



I-29 CORRIDOR STUDY

Exit 73 to Exit 77



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STIP Public Meeting Reminder

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 federally funded transportation projects anticipated to be constructed in the next 5 years. Projects within the study area of the I-29 Corridor Study include:

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 or 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 is available on the SDDOT webpage

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

Federal Highway Administration Still Reviewing the Draft Interchange Justification Report

After seven weeks, the draft Interchange Justification Report (IJR) is still under review at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). FHWA has requested additional information regarding the traffic analysis performed, potential construction phasing, the assumed arterial roadway support to the Interstate System, and a safety analysis. As some of the information requested is for more detail than has previously been needed for other draft IJR's the SDDOT has completed, it is anticipated that it will take many more weeks before FHWA provides the SDDOT with an official response. Assuming FHWA approves of at least one of the composite options for further investigation, 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 ultimate approval.

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

http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/planning_ss_I29.asp



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Study Advisory Team News

There are no meetings scheduled at this time.



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.

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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

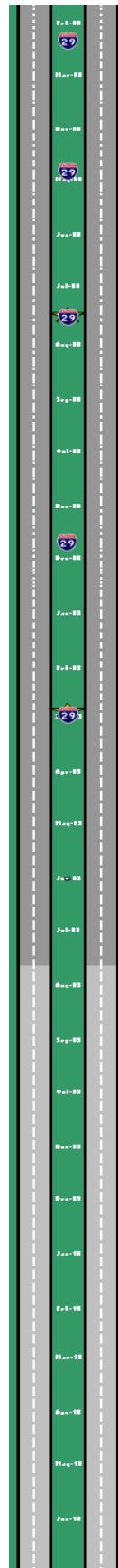
The economic impact portion of the I-29 Corridor Study is being coordinated by Mr. Wade Druin of USD's Business Research Bureau. Wade can be reached via email at wdruin@usd.edu or by phone at 605-677-5287.

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 August?, 2009

Final IJR:
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