



## **Appendix J: Agency Coordination and Public Engagement Summary**

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Summary of Agency Comment or Concern	Response
<p>USACE commented on January 26, 2021 that numerous wetlands and tributaries are located within the review area identified in your letter and you state that you anticipate that the project will impact wetland resources. Because we may have jurisdiction by law, we agree to participate as a cooperating agency for the preparation of the EA in accordance with the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act.</p>	<p>No response necessary</p>
<p>FAA commented on May 12, 2021 with No objection provided the Federal Aviation Administration is notified of construction or alterations as required by Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77 Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace. Paragraph 77.9 Notice may be filed on-line at <a href="https://oeaaa.faa.gov">https://oeaaa.faa.gov</a>. Please note that if tall light poles are a part of the project at the intersection of the project and I-29, the light poles and/or their construction equipment may require notice(s).</p>	<p>No response necessary</p>
<p>WAPA commented on May 19, 2021, WAPA transmission line will be greatly impacted by South Veterans Parkway project. Similar to SD 100 project, WAPA involvement is paramount.</p>	<p>An adaptive management plan will be developed which will outline FHWA and WAPA responsibilities for NEPA and Section 106 consultation that is required because of WAPA undertakings that are forced due to South Veterans Parkway. Further coordination with WAPA will occur as design progresses to better understand WAPA undertakings that are being forced by the South Veterans Parkway project.</p>





Summary of Agency Comment or Concern	Response
<p>SDGFP commented on May 25, 2021, there is no anticipated significant impact to fish and wildlife resources and would anticipate that to remain if the provided suggestions are considered during the planning and construction of the project (including, #5. complete visual surveys for lined snakes prior to work in lined snake habitat between April-October and #6. backfilling any trenches).</p>	<p>The study area appears to only have limited and marginal suitable habitat for the lined snake. A map of the project area was provided to SDGFP to review that labeled the location of a potential lined snake habitat patch based on proximity to its known source population along the Big Sioux corridor. Clarification on the scope of implementing the lined snake was sought with the intent of implementing SDGFP's recommendations to the area most likely to provide lined snake habitat.</p> <p>On August 2, 2021, the SDGFP concurred with the approach to implement the lined snake recommendations (visual surveys prior to initiating construction and prior to backfilling trenches during construction) only in the area identified as suitable habitat.</p> <p>SDDOT will include an environmental commitment to conduct visual surveys for the lined snake prior to initiating construction and prior to backfilling trenches between April 1 and November 1, when the lined snake is active. If snake species is observed during construction, construction would halt until a SDDOT wildlife biologist or other biologist who has obtained an Endangered Species Permit through the Game, Fish and Parks arrives to properly identify and then remove and relocate the lined snake.</p>
<p>SDGFP commented on July 9, 2021 in regard to Section 6(F)(3) encumbrances. In reviewing completed project files it was determined no LWCF encumbered projects adjacent to the proposed project area were present.</p>	<p>No response necessary</p>
<p>SDDANR commented on May 28, 2021, that the office has no objections to the Project, which should not result in violations of applicable statutes or regulations provided the Department of Transportation. The contractor will comply with the requirements for tanks and spills, hazardous and solid waste, drinking and surface water, and air quality.</p>	<p>No response necessary</p>





**Department of Transportation**  
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May 10, 2021

Patrick Snyder  
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**RE: NH 0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave; Lincoln County**  
**NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave; Lincoln County**  
**NH 0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave; Lincoln County**  
**NH 0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St.; Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties**  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Roadway Construction

Dear Mr. Snyder:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in 2012 for the above referenced projects, which are also locally known as the South Veterans Parkway Project. A map detailing the location of the project is attached. The project will comply with all federal and state environmental regulations.

The project includes a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Interstate 90. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.

Since the FONSI was signed in 2012, there have been changes related to urban growth in the study area and changes in the regulations. At this time, an evaluation is being undertaken to determine if additional analysis for any resources is necessary.

Please comment on any of the following topics that pertain to your agency:

1. Water Quality Standards
2. Air Quality
3. Hazardous Waste
4. Underground Storage Tanks
5. Contaminated Soils

Please submit your comments as soon as possible, so that the project's environmental documentation can be completed, and the project can be let and constructed in a timely manner.

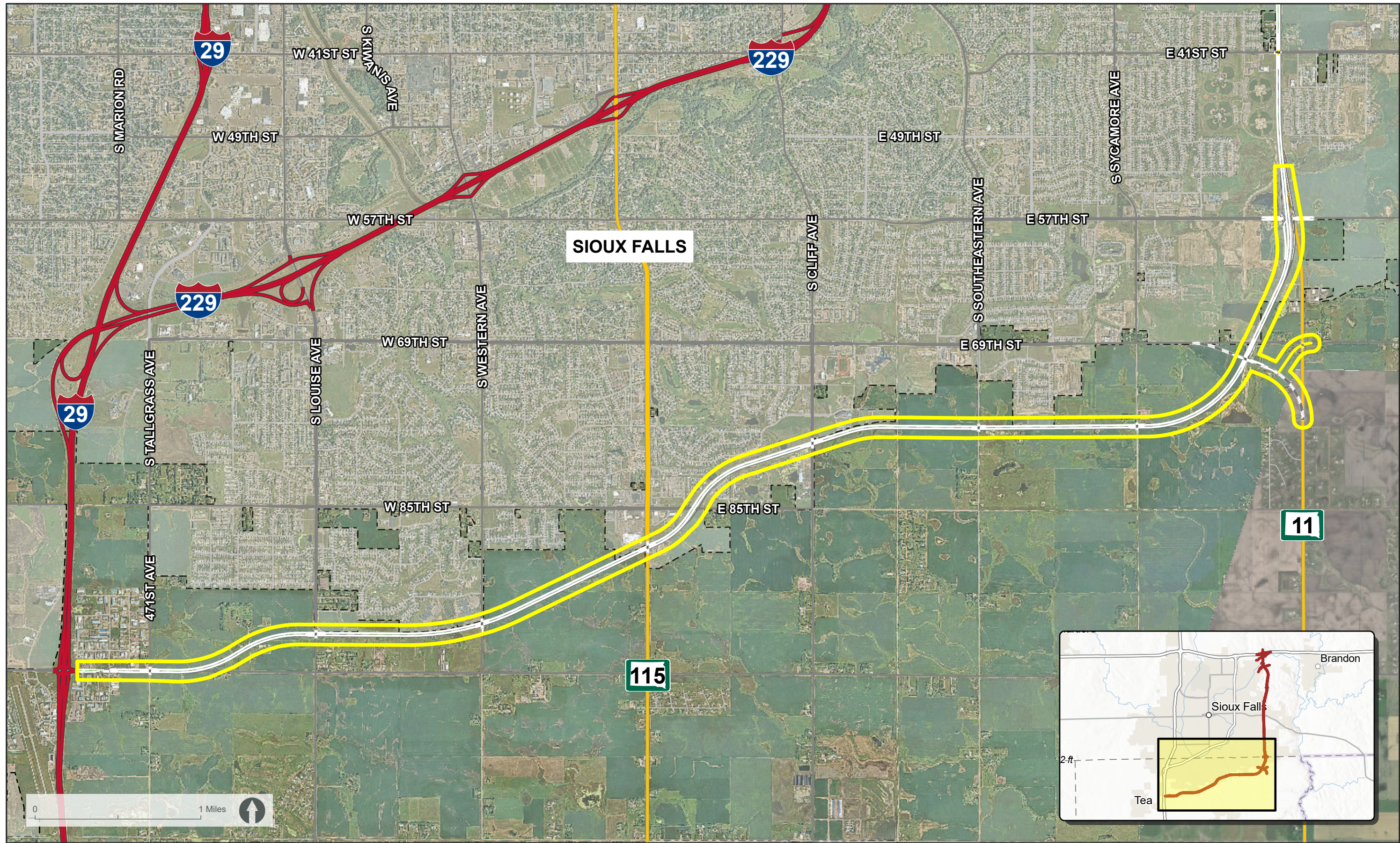
Sincerely,

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Attachment: Project Location Map

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## DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES

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May 28, 2021

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Subject: NH 0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave; Lincoln County  
NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave; Lincoln County  
NH 0100(1067)409, PC 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave; Lincoln County  
NH 0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St.; Lincoln and  
Minnehaha Counties

Dear Ms. Joanne,

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has reviewed the above-referenced project for potential impacts to natural resources. Based on the information submitted in your letter dated May 10, 2021, DANR has the following comments, concerns about environmental impacts, and permitting requirements.

### ***Tanks and Spills***

The Inspection, Compliance, and Remediation Program (ICRP) maintains a database of petroleum and chemical releases as well as regulated storage tanks within South Dakota. Our records show several spills and one storage tank near your project area. We have compiled this information in the attached table. For further information about tanks or spills in South Dakota, please visit the following website:

<https://apps.sd.gov/nr42interactivemap>

In the event that contamination is caused by or encountered during the construction activity, The Department of Transportation must report the contamination to DANR at 605-773-3296. Contaminated soil that is excavated during construction should be segregated from clean soil, stockpiled, and sampled to determine disposal requirements. Please be aware that if piping or other equipment will be installed in a location where it may come into contact with contaminated soil or ground water, it should be evaluated to ensure it is compatible with the contaminant. Thank you for providing ICRP the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions please contact Baylee Hoff at 605-773-3296 or [Baylee.Hoff@state.sd.us](mailto:Baylee.Hoff@state.sd.us).

### ***Solid and Hazardous Waste***

Some solid waste may be generated during this project. Any solid waste generated that will not be reused in some beneficial manner must be disposed or managed at a



permitted solid waste facility. Regional landfills able to accept all solid waste generated are listed on our website: <https://apps.sd.gov/NR60SolidWaste/main.html#>. Only Regional landfills are permitted to accept all wastes generated. If you have any questions, please contact Waste Management at 605-773-3153.

It is not expected that any hazardous wastes sites will be encountered within the vicinity of your project area. However, if road construction is planned for areas within a city or town, the contractor should contact this Department prior to construction. Should any hazardous waste be generated during the implementation of this project, the generator must abide by all applicable hazardous waste regulations. To determine whether your project may generate hazardous waste, visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/managing-your-hazardous-waste-guide-small-businesses>. If you have any questions please contact Anthony Wagner at 605-773-3153, or [anthony.wagner@state.sd.us](mailto:anthony.wagner@state.sd.us).

Demolition or renovation of a building structure may be subject to the South Dakota asbestos requirements. If demolition or renovation is part of this construction project, or if the scope of the project changes to include demolition or renovation, please contact Anthony Wagner at 605-773-3153, or [anthony.wagner@state.sd.us](mailto:anthony.wagner@state.sd.us).

### ***Air Quality***

Based on the information provided, it appears this project will have minor impacts to air quality in South Dakota. This impact would be through source and fugitive emissions. In many cases, an air quality permit is required to operate equipment with point source emissions. A permit application can be obtained from the Air Quality or Minerals and Mining Program. Fugitive emissions, although not covered under State air quality regulations, are a common source of public concern and may be subject to local or county ordinances. Please contact your local officials to discuss requirements regarding fugitive emissions.

For further air quality information, please contact Anthony Lueck, Air Quality Program, telephone number 605-773-3151.

### ***Drinking Water***

Based on the information provided, this project will not have adverse environmental effects to drinking water in this area. Should the parameters of your project change, please reach out to Mark Mayer at 605-773-6039 or [Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us](mailto:Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us).

### ***Surface Water***

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Surface Water Quality Program (SWQ) has reviewed your request for comments letter. Based on the information provided, SWQ has the following comments:

1. At a minimum and regardless of project size, appropriate erosion and sediment control measures must be installed to control the discharge of pollutants from the construction site. Any construction activity that disturbs an area of one or more acres



of land must have authorization under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities. Contact the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for additional information or guidance at 1-800-SDSTORM (1-800-737-8676) or <https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/SurfaceWaterQuality/default.aspx>.

2. A Surface Water Discharge permit may be required if any construction dewatering should occur as a result of this project. Please contact this office for more information.
3. Impacts to tributaries, creeks, wetlands, and lakes should be avoided by this project. These waterbodies are considered waters of the state and are protected under Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Chapter 74:51. Special construction measures may have to be taken to ensure that water quality standards are not violated.
4. The discharge of pollutants from any source, including indiscriminate use of fill material, may not cause destruction or impairment except where authorized under Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Please contact the United States Army Corps of Engineers for more information 605-224-8531.

#### **Water Rights**

In South Dakota all water is the property of the people and the right to use of that water is through obtaining a water right. A water right is needed for all uses of water except for domestic uses. If water is needed during construction that is obtained from surface or groundwater, a temporary permit for the use of public water will need to be obtained. If water is supplied by a municipality or rural water system for construction purposes, no additional water permitting is required. Please contact us by e-mail or call Genny McMath at (605) 773-3352 if you have any questions.

Thank you for providing DANR the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please contact me at 605-773-3296.

Sincerely,



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Harold Timmerman, Lincoln County EM, Canton, SD



Tables, Figures, and Other Attachments

**Table 1.1 Spills and Tanks Within or Nearby Project Area**

Section 1: Spills		Status Key:		NFA= No Further Action		I= Inactive		C= Closed		W= Withdrawn	
Case ID	Stat us	DENR Reviewer	Site Name	Spill Site Location	City	Latitude	Longitude	Material			
88.072	C	KM	Johnson Oil - Midwest Oil (see 88.216)	Highway 44	Worthing	43.33059	-96.7605	Diesel			
88.216	I	BL	Midwest Oil Bulk Storage (see also 88.072)	280 St / 1st St, between Poplar and Cherry	Worthing	43.33055	-96.7604	Fuel Oil			
90.619	C	SB	Sein Trucking	I-29, .7 mile N of MM69	Tea	43.40786	-96.7958	Diesel			
91.484	I	SH	Brenner Elevator	Main & 1st Street	Worthing	43.33056	-96.7623	Nitrogen			
93.125	C	TK	Huntting Fertilizer Transport Event	275 Street	Harrisburg	43.40251	-96.6427	Lasso & Fertilizer			
93.235	C	TK	Dept. of Trans (SD DOT) - Transport Event	I-29: MM 68	Worthing	43.3833	-96.7965	Paint			
96.149	NFA	SB	The Station - UST Removals	308 Willow Street	Harrisburg	43.4316	-96.6986	Gasoline			
97.135	C	KM	Transport Event	Main Street @ Prairie	Harrisburg	43.43059	-96.6995	Pendimet halin & Fertilizer			
98.018	NFA	SB	TC's Mini Mart - Assessment	102 North Main Street (1st & Main)	Worthing	43.33006	-96.7628	gasoline			
98.176	C	TF	Food N Fuel - Assessment	301 Willow	Harrisburg	43.43134	-96.6992	Petroleu m			
98.244	NFA	SB	Former Dirks' Service - Tank Removals	47402 273rd Street	Harrisburg	43.4319	-96.7272	petroleu m			
2001.12 8	C	BM	Olson Property - Oil Disposal	47792 Aspen Road	Harrisburg	43.40996	-96.6501	Waste Oil			
2001.50 5	C	KM	ATP - Former Hill Family Farmyard Site	27303 475th Avenue	Harrisburg	43.43116	-96.7086	Petroleu m			



2001.82 5	NFA	KH	ATP - Stratmeyer Property	28001 SD Highway 115	Worthing	43.32976	-96.728	Petroleum
2002.34 2	NFA	KM	ATP - Bahnson Farm	27513 Highway 115	Harrisburg	43.40083	-96.7287	petroleum
2002.34 6	NFA	KH	ATP - Lynn Ustad Waters Property	27203 Spruce Place	Harrisburg	43.44571	-96.7316	fuel oil
2002.34 7	NFA	KH	ATP - Leonard Welter Farm	47711 273rd Street	Harrisburg	43.42945	-96.666	petroleum
2004.15	NFA	KH	ATP - Harrisburg Elementary School	200 Willow Street	Harrisburg	43.4318	-96.7003	Fuel Oil
2006.02 8	C	BM	Transport Spill - Hirschbach Motor Lines	I-29 near MM 66, S Lane - West ditch	Worthing	43.35971	-96.7967	Diesel
2007.04 8	C	RL	Diesel Spill - Transportation	I-29 near MM 69	Tea	43.39743	-96.7963	Diesel
2007.16 2	C	BM	Dakota Aeration - Pump Spill	47468 280th Street	Worthing	43.32968	-96.715	Diesel
2008.15	C	RL	Hydraulic Oil - Equipment Leak	Intersection of Hwy 135 & 277th Street	Worthing	43.37371	-96.7274	Hydraulic Oil
2009.18 8	C	KM	Anonymous Complaint - Buried Batteries	101 South Main Street	Worthing	43.33015	-96.7635	Batteries
2010.23 7	NFA	TF	ATP - Liberty Elementary School	200 Willow Street	Harrisburg	43.43254	-96.6993	Fuel Oil
2012.24 9	C	RL	Transport Accident - Diesel Spill	I-29, approximately 100 yds S of Exit 71, median	Tea	43.42868	-96.7963	Diesel
2013.01 1	NFA	DM	UST Removal - Former Food N Fuel	301 Willow Street (SE at Willow and Prairie)	Harrisburg	43.43132	-96.6993	Gasoline
2014.29	C	KN	Semi accident- I-29 / Beaver Creek	I-29 MM 67/Beaver Creek	Worthing	43.37027	-96.7963	Diesel
2016.05 2	C	SB	Petroleum Impacted Containment Water - Bus Barn	Near Harrisburg School, SE at Cliff/475 & W Maple St	Harrisburg	43.42536	-96.7051	Diesel
8888.01 7	T		Clandestine Drug Lab Seizure	47082 273rd Street	Tea	43.43188	-96.7898	unknown



89018	C	DM	Northern Natural Gas Company Facility	272nd & 475th	Harrisburg	43.44543	-96.7093	
93039	C	RC	Food N Fuel	301 Willow Street	Harrisburg	43.43127	-96.6992	
2001786	C	KM	Clean ATP - Christensen Property	47303 279th Street	Worthing	43.34407	-96.7463	
2002276	C	KM	Clean ATP - Merrill Tronson Farm	47250 277th Street	Worthing	43.37482	-96.757	

**Table 1.2 Tanks Within or Nearby Project Area**




Section 2: Tanks		Tank Type Key:		UST=Underground Storage		AST= Above Ground Storage	
		Tank Status Key:		A= Active		I= Inactive	
Facility ID	Facility Name	Facility Address	Facility City	Facility Type	Facility Latitude	Facility Longitude	Number of Tanks
44-00063	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	47077 276TH STREET	Lennox	UST	43.38653	-96.7932	1

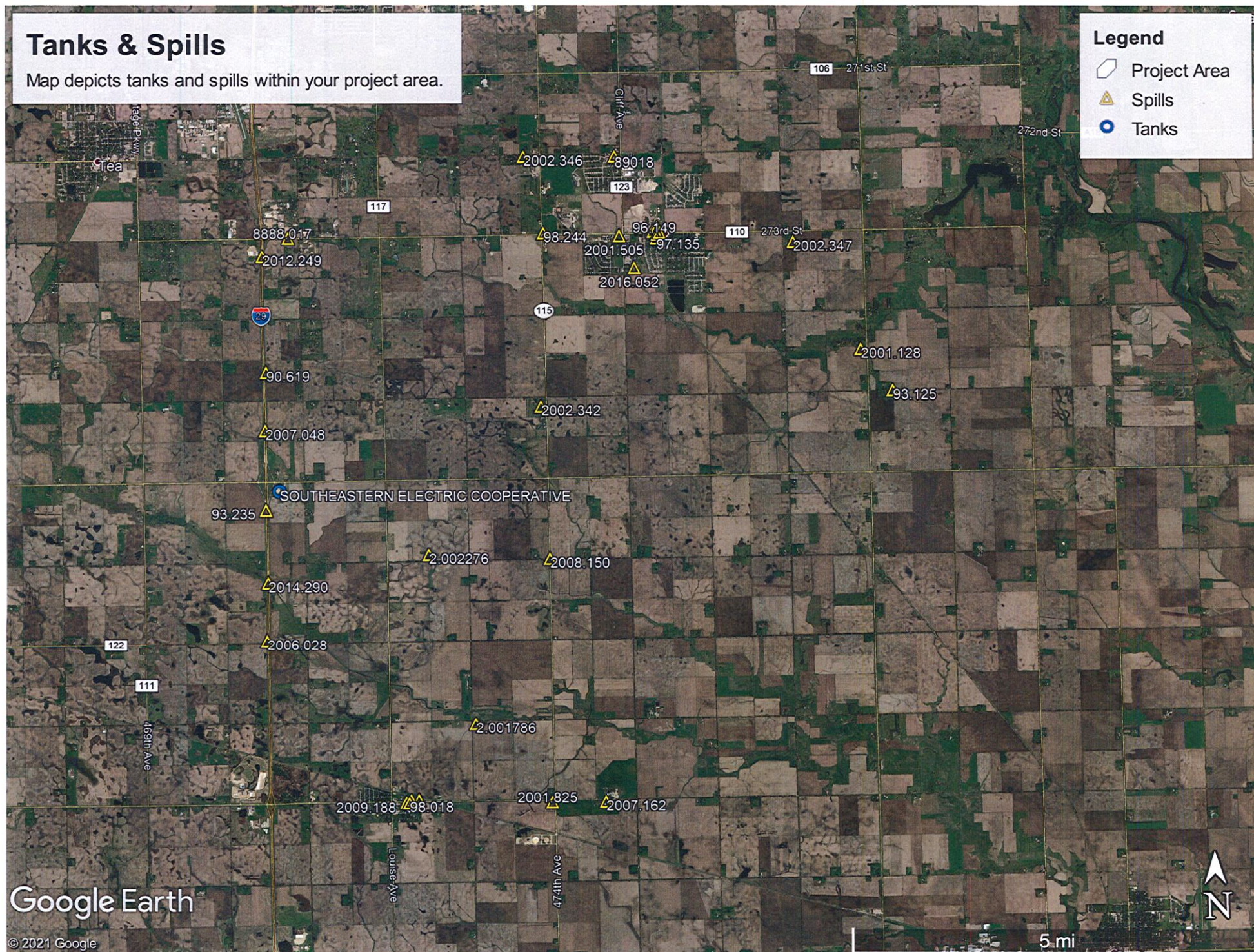


# Tanks & Spills

Map depicts tanks and spills within your project area.

