



I-29 CORRIDOR STUDY

Exit 73 to Exit 77




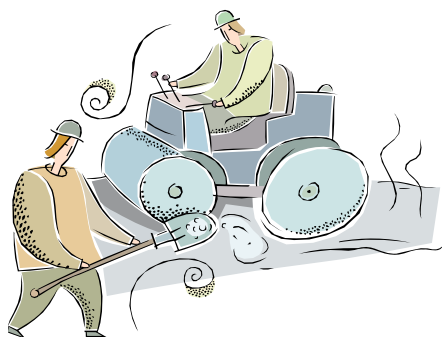
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July 14, 2008

STIP Public Meeting Reminder

The annual Sioux Falls public meeting to gather public input for the development of the 2009-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) will be held on Wednesday, July 16th 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.

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 Final STIP. The full list of projects within the Tentative 2009-2013 STIP is available from the SDDOT webpage http://www.sddot.com/pe/projdev/planning_stip.asp. 



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Study Public Meeting Reminder


The public meeting to seek input and provide information for the I-29 Corridor Study is still on for Thursday, July 17, 2008. The meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Exhibit Hall 1 of the Sioux Falls Convention Center, located at 1101 N. West Ave. in Sioux Falls.

A brief, summarizing presentation will be given at approximately 6:15 p.m. Information will be available and displays set up for the potential options developed for each component within the study area. 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. Opportunity will also be made to provide for formal, written comments on the study and/or its components.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this open house/public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the SDDOT ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the open house/public meeting if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

A concurrent public meeting will also be taking place on the I-90/I-229 System Interchange corridor preservation study. 

Study Advisory Team News

A Study Advisory Team meeting will be held on July 17, 2008, prior to the Public Meeting. Team members should have received an email with details. 



85th Street Options

Just in time for the public meeting, URS has submitted conceptual options for I-29 and 85th Street. These all reflect what URS is calling "stand alone" concepts. Some will require a few tweaks when combined with some of the System Interchange concepts. Some may require some changes based on traffic and proximity to Exit 73 and/or the System Interchange. The tweaks will be more along the lines of auxiliary lanes or some ramp braiding. The first step will be to determine if any of these are fatally flawed and then the tweaks can be developed to a greater degree. Not shown is the "Do Nothing" option, which provides for no change to 85th Street at I-29.

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Option 1: 85th Street Crossing Only



Option 2: Short Diamond Interchange

85th Street Options (cont. from page 2)



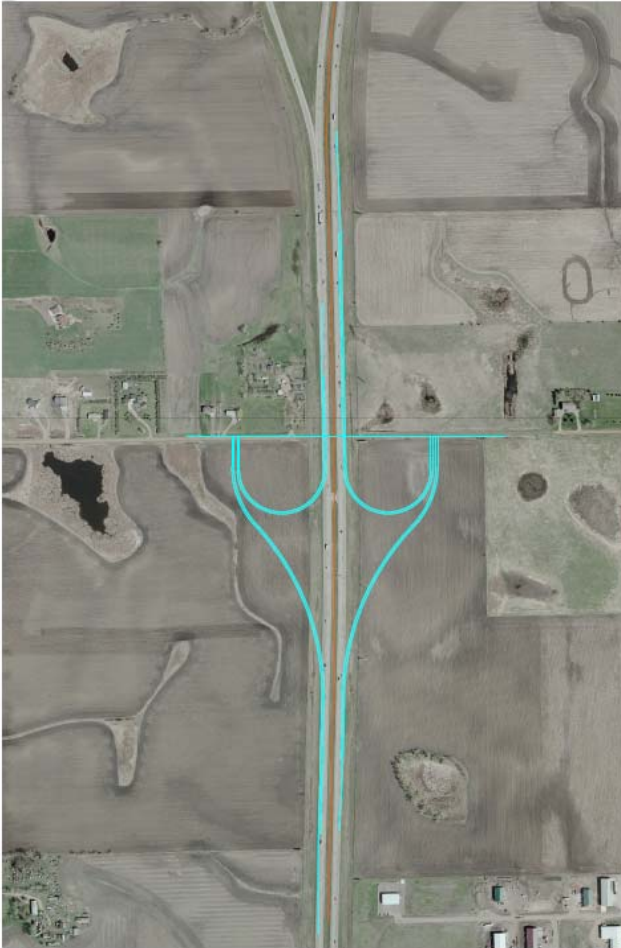
Option 3: Diamond Interchange




Option 4: Single Point Interchange

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85th Street Options (cont. from page 3)



Option 5: Folded Diamond Interchange

As a result of comments received at the public meeting, additional options for all components of the study area (85th Street, 69th Street, 57th Street, Solberg-Tallgrass Avenues and the I-29/I-229 System Interchange) may get developed. There is also a chance that if the analysis with the future traffic projections shows conflicts with the component “puzzle pieces” interaction with each other, additional combination options may also need to be developed. 



Option 6: Partial Clover Interchange

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NO BUILD FUTURE TRAFFIC VOLUMES
ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: LATE JULY, 2008

ADDITIONAL I-29/I-229 SYSTEM INTERCHANGE OPTIONS
ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: LATE JULY, 2008

STUDY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING #3
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 17, 2008

PUBLIC MEETING #1
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 17, 2008

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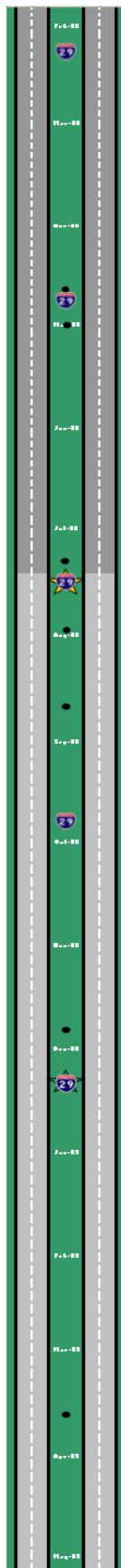
The I-29 Corridor Study is being coordinated by Mr. Bill Troe, AICP, from the Surface Transportation Group of the URS Division located in the Omaha, NE office. Bill can be reached via email at Bill_Troe@URSCorp.com or by phone at 1-866-671-5309.

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

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

85th Street Options: July 10, 2008
Study Advisory Team Meeting #3
Scheduled July 17, 2008
Public Meeting #1: Scheduled July 17, 2008
No Build Future Traffic Operations: Late July, 2008
Additional I-29/I-229 Options: Late July, 2008
Build Future Traffic Operations: August, 2008
Draft IJR: Late August, 2008

Study Advisory Team Meeting #4
Tentatively Scheduled Late September, 2008

Draft EA: Late November, 2008
Study Advisory Team Meeting #5
Public Meeting #2
Tentatively Scheduled Mid December, 2008

Final IJR: Mid March, 2009

