



# I-29 CORRIDOR STUDY

## Exit 73 to Exit 77




Newsletter #13

February 24, 2009

### Second I-29 Corridor Study Public Meeting

The public meeting to seek input and provide information on the options developed by the I-29 Corridor Study has been set for February 26, 2009. Available for review will be each of the alternatives that will be taken through an Environmental Assessment (E.A.). The meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Gymnasium of Explorer Elementary School, located at 4010 W. 82nd Street in Sioux Falls.

A brief, summarizing presentation will be given at approximately 6:45 p.m. URS, City of Sioux Falls and SDDOT staff will be available to answer questions and receive input. The open house will be informal, with one on one discussion available. You will also have the opportunity to provide formal written comments regarding any of the components of the alternatives. 

#### Public Meeting #2


Date: February 26, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Explorer Elementary  
4010 W. 82<sup>nd</sup> St.

### Change in Document to Be Submitted to FHWA

The idea to submit the draft interchange justification report (IJR), followed by the Environmental Assessment (EA), leading to a final IJR has taken a slight detour. Analysis of future anticipated traffic has led to the conclusion that the action plan will need to include a combination of arterial, interstate mainline, and interchange improvements as well as looking at transit expansion.

The combination of each element results in more than 150 potential improvement scenarios that need to be sorted through to identify the best solution. The IJR is not the most appropriate document to do the initial screening of this many alternatives. Thus, the *I-29 Corridor Study Traffic Operations Report* has been prepared and will be submitted to FHWA. The operations report will allow FHWA to focus the initial screening on traffic conditions across the scenarios, which should reduce the potential for confusion and delay in the IJR review. While the document's title has changed, the outcome should be the same. 

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### Study Advisory Team News

The next Study Advisory Team meeting is scheduled meet on February 26, 2009. 



## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

STUDY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING #5  
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING #2  
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2009

## SDDOT CONTACT INFORMATION

The I-29 Corridor Study is being administered by Mr. Steven Gramm, P.E., from SDDOT's Project Development Office located in Pierre, SD. Steve can be reached via email at [steve.gramm@state.sd.us](mailto:steve.gramm@state.sd.us) or by phone at 605-773-6641.

## URS CONTACT INFORMATION

The I-29 Corridor Study is being coordinated by Mr. Bill Troe, AICP, from the Surface Transportation Group of the URS Division located in the Omaha, NE office. Bill can be reached via email at [Bill\\_Troe@URSCorp.com](mailto:Bill_Troe@URSCorp.com) or by phone at 1-866-671-5309.

## USD CONTACT INFORMATION

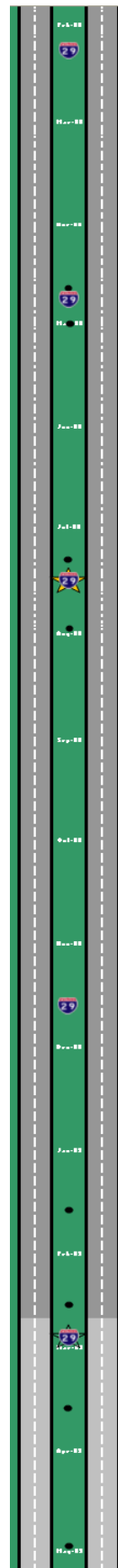
The economic impact portion of the I-29 Corridor Study is being coordinated by Mr. Wade Druin of USD's Business Research Bureau. Wade can be reached via email at [wdruin@usd.edu](mailto:wdruin@usd.edu) or by phone at 605-677-5287.

## STUDY WEBSITE

[http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/planning\\_ss\\_l29.asp](http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/planning_ss_l29.asp)

## STUDY NEWSLETTER

Requests to be added to the newsletter mailing list can be made with an email to [steve.gramm@state.sd.us](mailto:steve.gramm@state.sd.us). Past newsletters can be downloaded from the study website.



Study Advisory Team Meeting #1  
Held February 8, 2008

69<sup>th</sup> Street Options: April 24, 2008  
Study Advisory Team Meeting #2  
Held April 25, 2008  
I-29/I-229 Options: May 1, 2008

85<sup>th</sup> Street Options: July 10, 2008  
Study Advisory Team Meeting #3  
Held July 17, 2008  
**Public Meeting #1: Held July 17, 2008**  
Additional I-29/I-229 Options: Late July, 2008

No Build Future Traffic Operations: October, 2008

Build Future Traffic Operations: November, 2008  
Study Advisory Team Meeting #4  
Held November 20, 2008

Draft IJR January 19, 2009

Economic Impact Study Mid February, 2009  
Study Advisory Team Meeting #5  
**Public Meeting #2**  
**Scheduled February 26, 2009**

Draft EA Mid March, 2009

Final IJR: Early May, 2009