



Public Meeting/ Open House

August 31, 2010

PROJECT # P 0044(129)42 PCN 00X9

PENNINGTON COUNTY

SD44 – Jackson Boulevard from Rapid Creek to Mt. View in Rapid City

Reconstruction Project

The South Dakota Department of Transportation provides services without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age or disability, according to the provisions contained in SDCL20-13, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.

Any person who has questions concerning this policy or who believes they have been discriminated against should contact the Department's Civil Rights Office at 605-773-3540.



Environmental, Social & Economic Impacts and Advanced Utility Coordination

- Project will comply with all state and federal environmental regulations
- Project will be coordinated with the following state and federal agencies:
 - SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
 - SD Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service
 - State Historic Preservation Office
- No splitting of neighborhoods will occur as a result of this project
- For additional information, please contact :

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Advanced Utility Coordination

- Highway projects may require adjustments or relocation of existing utilities located along or crossing the highway project. The SDDOT has an "Advanced Utility Coordinating Process" in place that addresses all existing utility involvement. This process involves meeting with the utility owner and project designers to review any conflicts and determine the most cost effective option of changing the design to avoid the existing utility or adjusting the utility. If the utility is required to relocate, all replacement utility easement acquisition and relocation work will be addressed and coordinated between the landowner and the utility company.
- For additional information on the "Advanced Utility Coordinating Process", please contact:

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Right of Way Information

Individual Landowner Meetings: During the early stages of the project's design, SDDOT will schedule a meeting with individual landowners living adjacent to the project. See the following page for an explanation of this meeting.

Property Acquisition Offer: After the project construction plans have been prepared and the right of way limits have been established, your property will be appraised to determine the fair market value of that portion of your property that is needed for construction of the project. The amount established is the basis for the offer that the Right of Way Agent will make to you. If you feel that you cannot accept the State's offer, you have the right to have the amount of just compensation established by the courts.

Relocation Assistance Program: This program provides a variety of services and payments to owners and tenants who have personal property affected by the right of way being acquired for the project.

Relocation payments are in addition to payments made for the real property being acquired. So as not to jeopardize your eligibility for payments, do not do anything until you have received a written relocation offer or have contacted Andrew J. 'Andy' Jackson of the SDDOT Right of Way Program in Pierre. His phone number is 773-2911. Anyone not satisfied with the relocation offer made to them may appeal using the procedures described in the Relocation Brochure.

The landowner may also be reimbursed for various fair and reasonable incidental expenses that may be incurred during the transfer of property to the State.

Right of Way Information Brochures: Two brochures have been prepared which explain the SDDOT's Right of Way process. They provide in-depth information on your rights with regard to the acquisition of your property and the benefits available to you with regard to the Relocation Assistance Program. These brochures are available at this hearing on the "Sign-in" table. Please feel free to take a copy of each with you.



Individual Landowner Meetings

The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to comment on various issues pertaining to the design of this highway project as it relates to your property.

The following topics will be discussed at the meetings. Please note that not all topics will apply to every property owner.

1. Permanent purchase and/or temporary use of your property.
2. Locations and widths of entrances to your property: The standard South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) entrance-width for rural highways is 24 feet. Note: In general, existing entrance widths along rural State Highways are 24 feet or smaller. A maximum width of 40 feet is allowed at locations where it is deemed appropriate and necessary. Entrances in urban areas can vary from 16 feet to 40 feet.

The goal of the SDDOT is to provide property owners located adjacent to the project with the access they need, and at the same time, enhance highway safety and reduce project costs. In some instances, the SDDOT may seek to combine duplicate entrances. For example, if your property has two or three entrances to the same property that are located close to each other, we would ask you to assess your current entrance needs and consider one entrance location that will meet those needs.

3. Permanent fencing adjacent to the highway: SDDOT's fencing policy allows for the replacement of all disturbed fence with like-kind fence.

Two fence types are typically installed: **Type 2:** 4-strand barbed wire with 8-inch wire spacing, and **Type 6:** 32-inch woven wire with 1 strand of barbed wire on the bottom and 2 strands of barbed wire on the top. Page 9 of the "Better Roads Brochure" contains a more extensive discussion of your permanent fencing options. This brochure will be available at the meeting.

4. Temporary fencing adjacent to the highway: Do you anticipate having livestock in pastures located adjacent to the proposed project during highway construction activities?
5. Are you aware of any waterlines, drainfields, septic tanks, underground storage tanks, underground power lines, etc. that are located adjacent to the project and may be impacted by construction activities?
6. Are there any highway-related drainage or flooding problems located along your property or elsewhere along this section of highway?
7. Possible sites for gravel and additional dirt: Are you aware of potential material available for construction that might be located adjacent to the highway?
8. Temporary access during construction activities.

Please review your property and be prepared to discuss the above issues, as well as any other issues that you feel are unique to your property. No offers to acquire property will be made at these meetings since revisions to the plans will likely occur from your input.



Access Management

South Dakota's Commitment to Safety and Smart Investment Decisions In Transportation

What is Access Management?

Access Management is the process of providing highway entrances only at locations where they can be provided **safely and efficiently**.

Consider that each access point added to an undivided highway in an urban or suburban area increases the annual accident rate by 11 to 18 percent on that highway segment. In rural areas, each added access point increases the annual accident rate by 7 percent. Overall, driveway-access accidents alone cost South Dakota approximately \$36.5 million each year.

Each additional access point also contributes to congestion. The more driveways on a street, the more places where people are slowing, changing lanes and turning. A five-lane street can quickly become a parking lot when there are many driveways in each block. When that happens, our valuable transportation investments are wasted and access to adjacent businesses is restricted.

Controlled access facilities are segments of highway where either no access or only limited access to the highway is allowed. Interstate highways are an example of controlled access facilities where no access to the highway is allowed.

Good access depends on the following:

- Limiting the number of conflict points (places where there is a potential for crashes)
- Separating conflict areas
- Reducing interference with through traffic
- Providing good on-site circulation and storage
- Properly spaced traffic signals

How does Access Management affect businesses?

Studies have shown that access management can provide three benefits to businesses adjacent to highways:

- Making sure that drivers can get in and out of businesses without being blocked by other traffic
- Making the highway more attractive by reducing congestion
- Extending the business' effective service area by reducing travel times

These benefits come not from having many driveways, but by having well-planned, well-located, high-capacity access points on the highway.

Even skeptical business owners have found that proper access management results in an improved business climate, as customers can easily get in and out of their business establishment.

For more information on Access Management, contact:

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