## Legend

-  Project Area
-  Spills
-  Tanks



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**From:** Czarnecki, Julia  
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**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway Project Update  
**Attachments:** [Location Map.pdf](#)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Ms. Hoff,

On behalf of FHWA and SDDOT, we are re-engaging you on South Veterans Parkway due to changes that have been made in the project's scope. Nine intersecting City arterial projects are now being included in the South Veterans Parkway Supplemental Environmental Assessment. The Study Area now extends to the next major intersections associated with the nine additional arterial projects. These rational endpoints were used to complete a traffic analysis for the project in order to establish the 23 CFR 771.111(f) requirements for the South Veterans Parkway corridor in addition to the nine intersecting City arterial projects. Attached is the updated Study Area which include the following additions from the previous Study Area:

- Exit 73 interchange
- corridors for each of the nine intersecting arterials up to the next major intersection,
- areas where borrow / stormwater detention have been or are currently being seriously considered,
- a corridor paralleling the WAPA transmission line
- areas to accommodate constructing new points of access to private land / structures

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the expanded scope of the South Veterans Parkway Supplemental Environmental Assessment.

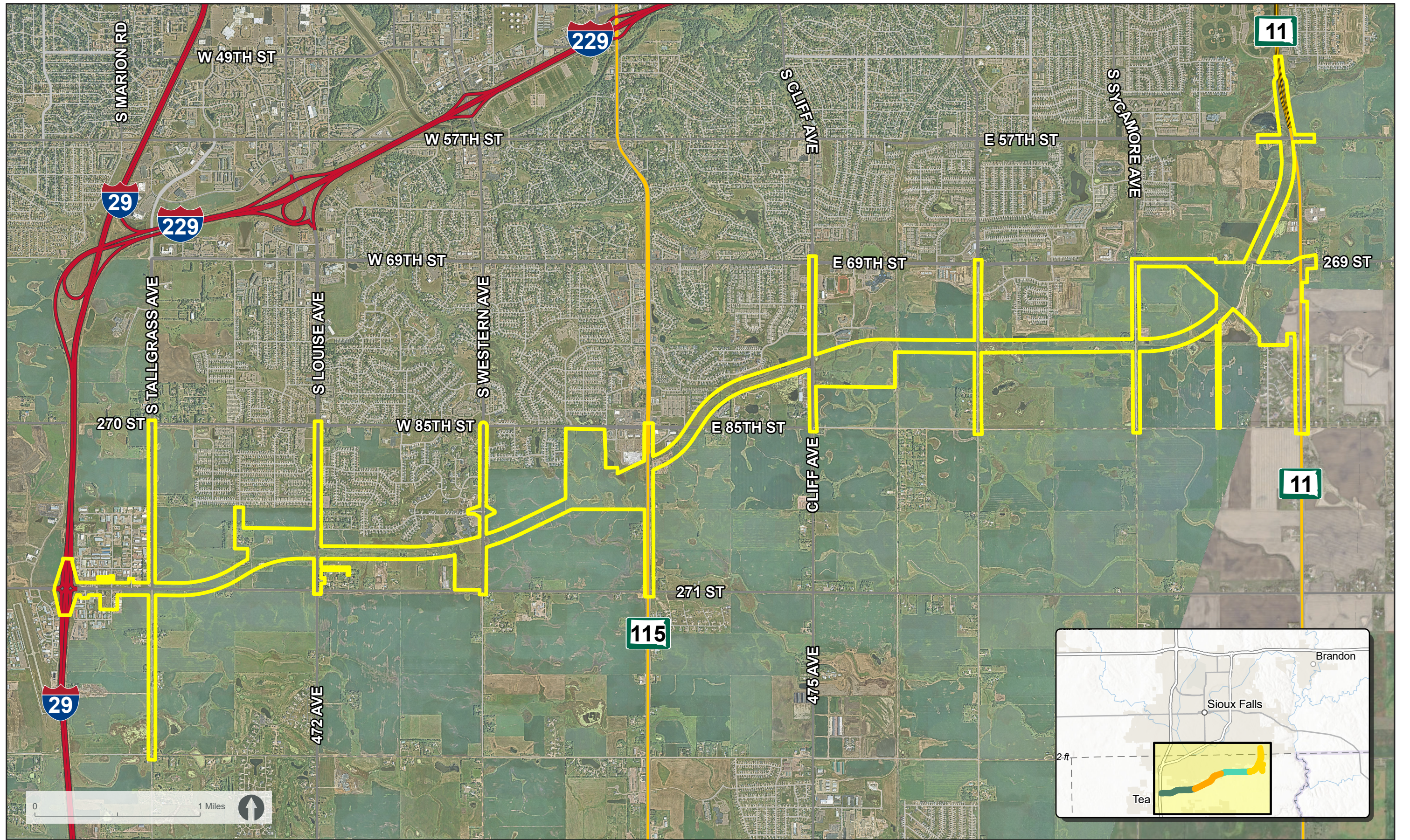
Thank you,

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*Environmental Scientist*

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Subject: Environmental Review- Revised South Veterans Parkway

Dear Ms. Czarnecki:

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has reviewed the above-referenced project for potential impacts to natural resources. Based on the information submitted in your e-mail dated August 5, 2022, DANR has the following comments and permitting requirements.

### ***Tanks and Spills***

The Inspection, Compliance, and Remediation Program (ICRP) maintains a database of registered storage tanks and spills/environmental events, including petroleum and chemical releases in South Dakota. Our records show numerous known spills/environmental events and registered storage tank facilities near your project area. We recommend reviewing our online spills and tanks database regularly as your project progresses, to determine if future spills or new tanks are in or near your project area. For more information about tanks and spills/environmental events (including pdf copies of many case files), please visit: <https://apps.sd.gov/nr42interactivemap>.

While we do our best to maintain accurate information about environmental events and tanks, in some cases the location information provided to us may have been inaccurate. If contamination is caused by or is encountered during onsite construction activity, that contamination must be reported to DANR at 605-773-3296. Contaminated soil that has been excavated should be segregated from clean soil and sampled to determine disposal requirements. Further, any piping, equipment, or other material to be placed in a location where it will be in contact with contaminated soil or groundwater, should be evaluated to determine if it is compatible with the contaminant. If you have questions, please contact Baylee Hoff at [baylee.hoff@state.sd.us](mailto:baylee.hoff@state.sd.us) or (605) 773-3296.

### ***Solid and Hazardous Waste***



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### ***Air Quality***

Based on the information provided, it appears this project will have minor impacts to air quality in South Dakota. This impact would be through source and fugitive emissions. In many cases, an air quality permit is required to operate equipment with point source emissions. A permit application can be obtained from the Air Quality or Minerals and Mining Program. Fugitive emissions, although not covered under State air quality regulations, are a common source of public concern and may be subject to local or county ordinances. Please contact your local officials to discuss requirements regarding fugitive emissions.

For further air quality information, please contact Rick Boddicker, Air Quality Program, telephone number 605-773-3151.

### ***Drinking Water***

Based on the information provided, this project will not have adverse environmental effects to drinking water in this area. Should the parameters of your project change, please reach out to Mark Mayer at 605-773-6039 or [Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us](mailto:Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us).

### ***Surface Water***

The Surface Water Quality Program (SWQ) has reviewed your request for comments letter. Based on the information provided, SWQ has the following comments:

1. At a minimum and regardless of project size, appropriate erosion and sediment control measures must be installed to control the discharge of pollutants from the construction site. Any construction activity that disturbs an area of one or more acres of land must have authorization under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities. Contact the Department of



Agriculture and Natural Resources for additional information or guidance at 1-800-SDSTORM (1-800-737-8676) or <https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/SurfaceWaterQuality/default.aspx>.

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4. The discharge of pollutants from any source, including indiscriminate use of fill material, may not cause destruction or impairment except where authorized under Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Please contact the United States Army Corps of Engineers for more information 605-224-8531.

### **Groundwater**

Based on the information provided, this project is unlikely to have adverse effects on ground water quality. Should the parameters of your project change, please reach out to Matt Hicks at 605-773-5337 or [Matt.Hicks@state.sd.us](mailto:Matt.Hicks@state.sd.us).

Thank you for providing DANR the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please contact me at 605-773-3296.

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**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - Request to Participate in Project

Thank you, Brian, for the prompt response!

Your comment regarding Federal Aviation Regulations and FAA notification will be incorporated into the NEPA record for this undertaking.

The other I-29 construction project you identify as in the same general area may be the I-29/85<sup>th</sup> St Interchange project. Project location is programmed within the SDDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program as 85<sup>th</sup> Street (270<sup>th</sup> Street) from Sundowner Avenue east one mile to Tallgrass Avenue in Sioux Falls. The I-29 portion is I-29 NBL from 85<sup>th</sup> Street to I-229 and I-229 NBL from I-29 to Louise Avenue.

If this is the construction project you are identifying than, yes, FHWA is involved with the coordination to this Project. Project coordination is currently in the draft Environmental Assessment phase for it. And any FAA contact information or comment pertinent to this proposed I-29/85<sup>th</sup> St. Interchange project would be appreciated as well. If this is not the project you pointed out, then please let me know. So that I may look into this further.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:40 AM  
**To:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA)  
**Cc:** Fredrichs, Kirk (FHWA); joanne.hight@state.sd.us; Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura; Ausen, Shannon; Anderson, David P (FAA); Ornelas, AJ (FAA); Sebesta, Kyle E (FAA)  
**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - Request to Participate in Project  
**Attachments:** FAA Coordination\_S. Veterans Parkway\_5.11.2021.pdf

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Good morning Tom.

We have no objection provided the Federal Aviation Administration is notified of construction or alterations as required by Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77 Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace. Paragraph 77.9 Notice may be filed on-line at <https://oeaaa.faa.gov>. Please note that if tall light poles are a part of the project at the intersection of the project and I-29, the light poles and/or their construction equipment may require notice(s).

We are aware of a construction project to widen I-29 from 4 lanes to 6 lanes in this same general area. I trust you are in coordination with this project. If not, let me know if you need the contacts for this proposed project.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Brian



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**From:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA) <tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:41 PM

**To:** Schuck, Brian P (FAA) <Brian.P.Schuck@faa.gov>

**Cc:** Fredrichs, Kirk (FHWA) <Kirk.Fredrichs@dot.gov>; Joanne Hight (SDDOT) <Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us>; Laura Lutz-Zimmerman (HDR) <Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com>; Ausen, Shannon <sausen@SIOUXFALLS.org>

**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway - Request to Participate in Project

Good afternoon, Brian.

The attached letter is to notify you of the proposed South Veterans Parkway Project (Project) in Sioux Falls, SD, invite you to participate in the undertaking, and to request FAA input on the Project.

For your input to be considered, FHWA – SD Division requests your response be received no later than June 11, 2021. If you have any questions, or need additional information to Project, please contact me by email at [tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov](mailto:tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov). Thank you for your time and interest in the Project.

Tom Lehmkuhl

Environmental Protection Specialist

FHWA – SD Division

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Ph: 605.776.1012

[tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov](mailto:tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov)







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**Federal Highway  
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## South Dakota Division

05/11/2021

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In Reply Refer To:  
HDA - SD

Brian Shuck  
Federal Aviation Administration  
2301 University Dr  
Bismarck, ND 58504-7595

**RE: NH 0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave;  
NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave;  
NH 0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave;  
NH 0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St.  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Roadway Construction**

Dear Mr. Shuck:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in 2012 for the above referenced projects, which are also locally known as the South Veterans Parkway Project. A map detailing the location of the project is attached. The project will comply with all federal and state environmental regulations.

The project includes a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Interstate 90. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.

Since the FONSI was signed in 2012, there have been changes related to urban growth in the study area and changes in regulations. At this time, an evaluation is being undertaken to determine if additional analysis for any resources is necessary. We are reaching out to you because of your agency's jurisdiction associated with the Lincoln County/Marv Skie Airport location within half mile of western terminus of the project at Interstate 29.

We invite you to participate in this environmental study and provide us with any additional input or comments your agency may have regarding the Project that should be considered during the NEPA process. If you wish to formally participate in the Project to satisfy your agency review and approval requirements, please notify us in writing. Additionally, if there are other representatives from your agency that we should notify during future outreach efforts, please provide their names and contact information.



Sincerely,

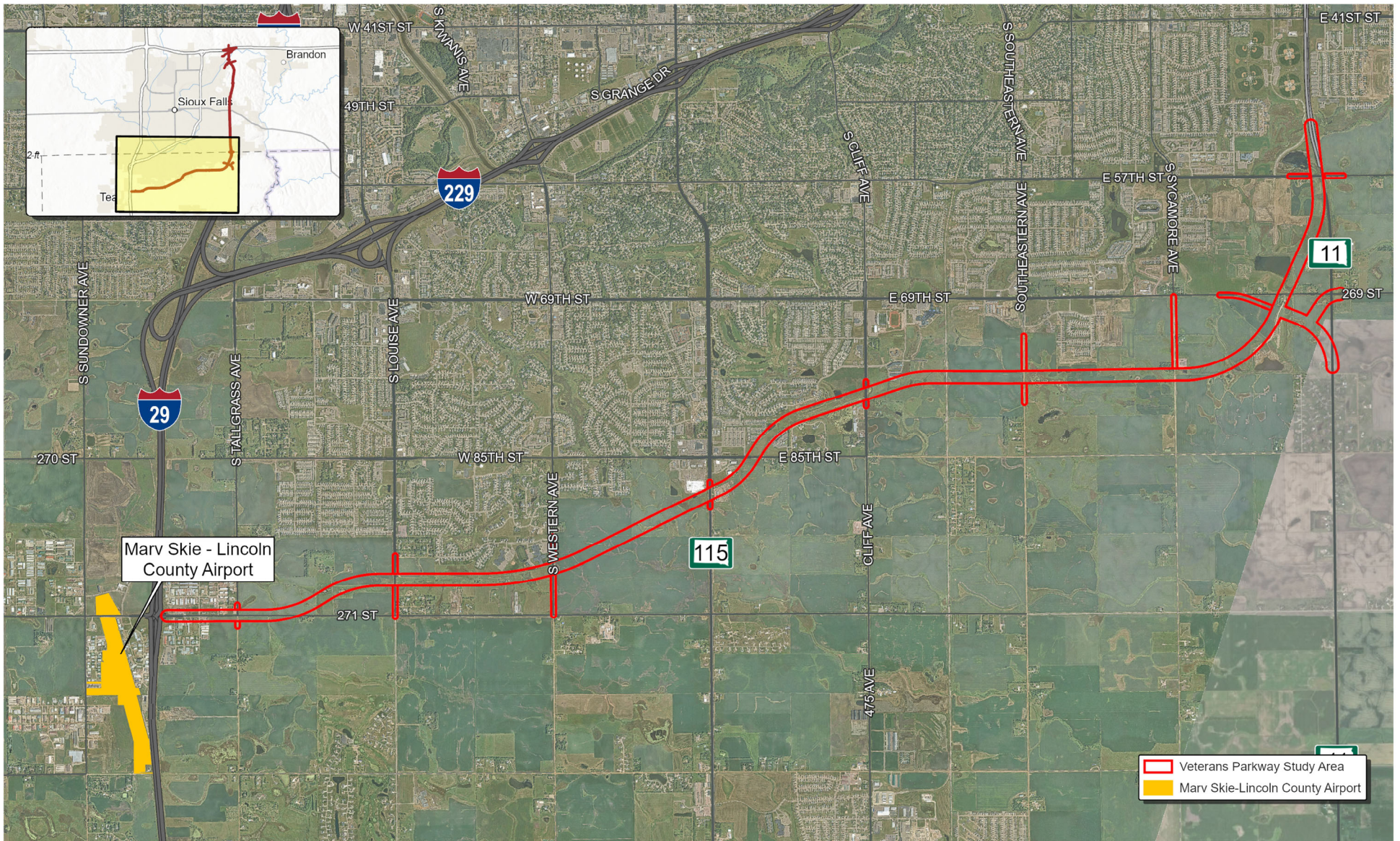
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Tom Lehmkuhl  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Marv Skie/Lincoln County Project Location Map

Email cc: Kirk Fredrichs (FHWA)  
Joanne Hight (SDDOT)  
Laura Lutz-Zimmerman (HDR)  
Shannon Ausen (City of Sioux Falls)





MARV SKIE-LINCOLN COUNTY AIRPORT LOCATION

Veteran's Parkway  
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA



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**From:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <[Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com](mailto:Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 6:17 PM

**To:** Morey, Hilary <[Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us](mailto:Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us)>

**Cc:** Kittle, Randy <[Randy.Kittle@state.sd.us](mailto:Randy.Kittle@state.sd.us)>; Hight, Joanne <[Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us](mailto:Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us)>; Hoff, Steven <[Steve.Hoff@hdrinc.com](mailto:Steve.Hoff@hdrinc.com)>

**Subject:** [EXT] South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

Ms. Morey,

On behalf of South Dakota Department of Transportation, please find the attached letter requesting review and comments from your agency on the South Veterans Parkway Project in Sioux Falls South Dakota. Your agency's input is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,  
Laura

**Laura Lutz-Zimmerman**, AICP  
*Environmental Project Manager*

**HDR**  
300 East Locust Street, Suite 210  
Des Moines. IA 50309-1852





## Department of Transportation

### Environmental Office

700 E Broadway Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2586  
605-773-4336

May 10, 2021

Hilary Morey  
SD Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks  
523 E. Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: NH 0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave;  
NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave;  
NH 0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave;  
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South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Roadway Construction

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Since the FONSI was signed in 2012, there have been changes related to urban growth in the study area and changes in regulations. At this time, an evaluation is being undertaken to determine if additional analysis for any resources is necessary.

