

# I-90 EXIT 14 INTERCHANGE 27TH ST & HWY 14A/COLORADO BLVD SPEARFISH, SD

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I hope everyone had a happy and safe Independence Day celebration. Now that the last major holiday before the Sturgis Rally is behind us, attention on the project is now focusing on the interim completion for the Sturgis Rally. The contractor is on schedule to complete the necessary paving to open all lanes to unimpeded traffic for the Sturgis Rally. The contractor made good progress the last two weeks and got the west and east ends of the eastbound I-90 lanes paved. There is a lot of work to be completed before the Sturgis Rally interim completion date and the contractor has plans to increase the number of crews on the project to ensure deadlines are met.

Next week the contractor plans to switch traffic for the eastbound off ramp onto the completed lanes on the west end and onto a ramp diversion on the south side of the existing ramp so that the eastbound lanes and the new ramp can be constructed where traffic is crossing now.

Bridge construction is ahead of schedule. The columns for the center bridge bent are complete. The south MSE wall is mostly complete (all that remains is the coping). The contractor continues bridge work and plans to finish the center bent caps and south abutment so that girders can be set over the eastbound lanes before the Sturgis Rally.

The four-way flashing red traffic signals appear to be working well for construction traffic. So we now plan to utilize four-way stop signs in the upcoming construction phases for the remainder of the project instead of temporary traffic signals.

Thank you for your patience and attention when traveling through the project. We know traffic delays and congestion continue to be a nuisance to those in the area and we are constantly striving to minimize our impact on traffic. Motorists need to continue to look out for flaggers, equipment entering and exiting the work zone, and equipment and personnel adjacent to the roadway. Flaggers will be moving around to multiple locations throughout the day as the contractor pushes to get paving done before the Sturgis Rally.

Weekly project meetings are open to the public and are every Thursday at 2:00 PM in the Hudson Hall (Room C), 222 W Hudson St, Spearfish, SD. Road construction information for this project can be found at the following links as it becomes available:

<http://www.sddot.com/travelers/projects/Exit14/>

[www.safetravelusa.com/sd](http://www.safetravelusa.com/sd)

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Concrete Paving on the Eastbound I-90 Lanes



Setting Steel for the Center Bent Cap



Finishing Concrete on the Eastbound I-90 Lanes



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