reviewed by the technical panel
- The bid was awarded to CPCS Transcom Inc. June 25, 2026
- Contract was executed July 27, 2026
- Kick off meeting with technical panel August 2026

2026 Weed Spraying Operations

STATE	\$	49,160
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TOTAL FUNDING	\$	56,360

Challenges and successes

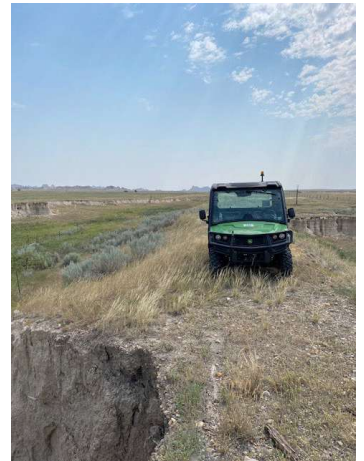
- Dakota Helicopter was selected as the contractor to spray Napa to Platte line and the MRC line from Kadoka to Interior. The total amount is \$49,160.
- Purchase Order was issued for Dakota Helicopter April 2026
- Dakota Helicopter commenced work end of June 2026 on the Napa line and from Kadoka to Interior on the MRC line beginning of July 2026
- Contract with Pennington County was signed May 2026 to spray from Interior to Rapid City on the remaining MRC line. Total amount \$7,200
- Pennington County performed spraying operations June 2026 and will perform a second spray October 2026



Pictures above are of the weed spraying efforts on the NPRW

MRC Tour

- The SDDOT Office of Railroads toured the state sponsored rail line from Kadoka to Rapid City to ensure that the weed control and property are being maintained in accordance with State Railroad Board expectations.
- A UTV and roadside inspection were conducted from Kadoka to Scenic, and spot checks east of Rapid City.
- Weed control has been effective in eliminating most of the Kosha and noxious weeds.
- State signage is still in place for many of the bridge structures.



Pictures above are of the MRC railbanked tour of the state sponsored rail line
from Kadoka to Rapid City

THANK YOU



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