Please comment on any of the following topics that pertain to your agency:

1. Wetland Locations	5. SDGF&P Recreation Areas
2. Threatened or Endangered Species	6. Parks
3. Refuges	7. Land & Water Conservation Funds
4. SDGF&P Game Production Areas	8. Aquatic Invasive Species

Please submit your comments as soon as possible, so that the project's environmental documentation can be completed, and the project can be let and constructed in a timely manner.

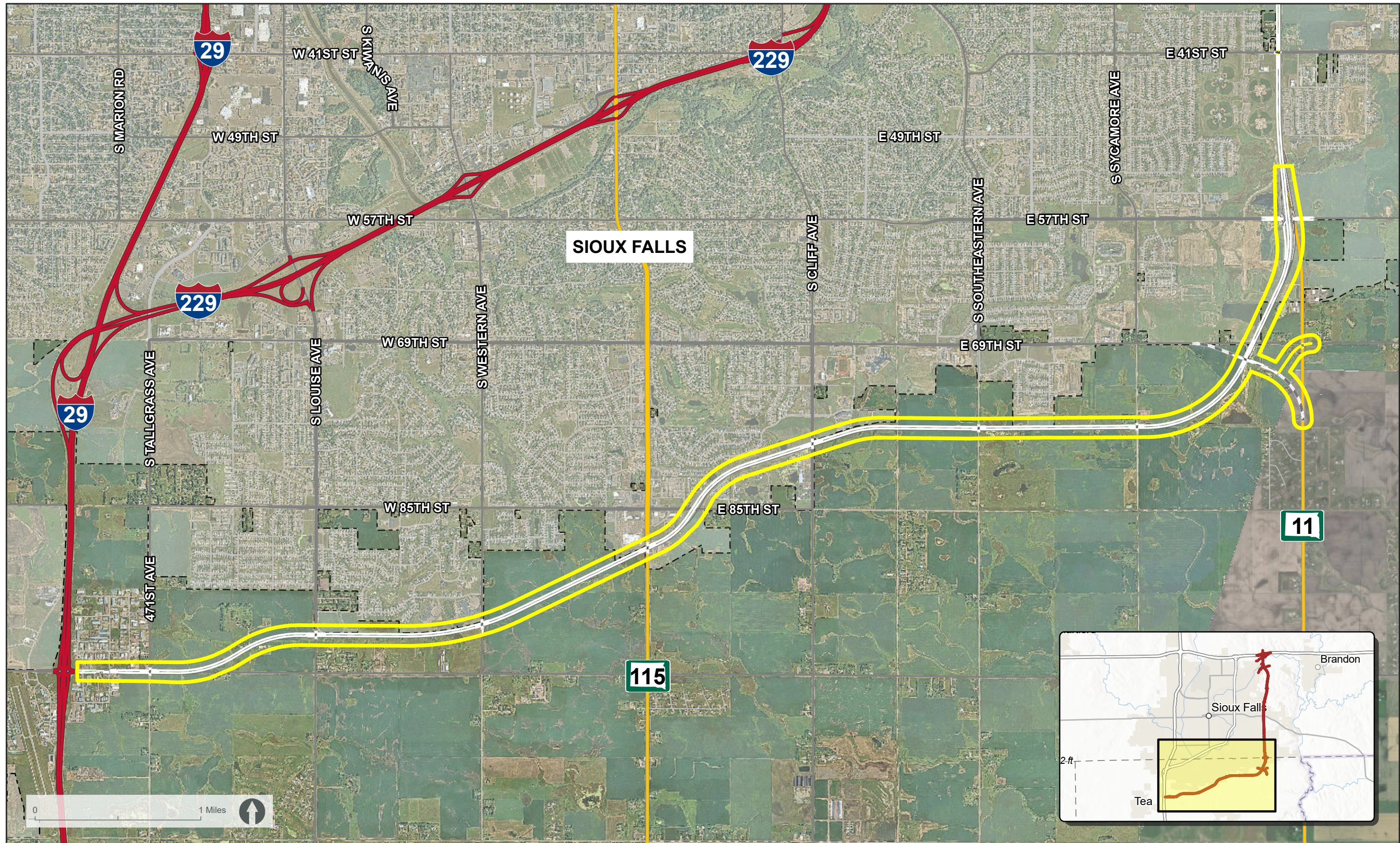
Sincerely,

Joanne Hight  
Environmental Engineer Manager  
605.773.3721  
Joanne.hight@state.sd.us

Attachment: Project Location Map

Cc: Randy Kittle







**From:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 11:13 AM  
**To:** joanne.hight@state.sd.us; Kittle, Randy  
**Cc:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

Good morning – for your records on SVP.

**Laura Lutz-Zimmerman**, AICP  
D 307.228.6099 M 303.921.2431

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**From:** Kittle, Randy <Randy.Kittle@state.sd.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

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Laura,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the South Veterans Parkway proposal with regards to Section 6(F)(3) encumbrances. In reviewing completed project files I see there are no LWCF encumbered projects adjacent to the proposed project area.

Feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

**Randy Kittle** | *Grants Coordinator*  
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks  
523 East Capitol Avenue | Pierre, SD 57501  
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**From:** Morey, Hilary <[Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us](mailto:Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:08 PM

**To:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <[Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com](mailto:Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com)>

**Cc:** Kittle, Randy <[Randy.Kittle@state.sd.us](mailto:Randy.Kittle@state.sd.us)>; [joanne.hight@state.sd.us](mailto:joanne.hight@state.sd.us); Hoff, Steven <[Steve.Hoff@hdrinc.com](mailto:Steve.Hoff@hdrinc.com)>

**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

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Hi Laura and Joanne-

Attached, please find our response to your request for review.

-Hilary





## SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE | PIERRE, SD 57501

May 25, 2021

Joanne Hight  
SD Department of Transportation  
700 E. Broadway Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: NH 0100(110)045 PCN 01V9 I-29 to Western Ave  
NH 0100(108)407 PCN 01V5 Western Ave to Cliff Ave  
NH 0100(106)409 PCN 01V7 Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave  
NH 0100(107)411 PCN 01VA Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Roadway Construction

Dear Joanne,

The Department of Game, Fish and Parks has reviewed the above projects involving the proposed construction of South Veterans Parkway in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

We have conducted a search of the SD Natural Heritage Database for the above referenced project. This database monitors species at risk, specifically those species that are legally designated as threatened, endangered or rare. We did not find any occurrences of endangered, threatened or rare species in the immediate project area. Please note many places in South Dakota have not been surveyed for rare or protected species and the absence of a species from the database does not preclude its presence from your project area.

However, we found records of lined snake (*Tropidoclonion lineatum*), a state endangered species near the project vicinity (North side of Sioux Falls, near the Cactus Flats area). Lined snakes inhabit dry grassland areas and are most often observed by searching under objects they are sheltering under, such as rocks and logs. Lined snakes are typically active during April-October. You can find more information on lined snake biology and habitat needs here:

[https://www.sdherps.org/species/tropidoclonion\\_lineatum](https://www.sdherps.org/species/tropidoclonion_lineatum).

Based on the information provided, there is no anticipated significant impact to fish and wildlife resources and would anticipate that to remain if the following suggestions are considered during the planning and construction of the project.

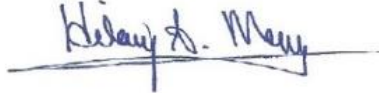
1. Disturbance to riparian and wetland areas should be kept to an absolute minimum.
2. If riparian vegetation is lost it should be quantified and replaced on site. Seeding of indigenous species should be accomplished immediately after construction to reduce sediment and erosion.
3. A site-specific sediment and erosion control plan should be part of the project.
4. A post construction erosion control plan should be implemented in order to provide interim control prior to re-establishing permanent vegetative cover on the disturbed site.



5. Complete visual surveys for lined snakes prior to work in lined snake habitat (e.g. dry grassland areas) from April-October.
6. If the project requires trenching for installation of infrastructure, we recommend backfilling the trench at the end of each workday (April-October), so snakes cannot fall into open trenches and to be trapped and buried under fill. If trenches cannot be filled prior to the end of the workday, we further recommend covering open trenches and inspecting open trenches left overnight for endangered snake species prior to backfilling.

If lined snakes are encountered during pre-construction surveys or during project construction, please contact Eileen Dowd Stukel (605-773-4229 or [Eileen.DowdStukel@state.sd.us](mailto:Eileen.DowdStukel@state.sd.us)) for further consultation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 605-773-6208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilary A. Morey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Hilary Morey  
Environmental Review Senior Biologist  
523 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501  
[hilary.morey@state.sd.us](mailto:hilary.morey@state.sd.us)



**From:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 8, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** Morey, Hilary  
**Cc:** Kittle, Randy; joanne.hight@state.sd.us; Hoff, Steven; Bramblee, Kit; Vande Kamp, Kendall  
**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)  
**Attachments:** Segments - SVP.kmz

With KMZ and its not even Friday... 😊

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**From:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 8, 2021 4:06 PM  
**To:** Morey, Hilary <Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us>  
**Cc:** Kittle, Randy <Randy.Kittle@state.sd.us>; joanne.hight@state.sd.us; Hoff, Steven <Steve.Hoff@hdrinc.com>; Bramblee, Kit <kit.bramblee@state.sd.us>; Vande Kamp, Kendall <Kendall.VandeKamp@hdrinc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

Good afternoon Hilary –

I am reaching out regarding the agency comments and recommendations for South Veterans Parkway dated May 25, 2021. We have reviewed the study area and coordinated with SDDOT regarding the lined snake recommendations (#5/#6).

In your letter, you had noted that lined snakes inhabit “dry grassland areas” and seek shelter under rocks and logs similar to what is present near Cactus Flats. The habitat within the South Veterans Parkway study area is patchy and isolated from the larger, more contiguous grassland areas along the Big Sioux River. Many of the locations are along road ROW, wetland edge and previously disturbed area associated with the continuing urbanization.

Given the size of the study area, limited suitable habitat and areas of marginal habitat, we would like to focus the recommendations where possible and beneficial. We generally get better compliance from contractors and it is easier to enforce when it's not a blanket commitment across the project but recommendations are targeted. Thus, we request that you review the attached KMZ with Eileen and identify suitable habitat. If suitable habitat patches are identified, include a short habitat suitability note to compare against our preliminary suitable habitat determinations.

In addition to getting agreement on areas for implementing recommendations, we are seeking additional clarification/discussions on expectations related to these recommendations.

- What is the extent of the visual survey required? Is it as simple as having biologist conduct a visual survey by flipping over logs, rocks, or other ground debris prior to disturbance at that location(s)?
- Will we need to conduct a full scientific survey within the identified habitat with documentation such as what was done at Cactus Hills?
- If a lined snake is found, can it be relocated, or will we have to wait on site for Eileen?

If it is easier to discuss over the phone or short virtual meeting, please let me know and I can get that set up.

Thank you for your review and additional coordination related to the lined snake.

Laura  
Laura Lutz-Zimmerman, AICP



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**From:** Bramblee, Kit <[Kit.Bramblee@state.sd.us](mailto:Kit.Bramblee@state.sd.us)>

**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 11:50 AM

**To:** Morey, Hilary <[Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us](mailto:Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us)>

**Cc:** Hight, Joanne <[Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us](mailto:Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us)>; Hoff, Steven <[Steve.Hoff@hdrinc.com](mailto:Steve.Hoff@hdrinc.com)>; Vande Kamp, Kendall <[Kendall.VandeKamp@hdrinc.com](mailto:Kendall.VandeKamp@hdrinc.com)>; Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <[Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com](mailto:Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXT] South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

Hilary,

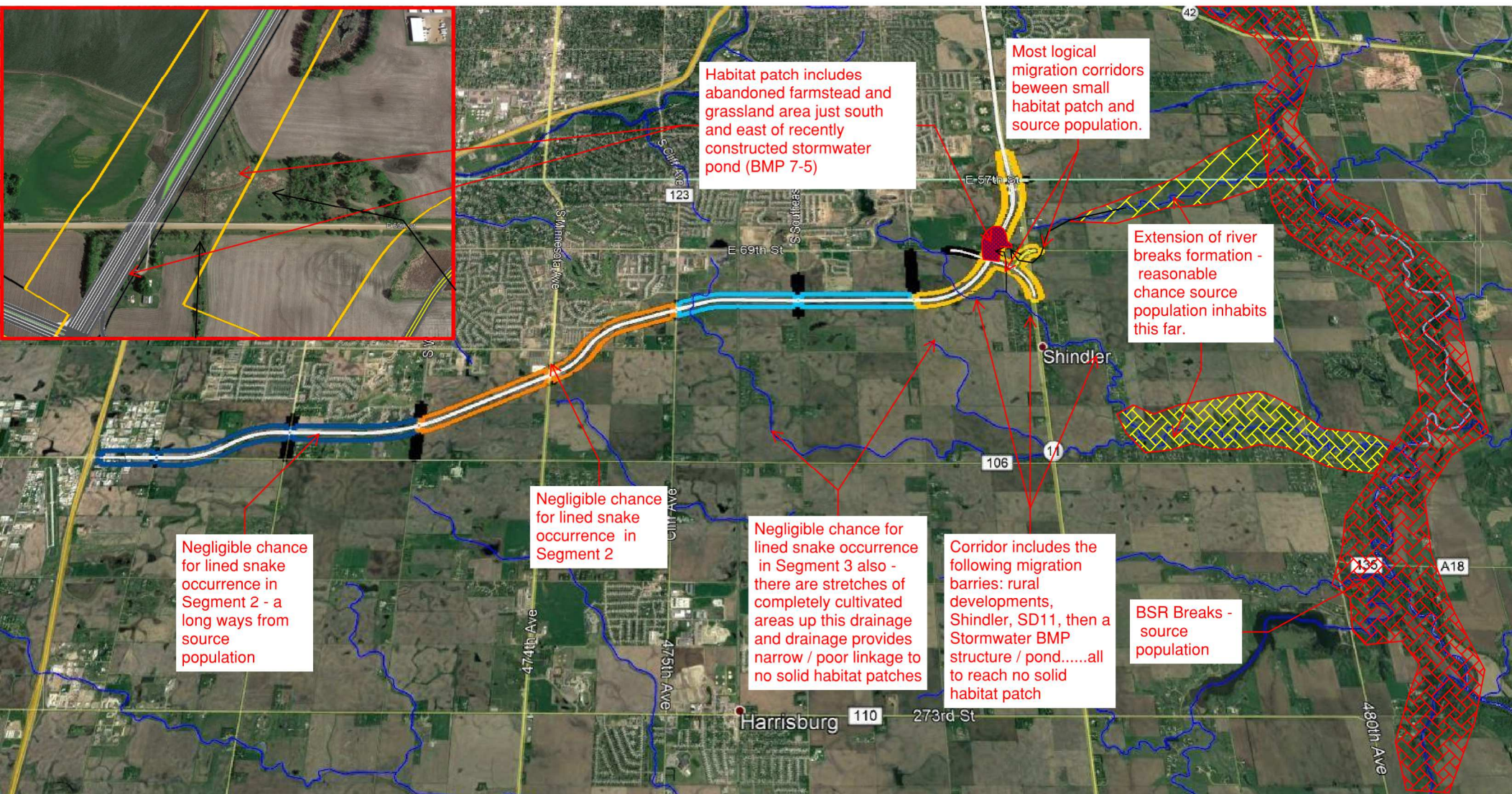
Per our latest phone conversation in regards to the lined snake attached is the mapping and determination put together by HDR Engineering. We have discussed this map and the determinations internally, and DOT agrees with the hypothesis and determination of potential habitat for lined snake within the project area.

Thank you again for working this through with Eileen so quickly.

Kit

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**From:** Dowd Stukel, Eileen <Eileen.DowdStukel@state.sd.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 2, 2021 11:01 AM  
**To:** Bramblee, Kit <Kit.Bramblee@state.sd.us>  
**Cc:** Morey, Hilary <Hilary.Morey@state.sd.us>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

Morning, Kit. Hilary shared the attachment with me, and I agree with her that this approach seems to make sense, as long as on-site personnel know to be watchful for individual snakes that may not have seen the attachment 😊.

Eileen

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**From:** Bramblee, Kit <Kit.Bramblee@state.sd.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura  
**Cc:** Vande Kamp, Kendall; joanne.hight@state.sd.us; Docken, Thomas  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)  
**Attachments:** Lined\_Snake\_Population\_Hypothesis.pdf

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Laura,

Eileen Dowd-Stukel has concurred with the hypothesis of the lined snake locations that you all put together. Based on my phone conversations with Hilary Morey and the below response from Eileen we are ok to include a note within the Section A Environmental commitment that addresses survey of the location identified in the attached figure (from station A – Station B) prior to earth moving activities by the SDDOT Biologist. Survey only required during the lined snakes active season of April 1 – November 1. If snake species is observed during construction practices halt construction and notify project engineer for positive identification and verification with SDDOT Biologist. If determined to be state listed endangered lined snake SDDOT personnel will remove and relocate.

Thomas Docken, SDDOT Wildlife Biologist, is completing the required permit with Eileen to conduct the survey and remove or relocate any identified lined snakes during construction.

Once this commitment is completed I would provide it to Hilary and Eileen for one last review and concurrence.

Kit



**From:** Bramblee, Kit <Kit.Bramblee@state.sd.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura  
**Cc:** Vande Kamp, Kendall; joanne.hight@state.sd.us; Docken, Thomas  
**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)  
**Attachments:** [Docken SDDOT lined snake Veterans Parkway 2025-2026.doc](#)

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Laura,

Attached is the permit documentation from SDGFP for the SDDOT Wildlife Biologist to conduct lined snake surveys, removal and relocation of any identified lined snakes during the construction of the South Veterans Parkway segment from Sycamore Ave to 57th St. We only included this segment (Project#: H 0100(107)411, PCN 01VA) since SDGFP agreed with the mapping locations of suitable lined snake habitat only occurring within this segment.

Within the developed commitment note for the lined snake we will need to also include a statement that reads similar to "The Project Engineer will notify the Environmental Office, Wildlife Biologist, 605-773-5679, of the time and place of any pre-construction meeting(s), surveys, site visits, or construction activities." This way our wildlife biologist is able to participate, educate and/or inform the project engineer and primary contractor of the lined snake requirements and how to identify.

Thanks again,

Kit

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**From:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** Bramblee, Kit <Kit.Bramblee@state.sd.us>  
**Cc:** Vande Kamp, Kendall <Kendall.VandeKamp@hdrinc.com>; Hight, Joanne <Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us>; Docken, Thomas <Thomas.Docken@state.sd.us>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] South Veterans Parkway - Supplemental EA (GFP Coordination)

Hi Kit – thank you for following up with Hilary and Eileen. We will get the wording pulled together for the Section A environmental commitment and get it back to you for review this week.

Laura

**Laura Lutz-Zimmerman**, AICP  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS**

**Foss Building**

**523 East Capitol**

**Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182**

16 August 2021

Thomas Docken  
Environmental Scientist – Wildlife Biologist  
South Dakota Department of Transportation  
700 E. Broadway Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
605.773.5679  
[Thomas.docken@state.sd.us](mailto:Thomas.docken@state.sd.us)

Dear Thomas:

I am responding to your email of 16 August 2021 regarding your request for a state threatened and endangered species permit. Your request described your interest in being covered for the capture and relocation of up to 50 lined snakes (*Tropidoclonion lineatum*) during certain construction activities on the Veterans Parkway from Sycamore Avenue to 57<sup>th</sup> Street in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

With this letter of authorization, you and the DOT project manager may survey the work areas prior to ground disturbance for lined snakes and relocate live snakes to a grassland/woodland area away from the project.

