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TO: South Dakota Railroad Board
FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Air, Rail and Transit
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SUBJECT: 2025 Railroad Maintenance Plans

Every year the state requests annual maintenance plans from the railroad operators who lease state owned lines. These plans include projects and work the operators intend to complete during the next calendar year that will preserve the railroad in conformance with the sublease agreements. Estimated value of the proposed work must also be included. These maintenance plans will be great references for the Railroad Board observation tours.

Attached are the 2025 maintenance plans submitted by each railroad operator for the Railroad Board's review and consideration of acceptance.



ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN
YALE SUBDIVISION
MP 160.3 – MP 145.0

October 9, 2024

Perry Griffith,

Below is the 2025 maintenance plan for the Yale subdivision:

Vegetation Control: \$4850

- Fall pre-emergent application will be applied by Ferro Safe for weed control. A spring application will be applied if need be.

Geometry testing: \$5600

- One Geometry test will be performed per G&W policy with remediation completed by RCPE railroad forces.

Rail testing: \$3600

- One Rail test will be performed per G&W policy performed by Sperry rail service to detect any rail failures with remediation completed by RCPE railroad forces.

Maintenance Practices: \$4350

- Track inspections will be made per FRA TSS Part 213 to comply with federal regulations.
- Walking joint bar inspection will be performed and maintained.
- All track will be maintained at Class 1 standard.



ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN Wolsey Interchange

October 9, 2024

Perry Griffith,

Below is the 2025 maintenance plan for the Wolsey Interchange:

Vegetation Control: \$2000

- Fall pre-emergent application will be applied by Ferro Safe for weed control. A spring application will be applied if need be.

Maintenance Practices: \$4350

- Track inspections will be made per FRA TSS Part 213 to comply with federal regulations.
- Walking joint bar inspection will be performed and maintained.
- All track will be maintained at Class 1 standard.



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South Dakota 2025 Maintenance Plan

Ballast and Surfacing

- Spot dump roughly 2000 ton of ballast (this will be added or subtracted from depending on track surface issues)
- Estimated cost of ballast at \$64,800
- Spot tamp and regulate

Maintenance Ties

- Install between 200 to 400 new ties behind surfacing crew
- Estimated cost between \$18,000 and \$36,000

Yearly Bridge Inspections

- Inspect bridges between Geneseo Jct and Aberdeen
- Estimated cost for inspections \$6,500
- Will be spot replacing defective bridge deck ties on various bridges
- Adding rip rap on various bridges

Weed Control

- Spray from Geneseo Jct to Aberdeen two applications

- Estimated cost for both applications \$35,000
- If weeds do not get a good kill from chemical we will run brush cutter to keep them under control

Normal Maintenance

- Yearly foot inspections along with weekly and monthly track patrols and yard walks
- Checking on culvert conditions and drainage replacing if need be



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NAPA Line Maintenance Plan 2025

The maintenance plan for the Napa line for 2025 will be limited this year due to lack of storage revenue. DSRC / NAPA have zero storage cars online and the forecast looks slim for storage this year. This will put stress on funding for the line.

1. Weed spraying from Napa Junction to east of Tyndall by rail, we will spot spray with 4 wheelers also for obnoxious weeds as needed. This cost will run between \$15,000.00 to \$ 20,000.00 for weed control.
2. Replace crossing at Bon Homme ST in Tabor with crossing planks in the center and both sides of rail with wood crossing planks. The cost of replacement will be roughly \$18,000.00 for crossing repairs. Work on crossing to be first part of June 2025
3. Replace crossing at 306 street this crossing is west side of Tabor. The crossing is 85 feet wide and will need all panels replaced with either wood or concrete panels. The cost for this crossing will be \$ 30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Crossing work to be done mid-July to mid- August 2025
4. Do our normal drainage pipe clean out cost \$ 6,000.00
- 5 Crossing SD25 repair crossing panel in crossing \$4500.00 crossing work mid-July

The estimated cost of the maintenance on the NAPA line this year will be around \$75,000.00