

PUBLIC NOTICE

In 2005, the President signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) into law. SAFETEA-LU mandates the development of a documented public involvement process.

South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is asking for public comment on the latest draft of the Public Involvement Plan. The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) documents the various ways SDDOT involves the public in transportation decision-making. The PIP also documents a uniform method of evaluating the various public involvement approaches and activities used during the different phases of a transportation project.

The Public Involvement Plan addresses changes in technology and means of communication. It will consolidate the various efforts of public involvement throughout the department and grant SDDOT to continue to proactively seek new and effective public input opportunities and develop the best practices for public involvement.

An electronic version of the updated Public Involvement Plan is available on the SDDOT's website at www.sddot.com/pub.asp. Written copies and alternative formats for people with disabilities are available on request by contacting the SDDOT. Contact information is listed below.

Please review it in its entirety before commenting. Comments should be submitted no later than August 24, 2009. Please send comments and recommendations to Darin P. Bergquist, Secretary of the Department of Transportation:

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