Annual reports are due to me on December 31 of each permitted year for activities covered under this authorization. The following information should be reported by year:

- results of surveys conducted prior to construction activities
- total number of lined snakes relocated each year
- for each relocation: number, location and habitat from which lined snakes were removed and similar information for sites where lined snakes were relocated
- observations and related locations of any dead lined snakes, either caused by the construction activities or assumed to be of natural causes

We may have additional data needs as this information is entered into the South Dakota Natural Heritage Database.



This authorization is valid through December 2026.

Please contact me with any questions about this authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eileen D. Stukel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'E' and a clear 'D'.

Eileen Dowd Stukel  
Wildlife Diversity Coordinator  
SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks





## Environmental Review Report

### Project Information

Report Generation Date: 7/28/2022 10:22:00 AM  
Project ID: 2022-07-28-453  
Project Title: South Veterans Parkway  
User Project Number(s):  
Project Type: Transportation, Roads/Bridges/Trails  
Project Activities: Paving  
Resurfacing  
Shoulder construction  
Sidewalk  
Tree clearing-Indicate Number and Size  
Wetland Mitigation  
County(s): Lincoln; Minnehaha  
Township/Range/Section(s): 100N049W16; 100N049W17; 100N049W18; 100N049W19;  
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### Contact Information

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Submitted On Behalf Of:

### Project Description

The project includes a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57th Street and Interstate 90. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.





## Introduction

The vision of South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) is to conserve our state's outdoor heritage to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations. SDGFP has a state-wide mission to manage wildlife and the habitats upon which they depend for their ecological values and enjoyment by the citizens of South Dakota and visiting publics. SDGFP strives to prevent or minimize unnecessary damage to species and their habitats by offering possible mitigation measures or alternative project actions.

## Disclaimer

**The information provided in this report can only be used as a site clearance letter if no conflicts with sensitive wildlife resources were detected.** This information provides an indication of whether or not public or protected lands and sensitive resources are known or likely to be located near the proposed project's location. The information generated in this report does not replace Endangered Species Act consultation obligations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for federal listed species.

A majority of the sensitive species records in the report originate from the South Dakota Natural Heritage Database (SDNHD). The SDNHD tracks species at risk and certain unique habitats. These species may be monitored because they are rare, indicative of a vulnerable habitat type, or are are legally designated as state or federal threatened or endangered species. Rare species are those that are declining and restricted to limited habitat, peripheral to a jurisdiction, isolated or disjunct due to geographic or climatic factors or classified as such due to lack of survey data. A list of monitored species can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/natural-heritage-program/>. Many places in South Dakota have not been surveyed for rare or protected species and habitats and the absence of a species from a proposed project area does not preclude its presence. **Accuracy of species lists, report information and project recommendations should be verified after 90 days.**

**No environmental conflicts were detected by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks for your proposed project. This report is considered final, and can serve as documentation for environmental clearance from South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. This report does not replace coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for Endangered Species Act compliance.**





### Project Type Recommendations

Due to the potential occurrence of federal threatened Northern Long-eared Bats (*Myotis septentrionalis*) a survey should be conducted at bridge locations to confirm presence/absence of bats. If bats or bat activity is observed, please coordinate further with Game, Fish and Parks. Construction activities should be avoided during the maternity roosting period, generally June 1 to July 31.

### Revegetation

- Disturbance to native vegetation should be kept to a minimum.
- Any disturbed area should be revegetated using native seed sources.
  - The Natural Resources Conservation Service Plant Materials Center in Bismarck, ND may serve as a good source of information on native plantings (<http://plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov/ndpmc/>).
- Develop a long-term plan for preventing the introduction or establishment of non-native/invasive flora (plants) within the development and identify the financial means to do so for the duration of the project.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture – Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry developed a Best Management Practices for Forestry which can be viewed here

<https://sdda.sd.gov/legacydocs/Forestry/publications/PDF/Forestry-BMP.pdf>

The US Forest Service developed a Best Management Practices for road developments (U.S. Forest Service. 1985. Best minerals management practices: a guide to resource management and reclamation of mixed lands in the Black Hills of South Dakota; Black Hills National Forest, Custer, SD.)

If you would like to view a copy you can contact:

SDGFP Energy and Minerals Coordinator

4130 Adventure Trail

Rapid City, SD 57702

## Legal Obligations

### South Dakota Endangered and Threatened Species Law

This state law (Chapter 34A-8) defines nongame, threatened and endangered species and wildlife and describes the relevant authorities of the Game, Fish and Parks Secretary and Commission. The SDGFP Commission may list, delist or change the status of state threatened or endangered species. The Secretary shall conduct investigations to address information needs on population, distribution, habitat needs, limiting factors and other data gaps to ensure these species are managed in perpetuity. Take of state threatened or endangered species is prohibited except for certain, authorized purposes or to protect life or property. This state law also prohibits the reintroduction of a species on the federal list of threatened or endangered species that is considered extirpated from the state, unless authorized by the South Dakota Legislature. More information about obtaining a state endangered take authorization is available here:

<https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/endangeredspecies/>





## Aquatic Invasive Species

South Dakota Administrative Rule 41:10:04:02 forbids the possession and transport of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Any construction vehicles, vessels, or equipment that will come into contact with surface waters in South Dakota that have previously been used outside of the state or in and AIS positive water within South Dakota must be thoroughly power washed with hot water (>140°F) and completely dried for a minimum of 7 days prior to use. All attached dirt, mud debris and vegetation must be removed and all compartments and tanks capable of holding standing water shall be drained and dry. This applies, but is not limited to, all equipment, pumps, lines, hoses and holding tanks. The list of AIS positive waters is available at <http://sdleastwanted.com/maps/default.aspx> or by calling 605-223-7706.

## Federal Laws

The following federal laws contribute to the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources in the United States: Endangered Species Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Clean Water Act, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires compliance with these statutes and regulations.

### Contact Information

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office** 420 S. Garfield Ave, Suite 400  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501 605-224-8693

**U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, South Dakota Regulatory Office** 28563 Powerhouse Road  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501 605-224-8531

## Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668–668d) provides for the protection of the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*). Under this federal act, “take of eagles, their parts, nests or eggs is prohibited unless a permit is issued for certain purposes and under certain circumstances as long as the authorized take is compatible with the preservation of eagles. Disturbance resulting in injury, decreased productivity, or nest abandonment by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding or sheltering behavior is also considered take. This report does not replace consultation with the USFWS regarding the protection of bald and golden eagles. Eagle nests are protected under this law, whether active or inactive.

## Migratory Bird Treaty Act

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S. C. 703-712) provides international protection to migratory bird species included in treaties among the United States, Great Britain, Mexico and Japan. This





federal act prohibits the taking, killing, possession and transportation (among other actions) of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, unless specifically permitted by regulations. This act has no provisions for allowing unauthorized take. Effective steps can be taken to avoid take of migratory birds. Work closely with the USFWS to identify protective measures to avoid migratory bird take. A list of migratory bird species protected under this act can be found at 50 CFR 10.13. Introduced bird species are not protected under this Act. This report does not replace consultation with the USFWS regarding the protection of migratory bird species.

### **Endangered Species Act**

The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531–1544) provides protections for native plant and animal species that are in danger of becoming extinct. Under Section 9, it is unlawful for the “take” of a listed species. This is defined as “... to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect or attempt to engage in any such conduct”. However, a permit may be issued for take that is the result of an otherwise legal activity. Please contact the USFWS to determine if a permit is needed.

The USFWS is in charge of the protection of listed species and their critical habitat. Similarly, other federal agencies are also directed to conserve listed species and ensure their actions do not jeopardize a listed species existence or destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. As such, under Section 7, federal agencies should consult with the USFWS to ensure compliance with this Act. This report does not replace consultation with the USFWS regarding listed species.

### **Clean Water Act**

The intent of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is “to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters”. SDGFP has concerns for any impacts to wetlands, streams and riparian habitats from development. We recommend that proper planning take place to first and foremost avoid impacts to wetlands, streams, and associated riparian corridors. If dredge or fill materials will be placed into waterways or wetlands, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Office should be contacted to determine if a 404 permit is needed.

### **Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act**

The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (15 U.S.C. 661-667e) provides habitat protection by requiring a federal agency to consult with the USFWS and SDGFP (i.e. the state fish and wildlife agency) whenever an agency is proposing to control or modify a stream or other body of water. The intent of this consultation is to conserve wildlife resources by preventing habitat loss or damage. If control or modification of a water body is proposed, please begin consultation with the USFWS and SDGFP.





# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

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**Table 1. Special Status Species Documented within 800 Meters of Project Vicinity**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxonomic Group	Federal Status *	State Status *	Global Rank *	State Rank *	SGCN	Last Obs Date
Diadophis punctatus	Ring-necked Snake	Vertebrate Animal			G5	S3	No	2002-09-30
Pantherophis ramspotti	Western Foxsnake	Vertebrate Animal			G5	S2	No	2020-08-12
Phenacobius mirabilis	Suckermouth Minnow	Vertebrate Animal			G5	S1	No	2018-06-18
Scolopax minor	American Woodcock	Vertebrate Animal			G5	S2B	No	1988-05-05

SGCN = Species of Greatest Conservation Need, FE = Federally Endangered, FT = Federally Threatened, SE = State Endangered, ST = State Threatened. For definitions of

State and Global rank status, please see: <https://gfp.sd.gov/rare-animals/> or <https://gfp.sd.gov/rare-plants/>.

No Protected Lands were detected within the project vicinity.

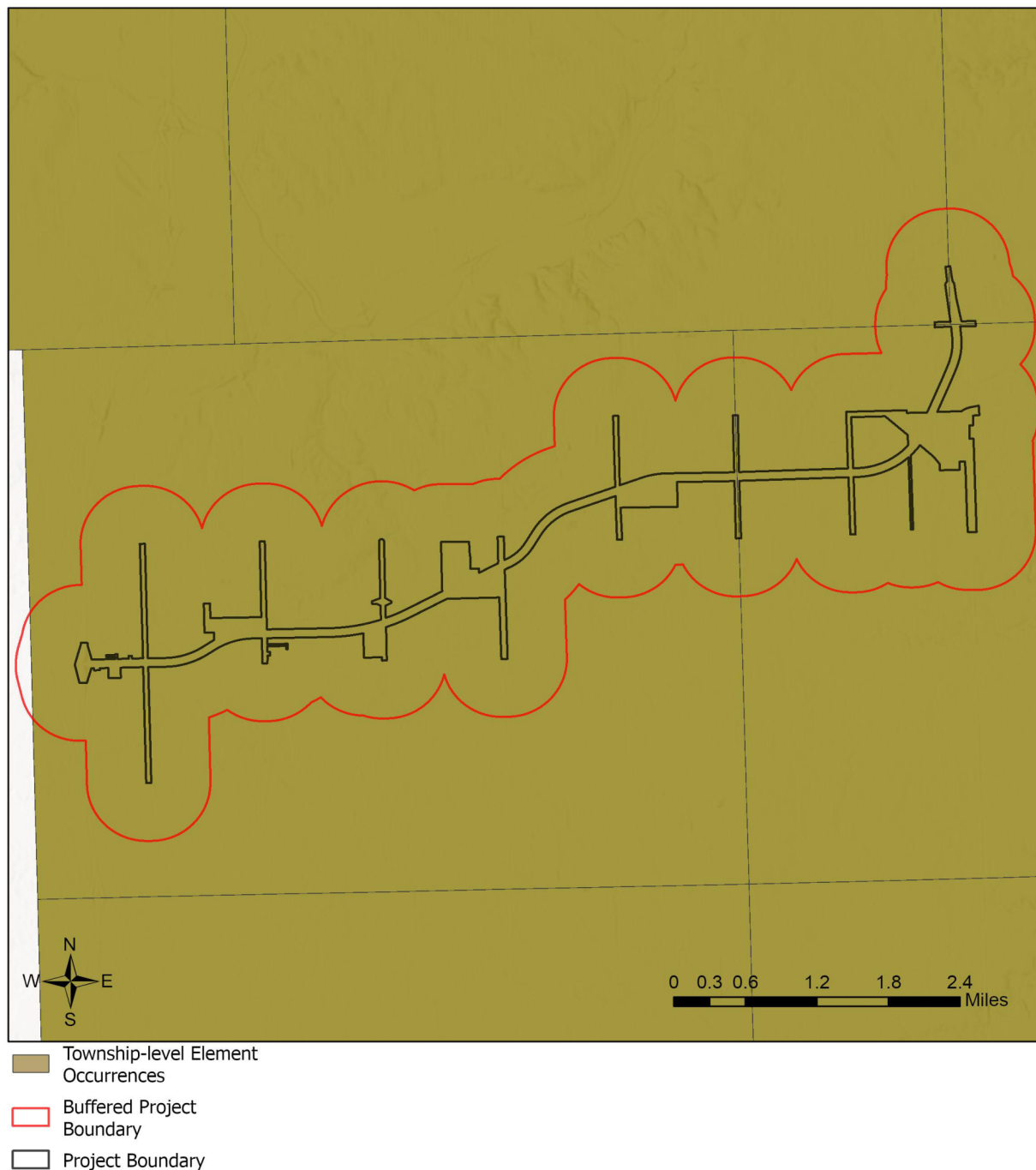








South Veterans Parkway  
Web Map As Submitted By User



Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community  
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks



**From:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA) <tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 3:04:17 PM  
**To:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: SVP NRCS Response?

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Hi, Laura.

No response letter or email reply was received from Deron Ruesch or any other individual associated with NRCS in regard to this matter.

**Tom Lehmkuhl**

Environmental Protection Specialist

FHWA – SD Division

116 E. Dakota Ave, Suite A

Pierre, SD 57501

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**From:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura <Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:33 AM  
**To:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA) <tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov>  
**Cc:** Hight, Joanne <Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us>; Bramblee, Kit <Kit.Bramblee@state.sd.us>; Vande Kamp, Kendall <kendall.vandekamp@hdrinc.com>; Hoff, Steven <steve.hoff@hdrinc.com>  
**Subject:** SVP NRCS Response?

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Good morning Tom – I am following up as we are doing a cross check of responses received for South Veterans Parkway. You had sent a letter to NRCS in May (attached). I don't have a copy of any responses received. Can you confirm if any response was received so we can keep those in the administrative record and for the EA appendix.

Thanks,  
Laura

**Laura Lutz-Zimmerman**, AICP  
D 307.228.6099 M 303.921.2431





U.S. Department  
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**Federal Highway  
Administration**

## South Dakota Division

05/11/2021

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In Reply Refer To:  
HDA - SD

Deron Ruesch  
NRCS - Sioux Falls Service Center  
2408 Benson Rd  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**RE: NH 0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave;  
NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave;  
NH 0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave;  
NH 0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St.  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Roadway Construction**

Dear Mr. Ruesch:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in 2012 for the above referenced projects, which are also locally known as the South Veterans Parkway Project. A map detailing the location of the project is attached. The project will comply with all federal and state environmental regulations.

The project includes a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Interstate 90. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.

Since the FONSI was signed in 2012, there have been changes related to urban growth in the study area and changes in regulations. The Project is located south of Sioux Falls in an area that has been rapidly urbanizing. At this time, an evaluation is being undertaken to determine if additional analysis for any resources is necessary. We are reaching out to you because of the presence of prime and unique farmland located within the Project Area. As part of the EA completed in 2012, the Project received a USDA NRCS land evaluation score of less than 160 points. See the attached NRCS-CPA-106 Farmland Conversion Form from the 2012 EA.

We invite you to participate in this environmental study and provide us with any additional input or comments your agency may have regarding the Project that should be considered during the NEPA process. If you wish to formally participate in the Project to satisfy your agency review and approval requirements, please notify us in writing. Additionally, if there are other



representatives from your agency that we should notify during future outreach efforts, please provide their names and contact information.

Sincerely,

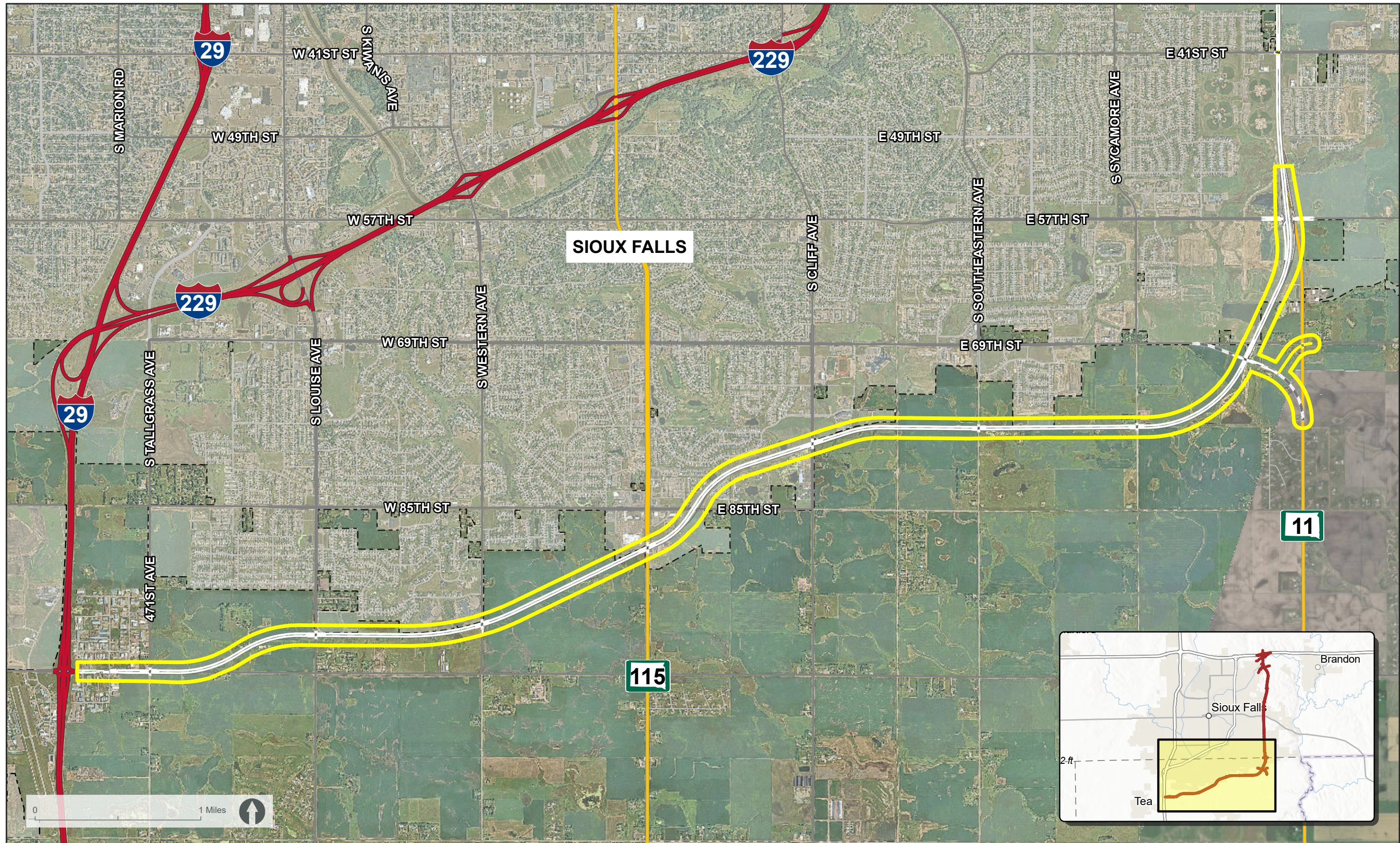
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Tom Lehmkuhl  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Project Location Map, 2012 EA Farmland Conversion Form NRCS-CPA-106

Email cc: Kirk Fredrichs (FHWA)  
Joanne Hight (SDDOT)  
Laura Lutz-Zimmerman (HDR)  
Shannon Ausen (City of Sioux Falls)







United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
200 Fourth Street SW  
Huron, South Dakota 57350

Phone: (605) 352-1200  
Fax: (605) 352-1270

April 23, 2010

Ms. Rebecca Banks  
HDR One Company  
6300 S. Old Village Place, Suite 100  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108

RE: South Dakota Highway 100 (East Side Corridor)

Dear Ms. Banks:

We have reviewed the changes proposed for the above project, as attached to your transmittal dated April 12, 2010.

