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TO: South Dakota State Railroad Board

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SUBJECT: Belvidere Crossing Removal

The SDDOT is working on a surface upgrade to SD63 north of Belvidere. The MRC mainline track has a crossing located on SD63 where the project is being proposed. This section of the MRC is not currently in use, nor is it accessible to train traffic. This crossing has been completely paved over on SD63, but because the rail is still in place it causes continuous highway maintenance issues and needs annual patching. The crossing has no use at this time but could be an important crossing if the MRC was reconstructed west from Vivian. The SDDOT requests the SD Railroad Board approve the removal and disposal of this railroad crossing with the caveat that in the event this section of railroad becomes useable, this crossing is constructed using SD highway funds.