South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) U.S. Highway 81 Proposed Reconstruction Project **Public Meeting Open House**

Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Madison Elementary School 700 9th St. NW Madison, SD 57042

Public comment period will be open through Friday, Aug. 22, 2025

Comments can be provided via the following ways:

- In-person during the open house meeting
- Online at https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/projects/publicmeetings/#madison-077K
- Written comments submitted to:

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Project Overview

The U.S. Highway 81 Corridor:

- Serves as a key north-south route through Madison
- Carries over 3,000 vehicles per day
- Provides access to homes, businesses, and schools

The proposed project will:

- Replace aging pavement
- Enhance safety
- Add pedestrian facilities
- Address drainage and utility needs

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2029.

Project Area



What Challenges Does this Corridor Face Today?

- Deteriorating pavement that causes rough rides and frequent maintenance
- Missing sidewalks that limit safe pedestrian travel
- Multiple driveways and no center turn lane that cause turning conflicts
- Crash patterns that show turning-related safety concerns



The pavement along the corridor is worn and continuing to deteriorate.



The current two-lane highway does not accomodate safe turning movements and lacks pedestrian accommodations.

Corridor Wide Improvements





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