We have reviewed the site map and completed the Farmland Conversion Impact form for the revised alternative of the East Side Corridor project in Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties.

The project does cross prime and important farmlands. The Total Points for the revised alternative is 133. Because this is less than the threshold value of 160, this project will have no significant impact on prime or important farmlands in Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties. I am returning your copy of the Farmland Conversion Rating form for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deanna Peterson", is written over a horizontal line.

DEANNA PETERSON  
State Soil Scientist

Enclosure

cc:  
Nyle Herbener, DC, NRCS, Canton FO  
Brian Top, DC, NRCS, Sioux Falls FO



FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request <b>4/1/10</b>	4. Sheet 1 of <b>1</b>
1. Name of Project <b>Sioux Falls East Corridor (SD100)</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	
2. Type of Project <b>Roadway Corridor</b>		6. County and State <b>Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties, SD</b>	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <b>4/13/2010</b>	2. Person Completing Form <b>Dan Shurtliff</b>
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated <b>-</b> Average Farm Size <b>349</b>	
5. Major Crop(s) <b>Corn - Soybeans</b>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <b>765,775</b> % <b>86</b>		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <b>733,663</b> % <b>82</b>
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>SD PI INDEX</b>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System <b>NONE</b>		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <b>4/23/2010</b>

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment</b>			
	<b>Corridor A</b>	<b>Corridor B</b>	<b>Corridor C</b>	<b>Corridor D</b>
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	<b>340</b>			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	<b>34</b>			
C. Total Acres In Corridor	<b>374</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<b>111</b>			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	<b>161</b>			
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<b>0.048</b>			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<b>95</b>			

<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>				
	<b>58</b>			

<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	<b>9</b>			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	<b>9</b>			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	<b>17</b>			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	<b>0</b>			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	<b>2</b>			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	<b>2</b>			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	<b>5</b>			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	<b>19</b>			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	<b>2</b>			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	<b>10</b>			
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	<b>58</b>			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

*Rebecca Baker*  
Signature of Person Completing this Part:

*4/12/10*  
DATE

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor





October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mr. Kit Bramblee  
Department of Transportation  
Environmental Office  
700 E. Broadway Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-2586

### **SECTION 106 PROJECT CONSULTATION**

Project: 210923001F –  
NH0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave  
NH0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave  
NH0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave  
NH0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD Roadway Construction  
Location: Minnehaha County and Lincoln County  
(FHWA/DOT)

Dear Mr. Bramblee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project pursuant to 54 U.S.C. 306108 (Section 106) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). The Office of the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with your determination regarding the effect of the proposed undertaking on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, we received your letter and enclosures pertaining to the proposed Roadway Construction for PCN 01V9, PCN 01V6, PCN 01V7, and PCN 01VA in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties. Included in the enclosures was the report titled “A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Previously Unsurveyed Portions of South Veteran Parkway Project Areas in Lincoln and Minnehaha County, South Dakota” by Troy Kogel of Kogel Consulting Services, and “Architectural Resources Investigation for South Veterans Parkway Project South Veterans Parkway” by HDR inc. Mr. Kogel’s report identified two previously recorded archaeological sites: a portion of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul (CMSP) Railroad (39LN2007) and a portion of the Chicago, Rock island Railroad (39LN2016) are within in the project area, which has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Previous SHPO Concurrence determined these portions of the sites 39LN2007 and 39LN2016 were non-contributing elements. (SHPO ID: 071009009F) Based upon the information provided, the KSOO Radio Transmission tower (SHPO ID: LN00000746) should be considered “Eligible” for listing on the National



Register of Historic Places. Therefore, SHPO concurs with your determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the proposed undertaking.

Project activities occurring in any areas not identified in your original request, will require the submission of additional documentation as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.4.

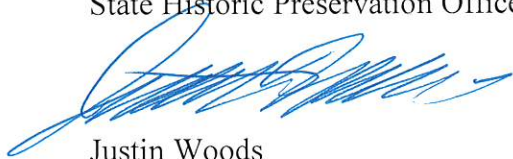
Concurrence of the SHPO does not relieve the federal agency official from consulting with other appropriate parties, as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c).

If historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are found after the agency official has completed the process outlined by 54 U.S.C. 306108 (Section 106) of the National Historic Preservation Act, the agency official shall avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects to such properties and notify the SHPO and Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to the affected property within 48 hours of the discovery, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.13.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Justin Woods at [Justin.Woods@state.sd.us](mailto:Justin.Woods@state.sd.us) or at (605)773-6004. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ted Spencer  
State Historic Preservation Officer



Justin Woods  
Review and Compliance Archaeologist

CC: Jane Watts - Archaeological Research Center, Rapid City  
Brian Huot - Archaeological Research Center, Rapid City





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September 21, 2021

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Cultural Heritage Center  
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**RE: Project NH0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave**  
**Project NH0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave**  
**Project NH0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave**  
**Project NH0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St**  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Grading, PCC Surfacing, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer, Signals, Lighting

Dear Mr. Woods:

Attached for your review are two cultural resources survey reports: *Architectural Resources Investigation for South Veterans Parkway Project, Sioux Falls, South Dakota* by HDR Engineering and *A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of Previously Unsurveyed Portions of South Veterans Parkway Project Areas in Lincoln and Minnehaha County, South Dakota* by Kogel Archeological Consulting Services. The architectural resources report covers structures that were not previously old enough for evaluation during the 2003 and 2012 environmental assessments (EAs) completed for the project, while the archeological resources report covers minimal areas not previously surveyed due to minor design modifications. SHPO previously concurred with the *No Adverse Effect* and *No Effect to Historic Properties* findings associated with the EAs on 5/6/2010, 5/10/2010, 9/8/2011, and 9/15/2011.

A supplemental EA is being prepared address changes that have occurred since 2012, as such these additional cultural resource investigations were undertaken to supplement previous work. The architectural investigation identified 10 historic-age (built in or prior to 1976) above-ground resources in the Project APE in the 2021 survey. Two resources were previously identified (39LN2007 and 39LN2016) so the report addressed the 8 newly surveyed/evaluated properties. One newly recorded property, the KSOO radio transmission site at 26962 476th Avenue, is recommended eligible for the NRHP for state-level significance under Criterion A (LN00000746). The property is adjacent to the proposed roadway, but no contributing features of the property are located within the limits of disturbance. The proposed limits of disturbance lie approximately 600 feet north of the transmission building and approximately 100 feet north of the nearest (northernmost) radio tower. A non-historic concrete foundation for the northwest radio tower guy wire is within the Veterans Parkway construction limits. During the final design phase of the project, options will be reviewed to minimize or avoid impacts to the modern guy wire and foundation. SDDOT concurs that LN00000746 is eligible for NRHP listing and requests SHPO concurrence in this eligibility assessment.

The archaeological survey examined total of 19 discrete locations encompassing a total of approximately 9.6 acres within the APE. No archaeological sites were identified as a result of this work. Based on the previous ground disturbances noted across the survey area, numerous previous cultural resources surveys, coupled with the small area of the project areas, the potential for buried historic properties within the project area is considered low.





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As a result of ongoing cultural resource investigations three historic properties have been identified within the Project APE: 39LN2007, 39LN2016, and LN00000746. Eligibility and project effect associated with sites 39LN2007 and 39LN2016 was coordinated with your office in 2011. The supplemental cultural resource survey identified one additional historic property, LN00000746, the KSOO radio transmission site at 26962 476th Avenue. As currently designed, the Project will have no impact to any features or structures associated with the historic components or character-defining elements of the communications property, including the original radio towers or the transmission building. Given this, the SDDOT recommends and requests SHPO concurrence that the project will continue to have *No Adverse Effect* on historic properties, as previously determined in 2010 and 2011.

In 2011, SDDOT consulted with your office regarding the *de minimis* finding for the NRHP-eligible sites 39LN2016 and 39LN2007. There are no changes to the eligibility for either of these sites and we have determined that a *de minimis* finding is still appropriate. If your office concurs with the eligibility assessment outlined here for LN00000746, FHWA intends to make a *de minimis* impact determination in accordance with the 23 CFR 774.5.

Should any evidence of buried cultural resources be encountered during the project construction activities, such activities will cease and the SHPO in Pierre or the ARC in Rapid City will be notified immediately in order to determine an appropriate course of action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kit Bramblee".

Kit Bramblee  
Environmental Scientist Manager  
605.773.3721

Attachment





September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Ms. Emily Calhoun  
Department of Transportation  
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### **SECTION 106 PROJECT CONSULTATION**

Project: 210923001F --

NH0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave

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NH0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave

NH0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St

South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD Roadway Construction

Location: Minnehaha County and Lincoln County  
(FHWA/DOT)

Dear Ms. Calhoun,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project pursuant to 54 U.S.C. 306108 (Section 106) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). The Office of the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with your determination regarding the effect of the proposed undertaking on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, we received your updated letter and enclosures pertaining to the proposed Roadway Construction for PCN 01V9, PCN 01V6, PCN 01V7, and PCN 01VA in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties. Included in the enclosures was the report titled "A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Sioux Falls Intersection Project Areas in Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties, South Dakota", "A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Minnesota Avenue Soil Borrow Area Associated With the Construction of South Veterans Parkway in Sioux Falls, Lincoln County, South Dakota", "A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Western Avenue Soil Borrow Area Associated With the Construction of South Veterans Parkway in Sioux Falls, Lincoln County, South Dakota", and "A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Cliff Avenue Stormwater Detention Pond in Sioux Falls, Lincoln County, South Dakota" all by Troy Kogel of Kogel Consulting Services. Mr. Kogel's reports identified two new archaeological sites: a farmstead (39LN0103) and the eight foundations associated with the Griswold Farm District (39LN0137) within the expanded study area as well as previously recorded sites 39LN2016 and



39LN0136 which were revisited during the survey. The purpose of this letter was to give an updated plan for the proposed undertaking, share additional information regarding the sites that were found, and to request concurrence with our updated project effect determination. Regarding the coordination of site eligibility recommendations, SHPO concurs that 39LN103 and 39LN0136 remain Unevaluated for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing, 39LN0137 should be considered Not Eligible for listing on the NRHP, and that the portion of 39LN2016 should be considered non-contributing to the overall eligibility of the site. Therefore, SHPO still concurs with your determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the proposed undertaking.

Project activities occurring in any areas not identified in your original request, will require the submission of additional documentation as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.4.

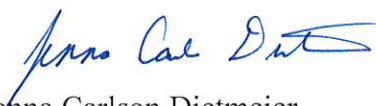
Concurrence of the SHPO does not relieve the federal agency official from consulting with other appropriate parties, as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c).

If historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are found after the agency official has completed the process outlined by 54 U.S.C. 306108 (Section 106) of the National Historic Preservation Act, the agency official shall avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects to such properties and notify the SHPO and Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to the affected property within 48 hours of the discovery, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.13.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jozef Lamfers at [Jozef.Lamfers@state.sd.us](mailto:Jozef.Lamfers@state.sd.us) or at (605)773-6004. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer



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Review and Compliance Coordinator

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Lynn Griffin - Archaeological Research Center, Rapid City



August 31, 2022

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Dear Mr. Lamfers:

We are reaching out to provide an update on the South Veterans Parkway project, share additional information regarding sites that have been found, and to request concurrence with our updated project effect determination.

On October 4, 2021, your office concurred with a “No Adverse Effect” for the proposed South Veterans Parkway project (letter attached). Since that time, a change in scope has occurred to the project where the nine intersecting City arterial roadways are now being included within the Supplemental Environmental Assessment. These intersecting arterial projects were previously being planned by the City; however, federal funds have been made available for them which was a determining factor in including them within the Supplemental Environmental Assessment for South Veterans Parkway. The Study Area now extends to the next major intersections associated with the nine additional City arterial projects that intersect the proposed South Veterans Parkway (Figure 1). These rational endpoints were used to complete a traffic analysis for the project in order to establish the 23 CFR 771.111(f) requirements for the South Veterans Parkway corridor in addition to the nine intersecting City arterial projects. Attached is the updated Study Area which include the following additions from the previous Study Area:

- Exit 73 interchange
- corridors for each of the nine intersecting arterials up to the next major intersection,
- areas where borrow / stormwater detention have been or are currently being seriously considered,
- a corridor paralleling the WAPA transmission line
- areas to accommodate constructing new points of access to private land / structures

Although the Study Area has been extended to the next major intersection along each of the intersecting arterial projects, improvements to the arterials will be limited to what is required in order to meet the operational needs of future projected traffic within the Study Area as shown in Figure 2.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The current design information can be seen within this online map viewer:

<https://hdr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=dda1531d161e458b9dd2f0ec0cb590e2>.



A Level III cultural resource survey examined the City arterial projects that intersect South Veterans Parkway during the Summer/Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022. This survey was conducted by Kogel Archaeological Consulting Services and resulted in a report entitled *A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Sioux Falls Intersection Project Areas in Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties, South Dakota* (see attached report). No shovel testing was conducted due to the previous ground surface disturbances, the numerous, previously conducted cultural resources surveys, and the upland setting of the proposed project area. This report identified sites 39LN0103 and 39LN0137 and previously recorded sites 39LN2016 and 39LN136 were revisited during the survey.

Level III cultural resource surveys also took place in three separate areas that were identified as potential borrow areas for the project and would be maintained as stormwater detention facilities once the project is constructed. These surveys were also conducted by Kogel Archaeological Consulting Services and resulted in three reports entitled *A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Minnesota Avenue Soil Borrow Area Associated With the Construction of South Veterans Parkway in Sioux Falls, Lincoln County, South Dakota*; *A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Western Avenue Soil Borrow Area Associated With the Construction of South Veterans Parkway in Sioux Falls Lincoln County, South Dakota*; and *A Level III Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Cliff Avenue Stormwater Detention Pond in Sioux Falls, Lincoln County, South Dakota* (see attached reports). These potential borrow locations abut South Veterans Parkway and are located to the west of Western Avenue, west of Minnesota Avenue, and east of Cliff Avenue. No newly or previously recorded cultural resources were identified in these three locations.

As a result of the Study Area extension outlined above and the resulting additional cultural resource survey work, SDDOT would like to coordinate the following site eligibility recommendations:

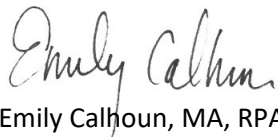
- Site 39LN0103 is a farmstead located near the Sycamore Avenue/69<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and **SDDOT recommends it should remain unevaluated for NRHP listing**. There is a granary (Structure LN00000724) within the boundary of site that was previously recommended not eligible. The South Veterans Parkway project will avoid this site; however, future improvements along the City arterials may impact the site at a later time when intersection of 69th and Sycamore is improved (currently not planned). Further site evaluation would be conducted as part of that future improvement project and coordinated with your office.
- Site 39LN0136 consists of a native American artifact scatter and **SDDOT recommends it should remain unevaluated for NRHP listing**. The site is located southeast of the proposed South Veterans Parkway/57th Street intersection which is proposed for construction in 2026, outside the scope of the current South Veterans Parkway. The South Veterans Parkway project will avoid this site; however, further site evaluation may need to be conducted as part of the future improvement project and coordinated with your office.
- Site 39LN0137 is associated with the former Griswold Farm District (SHPO Structures LN01700001–LN01700008) and is located within the NE1/4 and the SE1/4 of Section 18, T100N, R49W. According to records search results, the standing structures were evaluated in August of 1991 and determined not eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A–D. All above-ground elements have since been demolished. The site boundary was determined by the distribution of foundations and fence lines associated with the former the Griswold Farm. A large depression north of the gravel approach is the former location of Structure LN01700001, the domestic residence. The current survey indicated that when this structure was torn down, the below ground foundation was removed as well. Based on the noted ground disturbance from the removal of the structures at the site and the previous not eligible determinations associated with the former above-ground elements, **SDDOT recommends site 39LN0137 as not eligible for NRHP listing**.
- Site 39LN2016 consists of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad which crosses the 69th Street City arterial project, which has been determined to be eligible for NRHP by your office. The segment of the



site does not have any contributing features and has been reclaimed, it does not retain any characteristics that would contribute to its status as a NRHP-eligible property and **thus the SDDOT recommends the portion of site 39LN2016 within the Study Area is recommended to be a non-contributing element.**

In sum, project activities associated with South Veterans Parkway will avoid sites 39LN0103 and 39LN0136, and, if warranted, site evaluation would be conducted and coordinated as part of future improvement projects. SDDOT recommends site 39LN0137 as not eligible for NRHP listing. The portion of site 39LN2016 within the Study Area is a non-contributing element to the overall site. With the additional of the nine City arterial roadways associated with South Veterans Parkway including the three potential borrow site locations, **SDDOT recommends continued concurrence with the Section 106 determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the proposed undertaking.** SDDOT seeks your concurrence in these site eligibility and project effect recommendations.

