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### **Celebration of first SDDOT Concrete Pavement Constructed in 1923**

*In an era where sustainability and resiliency are frequently discussed, we recognize extraordinary sustainability and resiliency in South Dakota's 100-year-old concrete pavement which is still in service.*

*Join us for a short ceremony celebrating the 100-year-old pavement and its longevity.*

#### **When:**

September 27, 2023

2:00 pm

#### **Where:**

Site of the pavement near the SD Penitentiary (1515 North Drive, Sioux Falls)

#### **Background:**

One hundred years ago, the first concrete highway constructed by the South Dakota Department of Transportation was built near the South Dakota Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. The highway ultimately was built from Sioux Falls to Dell Rapids.

The original segment is approximately 9/10 mile in length and 20' wide x 6" thick. Construction began in October and was completed in mid-December of 1923. Two portions of the original pavement are still in service with one portion serving as a driveway to a church, which for many years was a road into a trailer park. The other segment serves mainly as a parking area for employees of the penitentiary.

In the greenspace between North Drive and the parking area is a plaque commemorating the first state concrete highway. The plaque was dedicated by the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1990 celebrating the pavement as a Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

