



I-29 CORRIDOR STUDY

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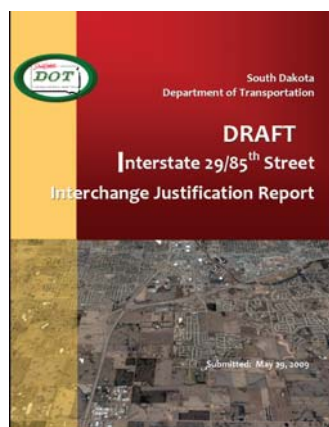
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Draft Interchange Justification Report Submitted

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) submitted the draft Interchange Justification Report (IJR) to the South Dakota Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on June 1, 2009. The FHWA will now review and provide comment back to the SDDOT regarding acceptance of the options presented within the document. According to the timeline set forth in the FHWA/SDDOT Stewardship Agreement, it is anticipated that the FHWA's response will take a minimum of six weeks, as the SD Division Office will need to submit it to FHWA's Headquarter Office in Washington, D.C. Upon receipt of FHWA's comments, assuming FHWA approves of at least one of the composite options URS Corporation will finalize the Environmental Assessment (EA) documentation for the FHWA acceptable composite options. Upon the EA's approval from the public and various state and federal agencies, the final IJR documenting the preferred alternative will be prepared and submitted for FHWA's approval.

Those interested in reviewing the draft IJR document can download it from the study webpage

http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/planning_ss_l29.asp. 



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Study Advisory Team News


There are no meetings scheduled at this time. 



STIP Public Meeting


The annual Sioux Falls public meeting to gather public input for the development of the 2010-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) will be held on July 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Ramkota Hotel (3200 West Maple Street) in Sioux Falls. The STIP is the list of transportation projects anticipated to be constructed in the next 5 years. Projects within the I-29 Corridor study area that are currently included within the Tentative 2010-2014 STIP are:

PCN	Location	Treatment	Letting Year	Estimated SDDOT Cost (\$Mil)
6186	I29, from 57 th Street to S of 26 th Street	Remove & Replace PCCP	2010	10.724
01QT	I229 – Solberg Crossing	Construct Overpass	2010	3.090
01SH	I229 Structures Louise Ave. to 10 th Street	Epoxy Deck Seals	2011	1.362
01QS	I229/I29 Area	To Be Determined by I29 Corridor Study	2013	37.142

SDDOT Upper Management and staff will be available to listen to public testimony on these and any other transportation projects desired to be included in to the Tentative 2010-2014 STIP. The full list of projects within the Tentative 2010-2014 STIP will be available after the June 25th Transportation Commission meeting. Visit the SDDOT webpage http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/planning_stip.asp for more information. 



Newsletter Warning

We have entered a phase in the study process where we are waiting on a decision from the Federal Highway Administration. As FHWA's schedule is beyond the SDDOT's control, there may be a few months before Newsletter #17 is distributed. 



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

STUDY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING #6
TO BE DETERMINED

PUBLIC MEETING #3
TO BE DETERMINED

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 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 or by phone at 1-866-671-5309.

USD CONTACT INFORMATION

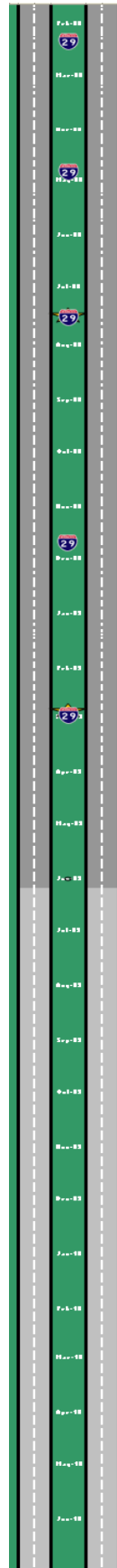
The economic impact portion of the I-29 Corridor Study is being coordinated by Mr. Wade Druin of USD's Business Research Bureau. Wade can be reached via email at wdruin@usd.edu or by phone at 605-677-5287.

STUDY WEBSITE

http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/planning_ss_i29.asp

STUDY NEWSLETTER

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



Study Advisory Team Meeting #1
Held February 8, 2008

Study Advisory Team Meeting #2
Held April 25, 2008

Study Advisory Team Meeting #3
Public Meeting #1
Held July 17, 2008

Study Advisory Team Meeting #4
Held November 20, 2008

Study Advisory Team Meeting #5
Public Meeting #2
Held February 26, 2009

Draft IJR Submittal to FHWA,
June, 2009

Environmental Assessment Start,
Late July, 2009

Final IJR:
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