Sincerely,



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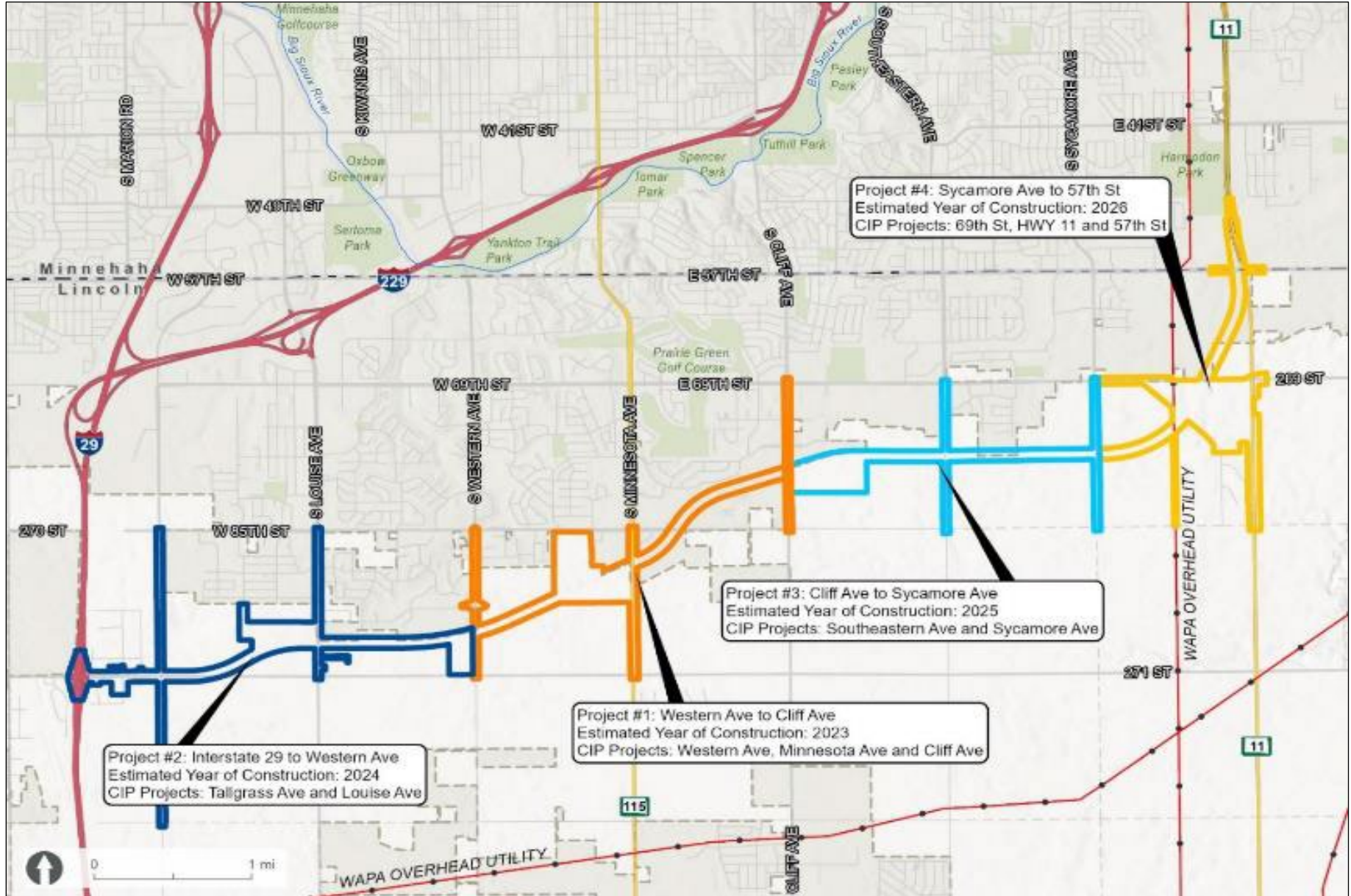


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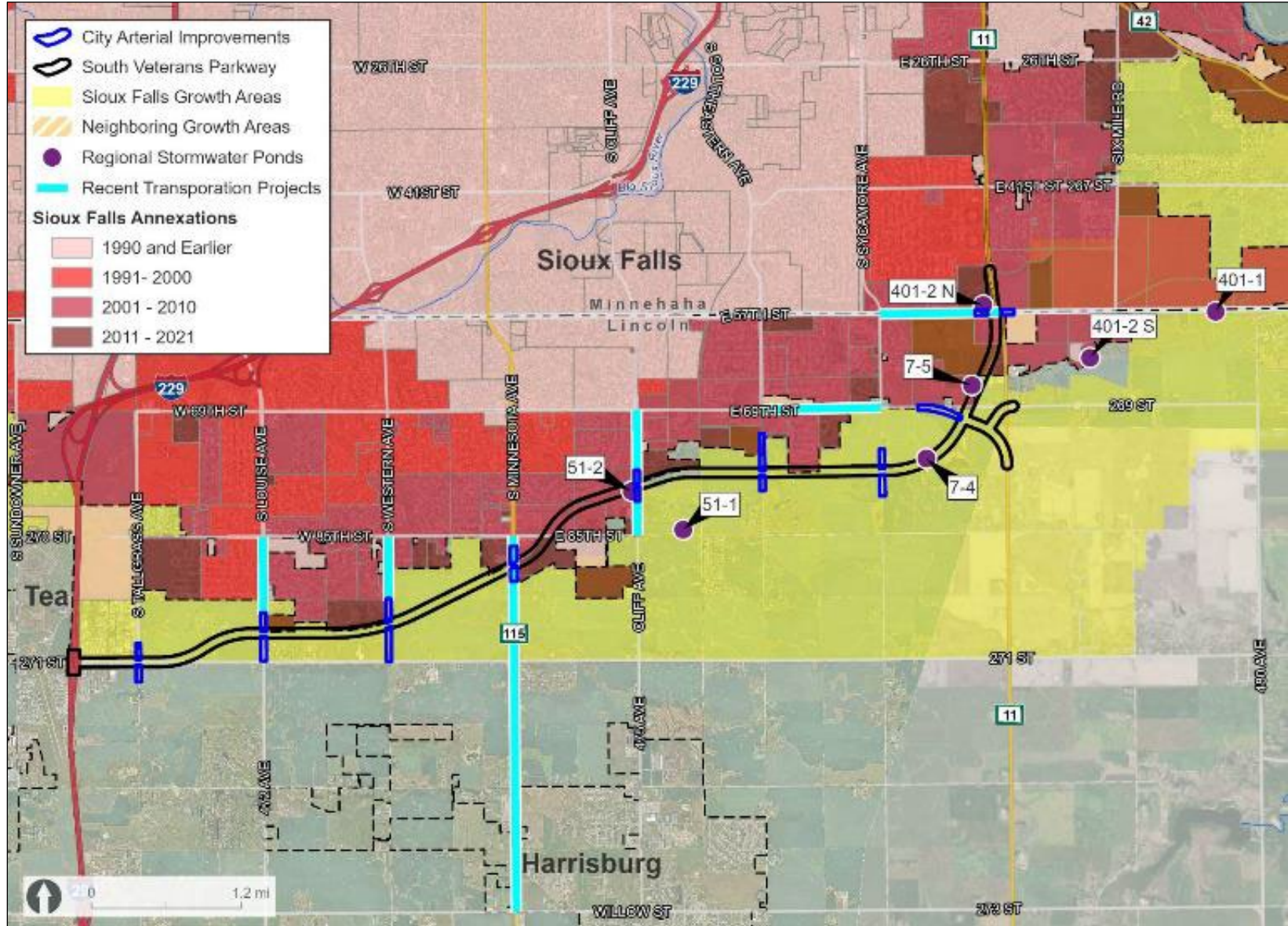
- Previous No Adverse Effect 106 Consultation Letter
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**Figure 1.** Study Area for South Veterans Parkway, associated nine intersecting City arterials, and current borrow/stormwater detention areas.





**Figure 2.** Growth area map depicting the South Veterans Parkway corridor and extent of the nine City arterial improvement projects that intersect South Veterans Parkway.



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**Attachments:** TAT-THPO\_South\_Veterans\_Parkway.pdf; Project Location Map.pdf

Mr. Demaray,

Yesterday I had sent a letter to Mr. Coffey on behalf of South Dakota Department of Transportation in regards to the South Veterans Parkway Project. I received an email notifying me that it did not go through and have since learned that you are the current THPO. Please find attached a letter requesting your comments by April 8, 2022 in regards to the South Veterans Parkway project. If you do not have any comments, please let myself or Kit Bramblee (copied) know and we will document accordingly. Let me know if you have any questions in regards to this request.

Best regards,

**Kendall Vande Kamp**

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below, or you may contact Tom Lehmkuhl, FHWA Environmental Engineer, at (605) 776-1012.

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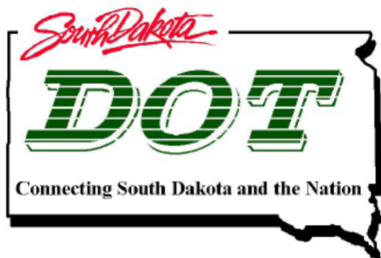
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Sincerely,

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Attachment: Project Location Map



## Vande Kamp, Kendall

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**From:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:39 PM  
**To:** 'ssettje@poncatribes-ne.org'  
**Cc:** Bramblee, Kit  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway Roadway Construction - Solicitation of View  
**Attachments:** PTN-THPO\_South\_Veterans\_Parkway.pdf; Project Location Map.pdf

Dear Ms. Stacy Laravie,

On behalf of South Dakota Department of Transportation, please find attached a letter requesting your comments by April 8, 2022 in regards to the South Veterans Parkway project. If you do not have any comments, please let myself or Kit Bramblee (copied) know and we will document accordingly.

Best regards,

**Kendall Vande Kamp**  
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March 8, 2022

Stacy Laravie, THPO  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
PO Box 288  
Niobrara, NE 68760

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**NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave;**  
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**Cc:** Bramblee, Kit  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway Roadway Construction - Solicitation of View  
**Attachments:** LBST\_South\_Veterans\_Parkway.pdf; Project Location Map.pdf

Dear Mr. Skunk,

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Best regards,

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March 8, 2022

Christian Skunk  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
PO Box 187  
Lower Brule, SD 57548

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**From:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:04 PM  
**To:** garrie.killsahundred@fsst.org  
**Cc:** Bramblee, Kit  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway Roadway Construction - Solicitation of View  
**Attachments:** FSST-THPO\_South\_Veterans\_Parkway.pdf; Project Location Map.pdf

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March 8, 2022

Garrie KILLSAHUNDRED, THPO  
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe  
PO Box 283  
Flandreau, SD 57028

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**From:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:03 PM  
**To:** Jonathan.windyboy@nei-yahw.com  
**Cc:** Bramblee, Kit  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway Roadway Construction - Solicitation of View  
**Attachments:** CCT-THPO\_South\_Veterans\_Parkway.pdf; Project Location Map.pdf

Dear Mr. Windy Boy,

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March 8, 2022

Jonathan Windy Boy, THPO  
Chippewa Cree Tribe  
9740 Upper Box Elder Rd  
Box Elder, MT 59521-9104

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cc: Justin Moschelle





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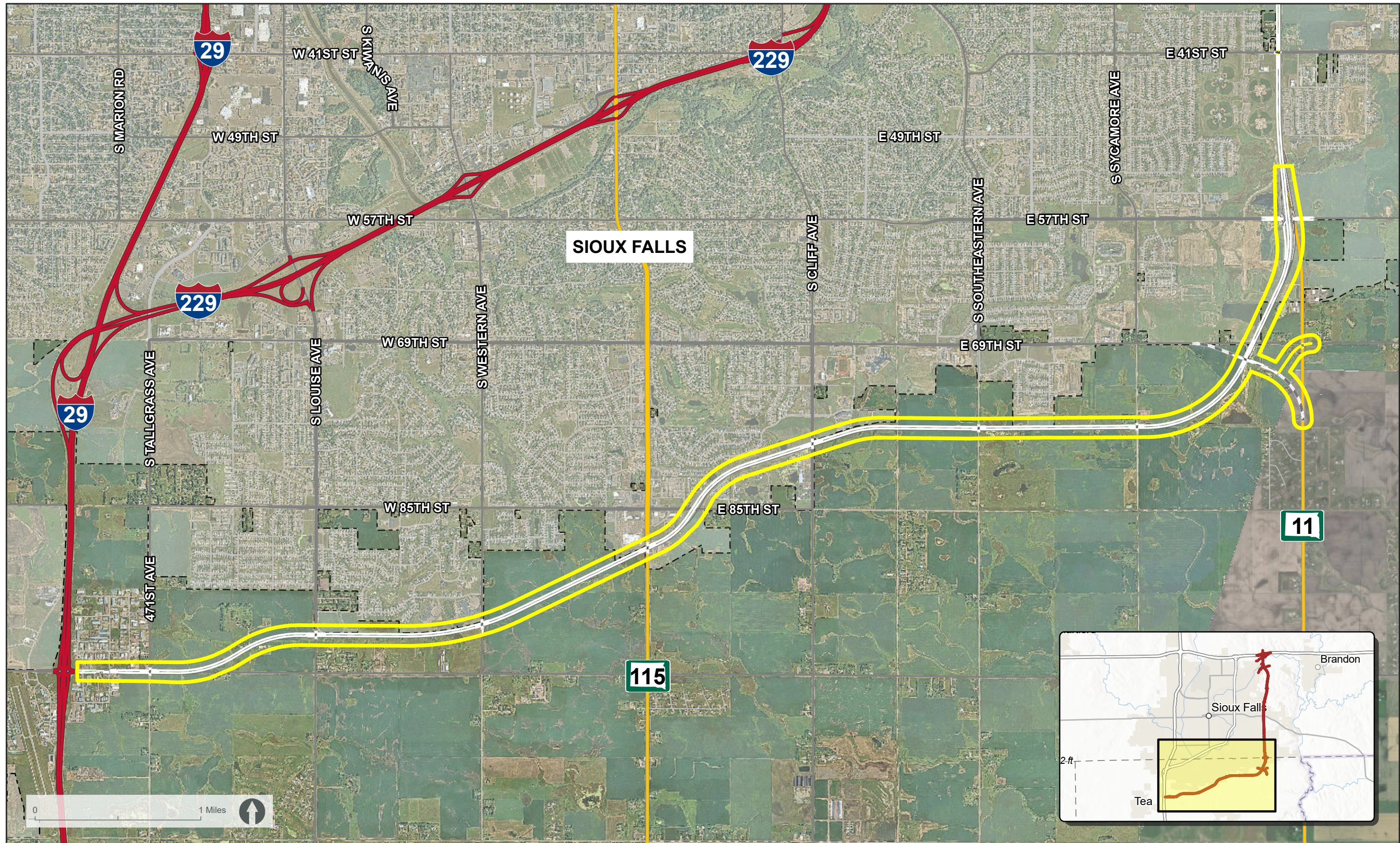
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kit Bramblee".

Kit Bramblee  
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**Rust, Jill**

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**From:** Carnahan, Bridget <Bridget.Carnahan@state.sd.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 7:26 AM  
**To:** Rust, Jill  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update  
**Attachments:** Three Affiliated Tribes Coordination.pdf; Revised Study Area Map.pdf

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**From:** Carnahan, Bridget  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 2:28 PM  
**To:** jmyrick@mhanation.com  
**Cc:** marybaker2018@gmail.com  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

Mr. Myrick,

Good afternoon. The email below got bounced back. I reduced the size, so I hope this second attempt works. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thanks,



**Bridget Carnahan**  
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**From:** Carnahan, Bridget  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** [jmyrick@mhanation.com](mailto:jmyrick@mhanation.com)  
**Cc:** [marybaker2018@gmail.com](mailto:marybaker2018@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

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**Rust, Jill**

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**To:** Rust, Jill  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 2:27 PM  
**To:** Dianne Desrosiers <dianned@swo-nsn.gov>  
**Cc:** waynec@swo-nsn.gov  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

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**Rust, Jill**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 7:25 AM  
**To:** Rust, Jill  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update  
**Attachments:** Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Coordination.pdf; Revised Study Area Map.pdf; Initial Study Area Map.pdf

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**To:** Jon Eagle <j.eagle@standingrock.org>  
**Cc:** tyrel.ironeyes@standingrock.org  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

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**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD Project Update

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**Rust, Jill**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 7:24 AM  
**To:** Rust, Jill  
**Subject:** FW: South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update  
**Attachments:** Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Coordination.pdf; Initial Study Area Map.pdf; Revised Study Area Map.pdf

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** garrie.killsahundred@fsst.org  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

Mr. Killsahundred,

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**To:** Jonathan.windyboy@nei-yahw.com  
**Cc:** jmoschelle@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

My. Windy Boy,

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**To:** ssettje@poncatribes-ne.org  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

Ms. Laravie,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** Chris.Skunk@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Molyneaux, Brian <Brian.Molyneaux@usd.edu>; MJGourneau@LBST-EPO.org  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls SD - Project Update

Mr. Skunk,

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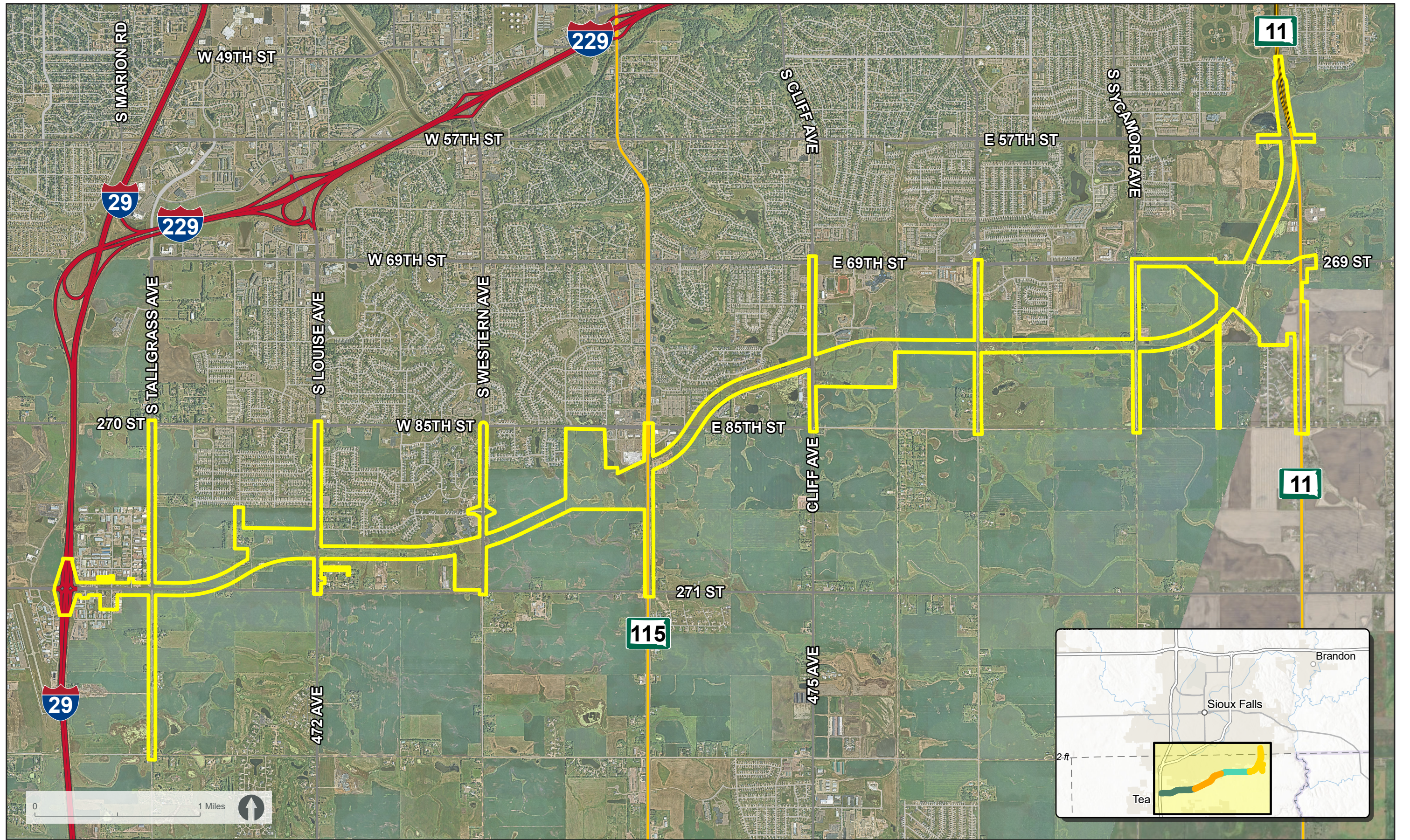
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In Reply Refer To:  
HDA - SD

Nathan Morey  
Senior Project Manager  
USACE – Omaha District  
28563 Powerhouse Road  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Morey:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Transportation and City of Sioux Falls is continuing work on the remaining segments of the connector between I-90 and I-29. FHWA is the federal lead agency in fulfilling the requirements set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act for the South Veterans Parkway (the Project). The proposed six-lane, limited access highway would be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments as shown in the attached map. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed and a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) signed in 2012 for the South Veterans segment. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.

We have determined that a supplemental EA needs to be completed and we invite the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, SD Regulatory Office to be a cooperating agency as there will be impacts to wetlands and streams, some of which we expect to be determined to be Waters of the United States under the jurisdiction of your agency. We anticipate completing this EA within one year, the established time limit under the CEQ's Final Rule "Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act".

