

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 24, 2016 – 9:30 A.M.  
BECKER-HANSEN BUILDING – 700 EAST BROADWAY  
PIERRE, SD**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Don Roby, Chairman  
Rod Fouberg, Member  
Ralph Marquardt, Member  
Larry Thompson, Member  
Kim Vanneman, Member  
Kathy Zander, Member

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:**

Tim Dougherty, Vice-Chairman  
Ron Rosenboom, Member

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:**

Darin Bergquist, Karla Engle, Sam Weisgram, Joel Jundt, Joel Gengler, Kristi Sandal, Mike Behm, Christina Bennet, Mark Leiferman and Kellie Beck

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dick Howard – South Dakota Association of Towns & Townships, Mark Clausen – FHWA, Rick Vallery – Congresswoman, Virginia Tsu – FHWA, David Ortbahn – LRC, Donna Lietzke, Bob Mercer - Press

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Chairman Don Roby. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

Chairman Roby asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2016.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Zander to approve and seconded by Vanneman. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

Chairman Roby asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2016.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Fouberg to approve and seconded by Marquardt. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

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Karla Engle of the Office of Legal Counsel asked the Commission to set a public hearing for April 28, 2016 to consider proposed changes to the following speed zone rules:  
70:01:02:00 – Interstate Highway speed zone, 70:01:02:49 – Meade County, 70:01:02:36 – Hughes County speed zone rule.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rosenboom to set the date and seconded by Marquardt. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2016-03.01 was adopted.

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Secretary Bergquist updated the Commission on a personnel change. Mark Leiferman has accepted the position as Project Development Program Manager. His acceptance of this position has opened up the position of Road Design Program Manager so the Department will be hiring this position.

Secretary Bergquist proposed an option for the West River Transportation Commission Meeting. The proposal entailed having the Transportation Commission meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Deadwood on Wednesday Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. Department staff and the Commission would tour a Deadwood highway project. The next day the project tours would resume at 8 or 9 a.m., leaving from the Rapid City Region Office. The Commission Chair requested that the Department work on finalizing the meeting and tour plans.

Secretary Bergquist updated the Commission on the history of a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) between the Department and the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks (“GFP”). Prior to 2007, the Department had an MOU with GFP in which the Department provided \$2,000,000 in highway funding for GFP use on roads within state parks and roads leading to state parks. In 2007, due to a shortage of state highway funds, the department reduced the amount of highway funding provided to GFP under the MOU from \$2,000,000 to \$500,000 each year. Funding to GFP has remained at this level since that time. The funding cut has resulted in significant impacts on GF&P. Some other programs that experienced cuts in 2007 have been restored to previous funding levels. The Department requested authorization to amend the MOU with GFP to increase funding for next year from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Marquardt to increase the funding level in the MOU with GF&P from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for the next fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Fouberg. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

Division Director of Planning and Engineering, Mike Behm, gave a presentation regarding U.S. Highway 12 west of Aberdeen. Behm also informed the Commission that centerline rumble strips would be installed later this summer in an effort to reduce the amount of accidents resulting from vehicles crossing the center line.

Dawna Lietzke addressed the Commission to share her concerns regarding the safety of U.S. Highway 12 west of Aberdeen. Lietzke provided the commissioners with a packet of letters and media information relating to this segment of highway. Lietzke requested that the Commission consider construction of a divided four-lane highway from Aberdeen to Ipswich to replace the existing two-lane road.

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Commissioner Dougherty left the teleconference meeting at approximately 10:45.

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Mike Behm, Director of Planning and Engineering, presented the following State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) revisions:

**FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL**

**16-037** This revision will defer the newly approved 2016 Transportation Alternatives project located in Dell Rapids to 2017 due to an anticipated late year letting.

FY 2016 Minus \$85,000  
FY 2017 Plus \$85,000

**16-038** This revision will advance a Long Range STIP asphalt concrete resurfacing project located on US14B in Pierre to 2016 and will tie it to another similar project on US83 from Ft. Pierre going south in anticipation of securing better bids.

FY 2016 Plus \$521,000  
FY 2020 Minus \$564,000

**16-040** This revision will add two 2015 bridge maintenance projects located on SD47 over Soldier Creek near the Big Bend Dam and located on SD34 0.9 miles south of the SD47 N Jct. to 2016. They were let and rejected in September 2015 and need to be re let.

