



**Information Sheet for Public Information Open House
East Side Corridor (SD100): I-29 to South of 26th St.
November 22, 2011**



Questions and Answers

Question: What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

Answer: An EA is an assessment of the possible positive or negative impact that a proposed project may have on the environment and on properties along the project. The purpose of the EA is to ensure that decision makers consider the ensuing environmental and property impacts when developing the scope of a project.

Question: What is the East Side Corridor (SD100)?

Answer: SD100 will be a 17-mile limited-access principal arterial roadway from I-29 Exit 73 (Tea Exit) to I-90 Exit 402 (Timberline Road). Access to the corridor will be minimum one mile spacing from Tallgrass Avenue to 41st Street, one-half mile spacing from 41st Street to Madison Street, and one mile spacing from Madison Street to 60th Street N.

Question: Why is there both half-mile and one-mile access?

Answer: Access was determined primarily by future land use and also through traffic projections. The land adjacent to SD100 from 26th Street and Maple Street has previously been zoned commercial; therefore, half-mile access is the standard. Access management practices were thoroughly considered to preserve traffic operations throughout this corridor.

Question: With access at half-mile or one-mile spacing, how will I get in or out of my property?

Answer: Although the ultimate goal of the SD100 corridor is to provide access at the spacing's listed above, access to existing property may be maintained either via temporary direct access to the corridor or through alternate routes.

Question: When will I know if I will have direct access or alternate access out of my property?

Answer: As the South Dakota Department of Transportation progress with design of segments of the corridor, SDDOT representatives will contact and discuss questions and concerns you may have and further discuss the scope of the project including impacts to your property, including right-of-way and temporary easement needs and schedule.

Question: When will construction south of 57th Street begin?

Answer: The only project along the corridor that is currently scheduled (for 2012) is from south of 26th Street to south of 57th Street. Construction along the remainder of the corridor will depend on primarily on funding. Currently no other projects are scheduled.

Question: Why was the project separated into a southern segment and northern segment with respect to the Environmental Assessment?

Answer: When the project was first presented to the public, the entire corridor was considered one project. A project of this magnitude cannot proceed without an EA approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Therefore, the ability to move forward with the construction project from south of 26th Street to south of 57th Street could not occur until the EA document covering the entire corridor was approved. Currently, the City of Sioux Falls is in the process of identifying potential locations for the relocation of the rail yard from downtown Sioux Falls and one of the potential sites is along Rice Street and in close proximity to SD100. Due to the unknowns related to relocating the rail yard, there would be delays in approving the entire corridor. For that reason, the SDDOT has decided to move forward with a Southern Segment Supplemental EA to avoid issues and delays related to the rail yard relocation and to allow construction of the project from south of 26th Street to south of 57th Street in 2012.

Completed Steps and Next Steps

1993

East Side Corridor alignment study

May 2003

Environmental Assessment approved and signed

October 2005

SDDOT began corridor preservation

February 2006

Re-evaluation of alignment

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2012 Construction Season

Construction of SD100 from south of 26th St. to south of 57th St.

More Questions?

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