Per the CEQ regulation, a cooperating agency is an agency with jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact (40 CFR 1508.1). In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.8, your agency's role in this project would be to 1) Participate in the NEPA process at the earliest possible time, 2) Participate in the scoping process, 3) Developing information and prepare environmental analysis concerning areas of your expertise or jurisdiction when requested by the lead agency, 4) Make available staff support at the lead agency's request to enhance the latter's interdisciplinary capability, and (5) Normally use its own funds, (6) Consult with the lead agency in developing the schedule and elevate any issues relating to purpose and need, alternatives or other issues that may affect your agencies ability to meet the schedule, (7) Meet the lead agency's



schedule for providing comments and limit comments to matters your agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise, and (8) To the maximum extent practicable, jointly issue environmental documents with the lead agency.

*Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decision Making* (23 U.S.C §139) outlines additional considerations for the Lead and Cooperating Agencies when a transportation agency is the lead federal agency. Specifically, 23 U.S.C. 139(d)(8) mandates that to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with Federal law, all Federal permits and reviews for a project rely on a single environmental document prepared under NEPA, under the leadership of the lead agency. To the maximum extent practicable, the lead agency must develop an environmental document sufficient to satisfy the requirements for any Federal approval, action, or permit required for the project. In doing so, FHWA can make certain that the EA would meet your needs for adoption and application to your permitting decisions.

Please respond to FHWA with an acceptance or denial of the invitation no later than January 22, 2021. If your agency declines, the response should state your reason for declining the invitation as pursuant to 23 U.S.C 139.

We look forward to working with your agency on the South Veterans Parkway Project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during this project, please contact me at 605.776.1012. The project efforts are expected to begin early 2021, so we appreciate your timely response.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Lehmkuhl".

Tom Lehmkuhl  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure

Email cc: Kirk Fredrichs (FHWA)  
Joanne Hight (SDDOT)  
Laura-Lutz Zimmerman (HDR)  
Shannon Ausen (City of Sioux Falls)





REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
SOUTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE  
28563 POWERHOUSE ROAD, ROOM 118  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-6174

January 26, 2021

South Dakota Regulatory Office  
28563 Powerhouse Road, Room 118  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Federal Highway Administration  
Attention: Tom Lehmkuhl  
116 East Dakota Avenue, Suite A  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Lehmkuhl:

We have reviewed your December 16, 2020 request for the Corps of Engineers, Omaha District Regulatory Office to be a Cooperating Agency during the development of the South Veterans Parkway Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA).

The Corps of Engineers regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States (including wetlands) as authorized primarily by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Numerous wetlands and tributaries are located within the review area identified in your letter and you state that you anticipate that the project will impact wetland resources. Because we may have jurisdiction by law, we agree to participate as a cooperating agency for the preparation of the EA in accordance with the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. We are interested in ensuring the document meets our information needs to comply with the requirements of our regulatory program.

It is noted that although our primary responsibility is associated with aquatic resources, our regulations require we assess impacts to factors relative to the public interest including, but not limited to, fish and wildlife, historic, scenic and recreational values, property ownership, floodplain management, water supply and conservation, mineral needs, navigation, economics, and mitigation.

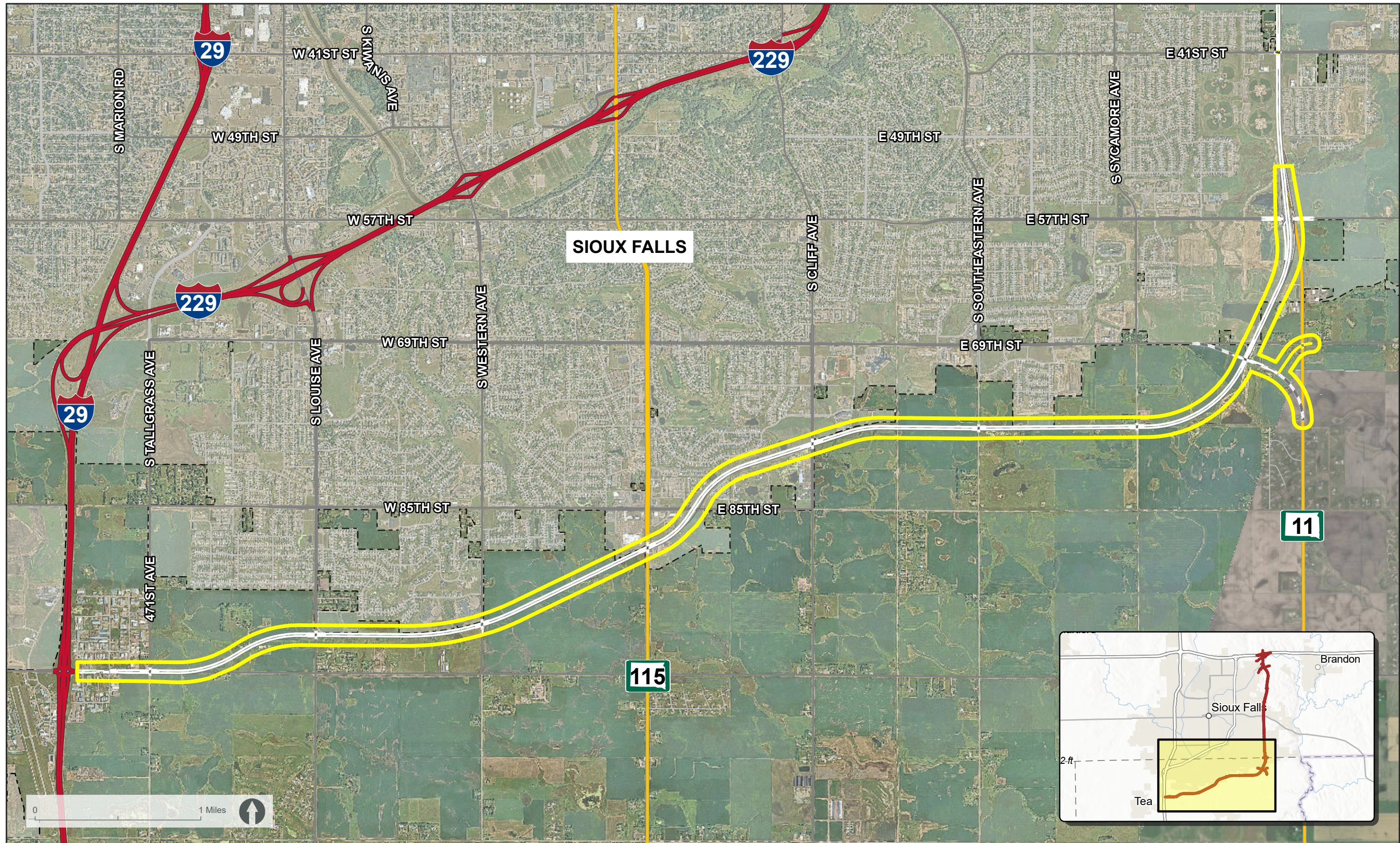
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office at the above Regulatory Office address, or telephone Nathan Morey at (605) 224-8531 and reference action ID NWO-2021-00187-PIE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steven E. Naylor", is positioned above the printed name.

Steven E. Naylor  
Regulatory Program Manager,  
South Dakota







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**From:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA) <[tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov](mailto:tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:41 PM

**To:** Kinsley, Cody <[Kinsley@WAPA.GOV](mailto:Kinsley@WAPA.GOV)>

**Cc:** Fredrichs, Kirk (FHWA) <[Kirk.Fredrichs@dot.gov](mailto:Kirk.Fredrichs@dot.gov)>; Joanne Hight (SDDOT) <[Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us](mailto:Joanne.Hight@state.sd.us)>; Laura Lutz-Zimmerman (HDR) <[Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com](mailto:Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com)>; Ausen, Shannon <[sausen@SIOUXFALLS.org](mailto:sausen@SIOUXFALLS.org)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] South Veterans Parkway - Request to Participate in Project

Good afternoon, Cody.

The attached letter is to notify you of the proposed South Veterans Parkway Project (Project) in Sioux Falls, SD, invite you to participate in the undertaking, and to request WAPA input on the Project.

For your input to be considered, FHWA – SD Division requests your response be received no later than June 11, 2021. If you have any questions, or need additional information to Project, please contact me by email at [tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov](mailto:tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov). Thank you for your time and interest in the Project.

Tom Lehmkuhl

Environmental Protection Specialist

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In Reply Refer To:  
HDA - SD

Cody Kinsley  
Western Area Power Administration  
200 4th St SW  
Huron, SD 57350-2474

**RE: NH 0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave;  
NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave;  
NH 0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave;  
NH 0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57<sup>th</sup> St.  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Roadway Construction**

Dear Mr. Kinsley:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in 2012 for the above referenced projects, which are also locally known as the South Veterans Parkway Project. A map detailing the location of the project is attached. The project will comply with all federal and state environmental regulations.

The project includes a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Interstate 90. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.

Since the FONSI was signed in 2012, there have been changes related to urban growth in the study area and changes in regulations. At this time, an evaluation is being undertaken to determine if additional analysis for any resources is necessary. We are reaching out to you because of your agency's jurisdiction associated with an overhead transmission line in the Project Area that crosses the proposed limited access highway location.

We invite you to participate in this environmental study and provide us with any additional input or comments your agency may have regarding the Project to be considered during the NEPA process. If you wish to formally participate in the NEPA documentation preparation to satisfy your agency requirements, please notify us in writing. Additionally, if there are other representatives from your agency that we should notify during future outreach efforts, please provide their names and contact information.



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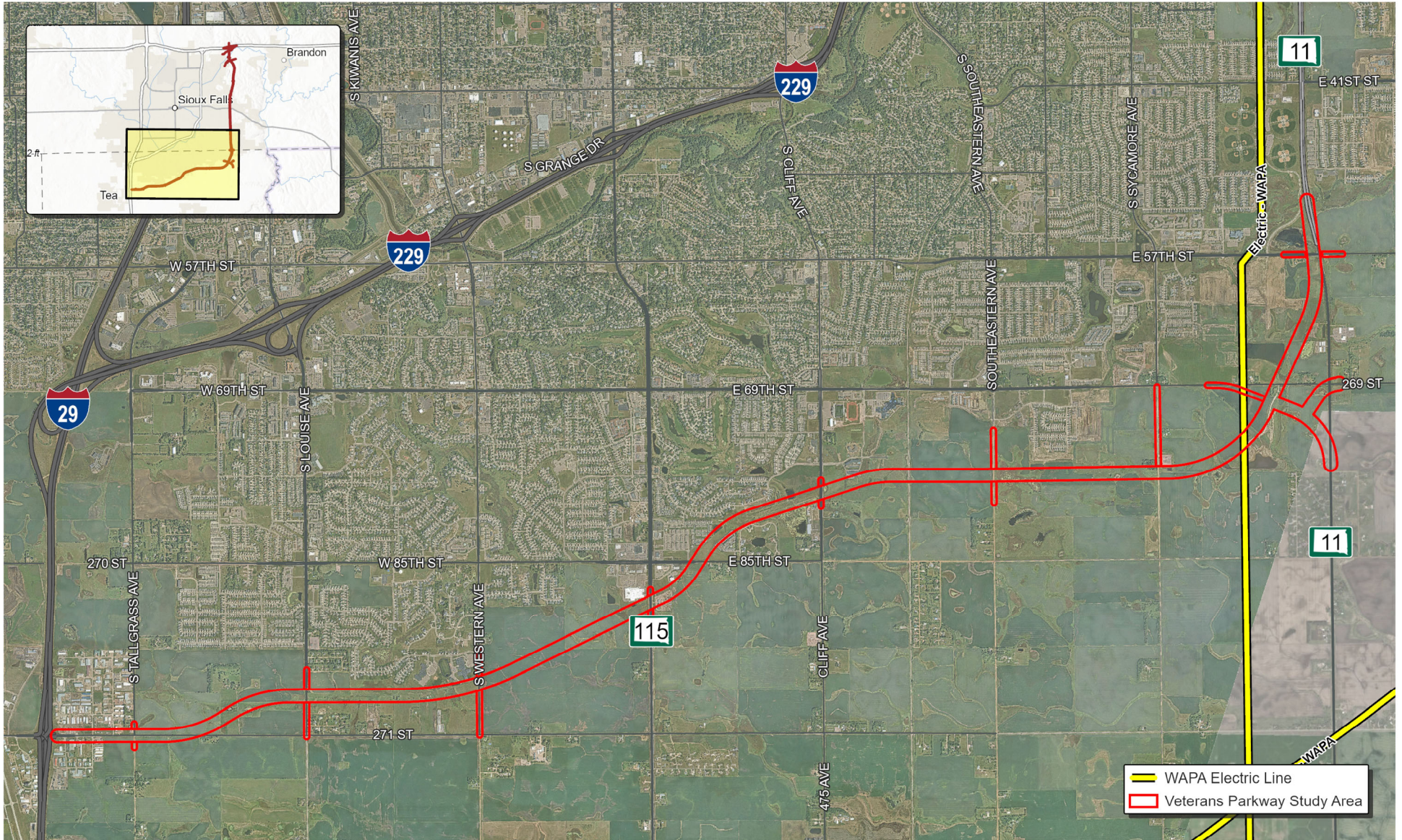
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Tom Lehmkuhl  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: WAPA Utility Line Project Location Map

Email cc: Kirk Fredrichs (FHWA)  
Joanne Hight (SDDOT)  
Laura Lutz-Zimmerman (HDR)  
Shannon Ausen (City of Sioux Falls)







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**From:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA) <[tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov](mailto:tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Kinsley, Cody <[Kinsley@WAPA.GOV](mailto:Kinsley@WAPA.GOV)>; Butts, Levi <[Butts@WAPA.GOV](mailto:Butts@WAPA.GOV)>; Weisbender, Eric <[Weisbend@WAPA.GOV](mailto:Weisbend@WAPA.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Laura Lutz-Zimmerman (HDR) <[Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com](mailto:Laura.Lutz-Zimmerman@hdrinc.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] South Veterans Parkway - Request to Participate in Project

Cody,

Attached is a kmz file to the Project study area. Each of the four (4) South Veterans Parkway proposed segments are identified by color. That black areas are Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for the City of Sioux Falls.

As the project continues to move forward, elevations can be provided to any of the segment areas with identified WAPA interests.

Hopefully this information sufficiently addresses your questions. If not, please let me know.

**Tom Lehmkuhl**

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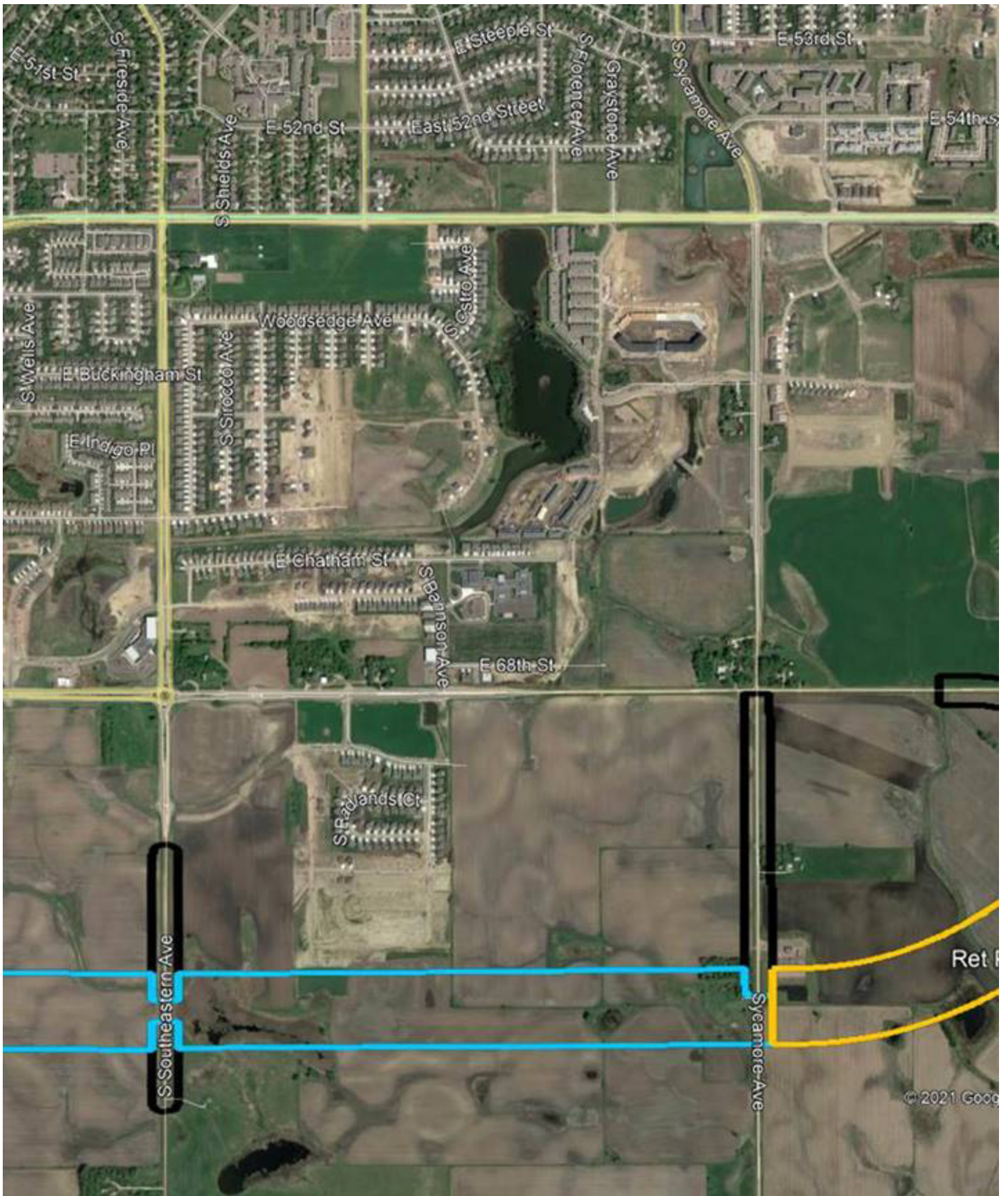
Is project data available in GIS or Google Earth format? I ask because it would help us locate project in relation to existing structures. Is it too soon to even know elevations?

**Cody Kinsley | Supervisory Electrical Engineer, Transmission Lines**

Western Area Power Administration | UGP SDMO

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**From:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 3:55 PM  
**To:** Kinsley, Cody; Butts, Levi; Weisbender, Eric  
**Cc:** Lutz-Zimmerman, Laura; Alme, Timothy; Hight, Joanne  
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Thank you for providing this insight, Cody.

The representatives identified within this correspondence will be utilized as the points of contact at WAPA in regard to communication and coordination associated to the South Veterans Parkway Project.

Tom Lehmkuhl

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 11:37 AM  
**To:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA) <tom.lehmkuhl@dot.gov>; Butts, Levi <Butts@WAPA.GOV>; Weisbender, Eric <Weisbend@WAPA.GOV>  
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Tom,

WAPA transmission line will be greatly impacted by South Veterans parkway project as shown in image. Similar to SD 100 project WAPA involvement is paramount.

Please retain this group as contact list as project progresses.



## Vande Kamp, Kendall

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**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway - WAPA impact / NEPA

**Start:** Wed 11/3/2021 11:00 AM

**End:** Wed 11/3/2021 11:45 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Vande Kamp, Kendall

**Required Attendees:** Vande Kamp, Kendall; Christina Gomer; Kluth, David; Sanow, Paul

**Optional Attendees:** Lehmkuhl, Tom; Kit Bramblee; Reep, Thomas; Kinsley, Cody

Thank you for your time meeting yesterday for those that could make it. This is an invitation touch base again next week as we discussed in order to better understand how WAPA would like to approach NEPA and NHPA responsibilities with FHWA as the lead federal agency of this undertaking.