FY 2016 Plus \$854,000

- 16-043** This revision will add a 2016 project to replace the railroad crossing signing along the tracks from Elk Point to Canton, Beresford to the Big Sioux River, and from Sioux Falls to Dell Rapids.
- FY 2016 Plus \$50,000
- 16-044** This revision will advance a traffic signal installation project at the intersection of US14/Caspian in Volga that is in the Long Range STIP to 2017.
- FY 2017 Plus \$248,000  
FY 2020 Minus \$268,000
- 16-051** This revision will advance the following projects:
- \* Advance a 2019 asphalt resurfacing and pipe work project on Interstate 90 E&W bound lanes from East of the I229 interchange to the Minn. State Line (Seq. #623, page 137 of the 2016 STIP Book) to 2017 and adjust the cost;
  - \* Advance a 2022 & 2023 asphalt resurfacing and pipe work project on Interstate 29 N&S bound lanes from South of the Crooks Exit to North of the SD34 Exit (From the Developmental STIP) to 2017 and adjust the cost.
- 2017 Plus \$37,107,000  
2019 Minus \$15,851,000  
2022 Minus \$16,524,000  
2023 Minus \$16,996,000
- 16-052** This revision will advance, modify or add the following projects:
- \* Advance the 2018 asphalt resurfacing portion of a project on SD63 from SD248 to US14 at Midland (Seq. #347 & 424, page 93 & 106 of the 2016 STIP Book) to 2017 and adjust the cost;
  - \* Add a 2017 asphalt milling and resurfacing project on SD42 from US81 to west of SD19;
  - \* Advance a Long Range Program asphalt milling & resurfacing project on SD45 from US12 to the Edmunds/McPherson County line to 2017 and adjust the cost;
  - \* Advance a 2018 asphalt resurfacing project on SD45 from south of the Hand/Buffalo County Line to south of Miller (Seq. #131 & 369, page 58 & 97 of the 2016 STIP Book) to 2017 and adjust the cost;

\* Add a 2017 asphalt milling and resurfacing project on SD79 from SD168 to the Butte/Harding County Line;

\* Modify a 2020 Mill, Full Depth Reclamation, AC Surfacing and Pipe Work Project on SD42 from US81 to SD17 (Developmental STIP) by splitting the project and advancing the US81 to west of SD19 to 2017 (See above) & adjusting the cost for the remaining portion of the segment.

FY 2017 Plus \$20,101,000  
FY 2018 Minus \$8,709,000  
FY 2020 Minus \$3,956,000  
Long Range Minus \$3,817,000

A MOTION WAS MADE by Vanneman to approve the above listed Revisions and seconded by Zander. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

The following informational revisions and information was provided to the Commission.

**INFORMATIONAL REVISIONS FOR THE COMMISSION**

**16-050** This revision increased the cost of a bridge maintenance project on SD63 11 miles south of McLaughlin over the Grand River (Seq. #218, Page 72 of the 2016 STIP Book).

FY2016 Plus \$1,367,000

**16-SC-026** This revision changed a 2016 horizontal curve delineation project (Seq. #822, Page 165 of the 2016 STIP Book) from a statewide project to an Aberdeen Region project and adjusted the cost.

FY2016 Minus \$102,000

**16-SC-027** This revision combined two 2017 pavement preservation projects (Seq. # 783 & 786, Page 160 of the 2016 STIP Book) in the Huron Area into one project.

FY 2017 No Change

**16-SC-029** This Revision increased the percentage of federal funding used on the 2016 AC overlay of Bixby Road in Perkins county project (Seq. #677, Page 145 of the 2016 STIP Book).

2016 No Change in Cost

**16-SC-030** This revision deferred maintenance work on a segment of US12 from Ipswich to west of Aberdeen from 2016 to 2017 for coordination purposes (Seq. # 91, Page 52/Seq. #260, Page 78/Seq. #290, Page 84/Seq. #533, Page 124/Seq. #551, Page 128 & Seq. #102, Page 53/Seq. #293, Page 84/Seq. #311, Page 87 of the 2016 STIP Book).

2016 Minus \$61,000  
2017 Plus \$62,000

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Joel Gengler, Office of Right of Way, provided the following items for Commission consideration:

1. Transfer – Lincoln County in Lincoln County:

This resolution will authorize transfer South Dakota Highway 17, from a point 50 feet south, more or less, of the centerline of 278<sup>th</sup> Street at its intersection with South Dakota Highway 17 north to the Minnehaha County Line.

The above highway right-of-way has been deleted from the State of South Dakota's state trunk highway system by SB7 during the 2016 Legislative session and added to the Lincoln County highway system by the road swap agreement signed by both parties on July 9, 2015, and assigned agreement number 715674 by the State of South Dakota, acting by and through its Department of Transportation; and the actual transfer of title pursuant to said Agreement not having yet been made of all the state of South Dakota's interests in real property, including without limitation, roadways, bridges, culverts, right-of-way fences, and all other fixtures and appurtenances, of South Dakota Highway 17.

This resolution will complete the requirements of Agreement #715674. The Highway 17 right-of-way described above would be transferred to Lincoln County and Lincoln County would accept ownership, jurisdiction and maintenance responsibilities of this entire length.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Fouberg to approve Item #1 and seconded by Vanneman. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 2016-03.02** was adopted.

2. Abandonment – Hughes County

This resolution will abandon the temporary easements on Hughes County  
Project: P 1804(12)251, PCN 02V1.

3. Abandonment – Spink County

This resolution will abandon the temporary easements on Spink County  
Project:  
P 0028(31)281, PCN 02AA.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Zander to approve Items #2 & #3 and seconded by Marquardt. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #'s 2016-03.03 and 2016-03.04** were adopted.

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Sam Weisgram, Engineering Supervisor in Project Development, presented the following bid letting results:

**March 16, 2016 letting**

**Pipe Replacement**

1 04F8 P 1804(43)115 Charles Mix County  
Schweigert Construction Inc. \$404,225.25  
SD1804 - 5 miles S of SD44

**Gravel Resurfacing & Gravel Stockpile**

2 054W, I42L P 0063(49)54, 3962G Areawide, Jackson, Mellette County  
Midland Contracting Inc \$1,095,050.30  
SD63 from 14.8 miles south of the Mellette/Jackson County Line to Belvidere

**Bridge Deck Polymer Chip Seal**

3 03AC, 03AD P 0018(181)12, P 0385(49)36 Fall River County  
The Truesdell Corporation of Wisconsin, Inc. \$777,777.00  
US18 - 3 S of US18 & SD89 over a draw, Over the Cheyenne River at Edgemont, Over the BNSF RR at the NE corner of Edgemont, Over Red Canyon Ck 3 mi NE of Edgemont, & Over a Draw 6 mi NE of Edgemont

**Asphalt Surface Treatment (Chip Seal)**

4 053G NH-P 0032(25) Campbell, Corson, Dewey, McPherson, Potter, Walworth County  
Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc \$3,246,618.39  
Various Locations in the Mobridge Area

**Asphalt Surface Treatment (Chip Seal)**

5 053E NH 0013(34) Beadle County  
BITUMINOUS PAVING INC \$841,438.14

Various Routes in the Huron Area

**Crack Leveling**

6 054U P 0044(194)172 Mellette County  
Roadway Services, Inc. \$313,542.52  
SD44 from SD63 to US83

**Crack Leveling**

7 05KG P 0015(80)182 Roberts County  
Highway Improvement, Inc. \$106,221.65  
SD15 from the Grant/Roberts County Line to the Jct of SD123 at Wilmont

**Rout and Seal Asphalt Concrete**

8 054J P 0273(07)61 Lyman County  
Roadway Services, Inc. \$51,290.91  
SD273 from I90 to SD1806

**Full Depth Reclamation and Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing**

9 04WM NH 0212(178)226 Potter County  
Anderson Western, Inc. \$4,067,833.69  
US212 from Gettysburg to east of the west junction with SD47

**Cold Milling Asphalt Concrete, Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing, & Fault Repair**

10 04F1 P 0065(16)164 Ziebach County  
BORDER STATES PAVING, INC. \$6,405,043.69  
SD65 from US212 to SD20

**Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing**

11 04VQ P 6266(07) Grant County  
BITUMINOUS PAVING INC \$1,073,452.40  
149th St (Co Rd 8) from 2 miles south & 1miles west of the SE edge of Marvin,  
west 9 miles between 464 Ave. and 455 Ave.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Marquardt to approve bids #1-11 and seconded by Vanneman. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

Aberdeen region letting

**Sidewalk, Curb Ramp Improvements, Signing and Pavement Marking**

04NT P SRTS(35) Grant County  
Ronglien Excavating Inc \$148,354.16  
Big Stone City

A MOTION WAS MADE by Fouberg to approve Aberdeen Region Letting and seconded by Zander. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

Mitchell region letting

**Grading, Sidewalk and Driveways**

04NW P SRTS(38)  
Feimer Construction Inc  
Elk Point

Union County  
\$170,057.42

A MOTION WAS MADE by Marquardt to approve Mitchell Region letting and seconded by Vanneman. All voted aye by roll call vote and motion carried.

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With no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:16a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Kellie J. Beck  
Recording Secretary

Darin P. Bergquist  
Secretary of Transportation