Attached are the minutes of yesterday's meeting which includes a list of "Next Steps". Please correct me if I misunderstood items that were discussed or left out key discussion items.

Currently we have addressed utility / WAPA considerations in the Supplemental EA early in a summary table outlining the resources that require further review and is as shown in the clip below.

Since there have been no environmental resources of significant concern identified in the vicinity of the WAPA line crossing through previous environmental / cultural studies in the general area (Veterans Parkway EAs and City Regional Stormwater BMP, etc), it appears there is very little risk for environmental constraints of utility modifications and this will just come down to a discussion of costs. Understanding there will still be procedural items that need to be completed for NEPA and NHPA, I believe those items can be addressed in a later re-evaluations as more information on design becomes available. Ideally, we will document in the agency correspondence section an understanding of an adaptive management process for how NEPA and NHPA related to WAPA will be handled in later re-evaluations.

Resource	2012 EA Preferred Alternative Summary <sup>1</sup>	Environmental Changes or Regulatory Updates since 2012	Further Review in Supplemental EA?
Public Facilities, Utilities, and Services	Would not impact public buildings; alternative access would be provided. Temporary impacts to private utilities during construction.	<p>New public facilities including a school and fire station have been constructed. None of these facilities would be impacted. Private and public utilities will be temporarily impacted.</p> <p>Coordination will occur with all private utilities as well as Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a public power marketing administration with the U.S. Department of Energy. No additional analysis is included in this Supplemental EA. Rather, additional coordination has occurred and is documented in Appendix E - Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Coordination. Further analysis would be completed in a re-evaluation at a later time when impacts are understood.</p>	No

Thank you!



# Meeting Minutes

Project: South Veterans Parkway

Subject: South Veterans Parkway - WAPA impact / NEPA

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021

Location: WebEx, 1:00pm CST

Attendees: ☒ [Vande Kamp, Kendall](#) (Meeting Organizer)  
☒ [Christina Gomer](#) (Accepted in Outlook)  
☐ [Kluth, David](#) (Accepted in Outlook)  
☒ [Sanow, Paul](#) (Accepted in Outlook)  
☒ [Lehmkuhl, Tom](#) (Accepted in Outlook)  
☐ [Kit Bramblee](#) (Tentative in Outlook)  
☐ [Reep, Thomas](#)

## 1) Summary of previous coordination

WAPA was not previously coordinated in previous 2012 Supplemental EA for southern portion of SD100 (now South Veterans Parkway).

WAPA had indicated based on early scoping letter that South Veterans Parkway would impact a transmission line.

Utility coordination for South Veterans Parkway is being conducted chronologically and has not occurred for the final segment where the WAPA crossing occurs.

This meeting is to continue the conversation to understand how/if to address WAPA environmental needs in the Supplemental EA or later re-evaluations and how FHWA and WAPA would like to coordinate efforts.

## 2) South Veterans Parkway NEPA current schedule

- Complete Draft Supplemental EA (Now – Although few items remain pending)
- SDDOT / FHWA Review (Now – December 17)
- Supplemental EA Approval (December 17)
- Public Review and Comment Period (January 10 – February 10)
- New FONSI / re-issue FONSI



### **3) South Veterans Parkway Construction Schedule**

Included below. WAPAs interest involves the final South Veterans Parkway segment planned for construction in 2026.

### **4) WAPA level of NEPA expectations**

WAPA has a Categorical Exclusion that allows for structure locations as long as its within ROW. Categorical Exclusions can be used for relocations outside ROW so long as area is previously disturbed and under a certain distance (10 miles?)

WAPA would have to see plans to make any judgement as to what the domino effect might be on WAPA structures.

Christina inquired as to whether the Supplemental EA would outline an adaptive management process to describe the process for how to evaluate impacts as design progresses. She also asked whether a re-evaluation would be completed as more information is known since typically WAPA can't make concrete decisions on what's needed until design is provided.

Tom agreed that this would be a good approach.

Kendall indicated that this meeting and future coordination will assist in understanding what the adaptive management plan would look like and that the Supplemental EA will commit to future coordination to develop a process. Kendall said that EA re-evaluations will likely be needed as borrow material is identified as well as other items that arise during final design, similar to how the Northern Veterans Parkway project. Those re-evaluations could include additional environmental clearances that are required for WAPA undertakings that are being forced due to South Veterans Parkway.

### **5) FHWA & WAPA NEPA coordination**

Tom inquired as to whether whoever is the NEPA lead would also be the 106 consultation lead.

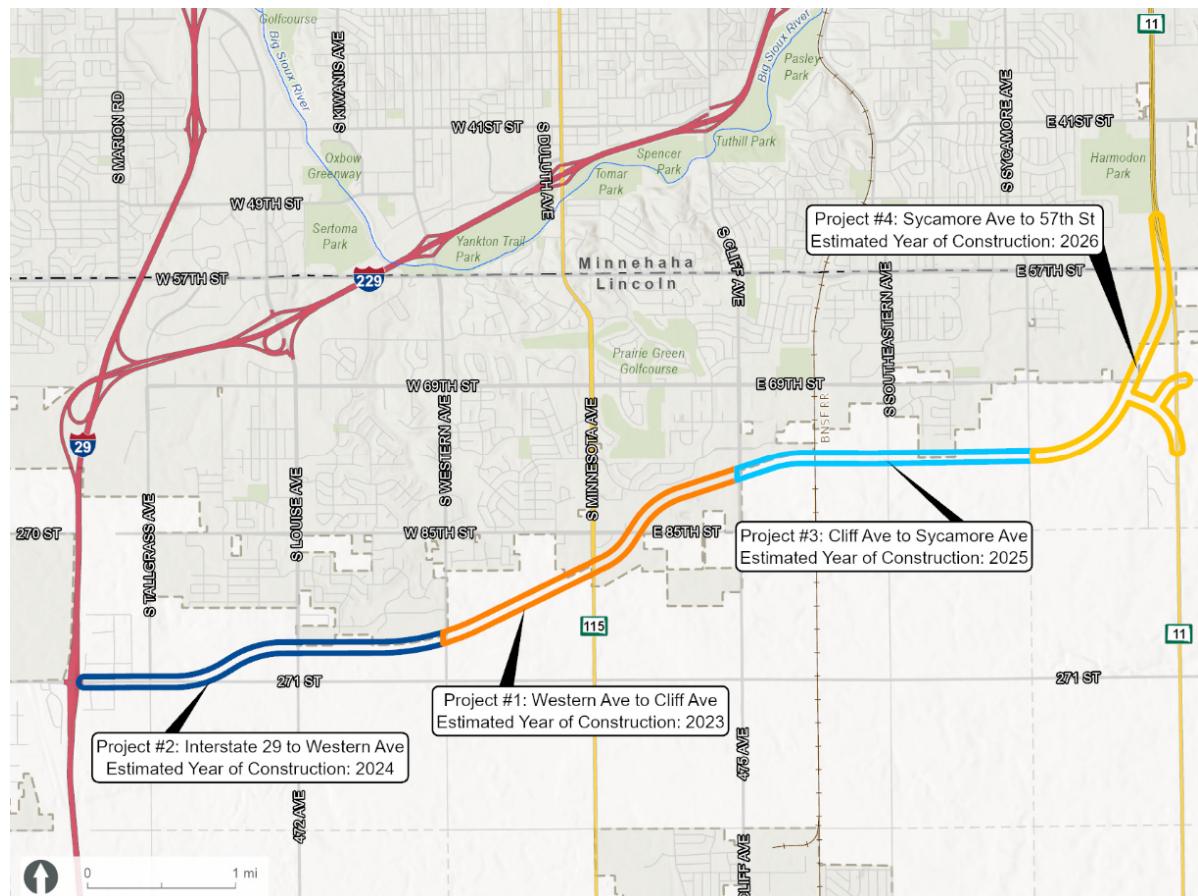
Christina Gomer and Dave Kluth would be the contacts for NEPA and 106 consultation; although ultimately, FONSI are signed off by regional manage. Christina is the NEPA coordinator and can pass up the chain. Christina said she envisions FHWA would take the lead on any 106 consultation, but WAPA would review the documentation included in the consultation.

Tom asked if WAPA would like to formalize a request to be a participating in 106 consultation. Would have to send a different letter that specifically requests that as the initial scoping letter one that invited WAPAs participation in environmental study did not make that request. Christina was not aware of initial scoping letter that was sent to Cody Kinsley. Tom forwarded Christina the letter.



## Next Steps

- HDR will provide WAPA AGOL map of Veterans. (completed)
- FHWA will send out formal original invitation to participate in NEPA study. (completed)
- FHWA will send out additional letter to request to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of NHPA (perhaps more input on this will be had next week)
- HDR will provide cultural survey efforts and 106 consultation to date that are applicable to WAPA area of interest. (completed)
- WAPA will provide HDR cross sections of the WAPA line in the vicinity of the project (perhaps beginning just north of 69<sup>th</sup> Street and extending ½ mile south.
- WAPA will regroup internally early next week
- HDR will send invitation to meet again next Wednesday





## Vande Kamp, Kendall

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**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway - WAPA impact / NEPA

**Start:** Wed 11/3/2021 11:00 AM

**End:** Wed 11/3/2021 11:45 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Vande Kamp, Kendall

**Required Attendees:** Vande Kamp, Kendall; Christina Gomer; Kluth, David; Sanow, Paul

**Optional Attendees:** Lehmkuhl, Tom; Kit Bramblee; Reep, Thomas; Kinsley, Cody

Thank you for your time meeting yesterday for those that could make it. This is an invitation touch base again next week as we discussed in order to better understand how WAPA would like to approach NEPA and NHPA responsibilities with FHWA as the lead federal agency of this undertaking.

Attached are the minutes of yesterday's meeting which includes a list of "Next Steps". Please correct me if I misunderstood items that were discussed or left out key discussion items.

Currently we have addressed utility / WAPA considerations in the Supplemental EA early in a summary table outlining the resources that require further review and is as shown in the clip below.

Since there have been no environmental resources of significant concern identified in the vicinity of the WAPA line crossing through previous environmental / cultural studies in the general area (Veterans Parkway EAs and City Regional Stormwater BMP, etc), it appears there is very little risk for environmental constraints of utility modifications and this will just come down to a discussion of costs. Understanding there will still be procedural items that need to be completed for NEPA and NHPA, I believe those items can be addressed in a later re-evaluations as more information on design becomes available. Ideally, we will document in the agency correspondence section an understanding of an adaptive management process for how NEPA and NHPA related to WAPA will be handled in later re-evaluations.

Resource	2012 EA Preferred Alternative Summary <sup>1</sup>	Environmental Changes or Regulatory Updates since 2012	Further Review in Supplemental EA?
Public Facilities, Utilities, and Services	Would not impact public buildings; alternative access would be provided. Temporary impacts to private utilities during construction.	New public facilities including a school and fire station have been constructed. None of these facilities would be impacted. Private and public utilities will be temporarily impacted.  Coordination will occur with all private utilities as well as Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a public power marketing administration with the U.S. Department of Energy. No additional analysis is included in this Supplemental EA. Rather, additional coordination has occurred and is documented in Appendix E - Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Coordination. Further analysis would be completed in a re-evaluation at a later time when impacts are understood.	No



## Vande Kamp, Kendall

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**From:** Gomer, Christina <Gomer@WAPA.GOV>  
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**To:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] South Veterans Parkway - WAPA impact / NEPA

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Morning Kendall –

Just one clarification in the meeting notes, regarding the discussion on an CX-level review (first paragraph under item #4). Although WAPA has a CX-category for structure relocations, we must also consider the requirements for segmentation (do not improperly segment larger actions into smaller actions in an effort to meet a CX-level determination rather than an EA or EIS) and properly analyze connected actions. Since WAPA's structure relocations would not occur "but for" FHWA's proposed project, it seems unlikely that a CX could be used.

*-Christina*

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## Vande Kamp, Kendall

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**From:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Gomer, Christina  
**Cc:** Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA); Bramblee, Kit  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] South Veterans Parkway - WAPA impact / NEPA

Christina,

I appreciate your response with the clarification and will attach this clarification to the meeting notes. I sensed the direction we were heading towards after the meeting last week was to acknowledge any structure relocations (should it need to occur) is part of the FHWA South Veterans Parkway undertaking and as such, the environmental effects would be analyzed as part of a FHWA EA re-evaluation as more information is known with WAPA being a participating agency. This clarification only makes doing so a stronger case vs having WAPA conduct a separate EA or an unsuccessful attempt in trying to make it fit under a CX.

Tomorrow we should be able to agree to a general plan of action, including how FHWA and WAPA would like to proceed in formalizing a plan to move forward and close that unknown within the Supplemental EA. The early response we received from Cody Kinsley indicated that WAPA would be substantially impacted. My suspicion is that he was speaking from an operations standpoint as opposed to a NEPA standpoint. As a participating agency in NEPA and NHPA, I suspect WAPA's primary role at this point would be to identify as early as practicable issues concerning the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could result in delaying an FHWA decision on re-issuing the FONSI or issuing a new FONSI.

I am aware that WAPA would need to review the South Veterans Parkway design prior to providing any clear and definitive input. At the same time, as I indicate below, to me it appears there is very little risk for environmental constraints of utility modifications as informed by previous studies in the area and if tower relocations are needed, it will likely come down to a discussion of costs.

See you tomorrow.

Thank you!

**Kendall Vande Kamp**  
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**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway

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Hi Kendall,

My apologies for missing our conference call earlier this afternoon, but something came up that needed by attention. I did talk to Christina and she filled me in on what was discussed and I have nothing further to add at this time. If you have any questions specific to cultural resources, feel free to contact me.

Thank you –

Dave

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**To:** Kluth, David <Kluth@WAPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Gomer, Christina <Gomer@WAPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: South Veterans Parkway

David,

No problem. I'll be sending out another opportunity to re-convene next Wednesday. In the meantime, 1<sup>st</sup> attached is the recently completed 106 consultation for the South Veterans Corridor. Most of the corridor had been cleared in the past, although there were a number of locations that weren't surveyed or we couldn't previously access. As it might pertain to your interest, page 8 of the attached report (2<sup>nd</sup> attachment) shows that the WAPA corridor (presumably ROW) has previously been surveyed, and everything to the north of the South Veterans Parkway study area for a healthy distance has been previously surveyed. I suspect with a little bit of research, you may be able to determine the likelihood of any additional 106 consultation needs should there be any tower relocations within or even within proximity to the current ROW. The 3<sup>rd</sup> attachment is a graphic from an earlier EA that was completed noting the cultural survey results, including historic structures and archeological sites that are within the study area. Let me know if you would benefit from having additional survey reports – the full 106 consultation dating back to the early 2000's has truly been a maize.

Christina was provided this link which includes the current layout of Veterans Parkway and other City arterial projects and is being updated as design progresses. It should work for you – if not, let me know<sup>1</sup>

<https://hdr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=7c91f859fc2b41dcae042d3f6a687118>

thanks!

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## Vande Kamp, Kendall

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**From:** Kluth, David <Kluth@WAPA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 2021 11:57 AM  
**To:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
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Good Morning, Kendall.

I have conducted a search of WAPA's records for cultural resource data associated with our Sioux Falls to Beresford T-line right-of-way (ROW), specifically structures 7/6 through 8/1 which could be potentially impacted by the construction of the South Veterans Parkway. Based on our GIS records, as well as the documents that you provided in previous emails (particularly the 2021 Kogel report), it appears as if all of our ROW associated with the proposed SVP has been previously surveyed by non-WAPA archaeologists.

However, if WAPA structures and ROW must be relocated (which appears to be the case) to an unsurveyed area due to the project's parameters, these locations must be surveyed, the subsequent report reviewed by WAPA, and concurred with by SHPO, prior to any structure relocation.

Thanks for your diligence in consulting with WAPA regarding the SVP project. If there are any changes to the project in the future that may affect our transmission line, please let me know.

Thank you –

Dave

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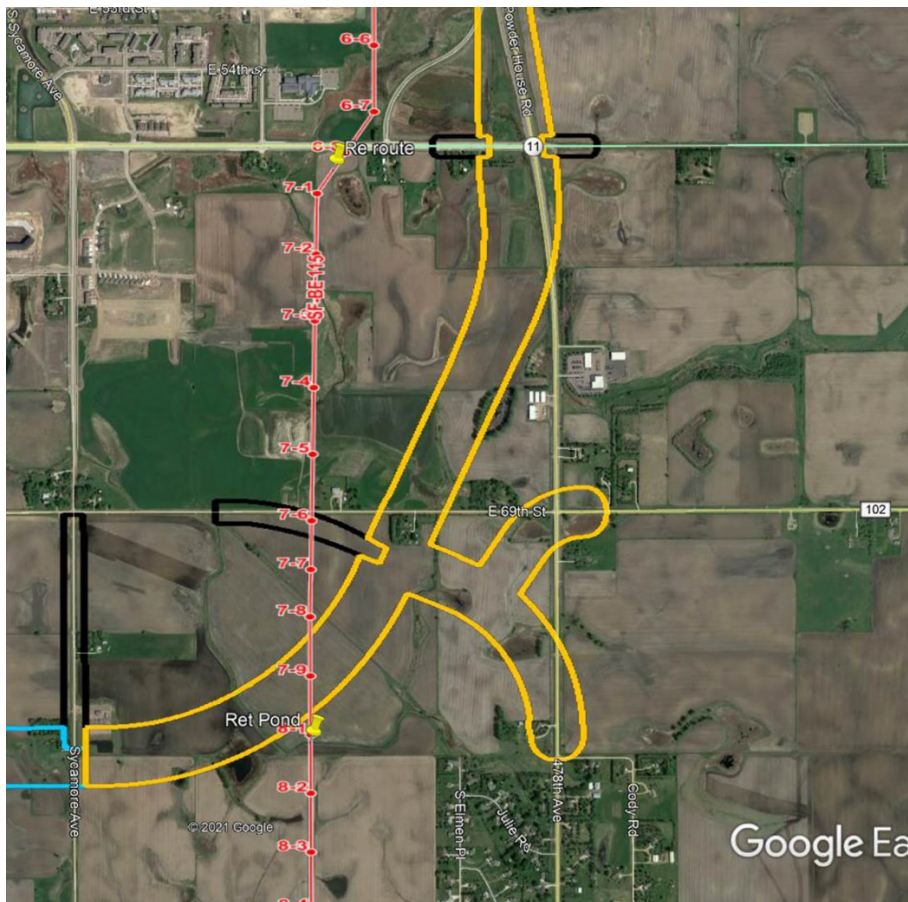
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**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2022 4:08 PM  
**To:** Christina Gomer; kluth@WAPA.GOV  
**Cc:** Vande Kamp, Kendall; Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA); Hoff, Steven; mheiberger@siouxfalls.org  
**Subject:** RE: South Veterans Parkway - WAPA impact / NEPA  
**Attachments:** 01VA WAPA Power Line at SVP and 69th St 04 05 22.pdf

David and Kristina,

Attached you will find the exhibit specific to the existing WAPA utilities in relation to the proposed South Veterans Parkway cross section. The elevations/clearances are identified along with the structure(s) in the vicinity of the corridor. Also included in this link which provides the currently proposed geometrics in a GIS format for your use. We have used this internally for planning and discussion purposes with private utilities and as items are updated we will provide that information in a timely manner.

<https://hdr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=7c91f859fc2b41dcae042d3f6a687118>

The project team has coordinated with existing/proposed private utilities, including WAPA, in the South Veterans Parkway corridor. We will be scheduling coordination meetings for this segment PCN 01VA soon. This segment is currently scheduled for construction 2026. Should you have any question prior to then please feel free to contact us.



Thanks,

**Paul D. Sanow, PE**  
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**Legend**

Roadway

Raised Median

Shared-use Path

50' Street Light w/8' Extension Arm (pending)

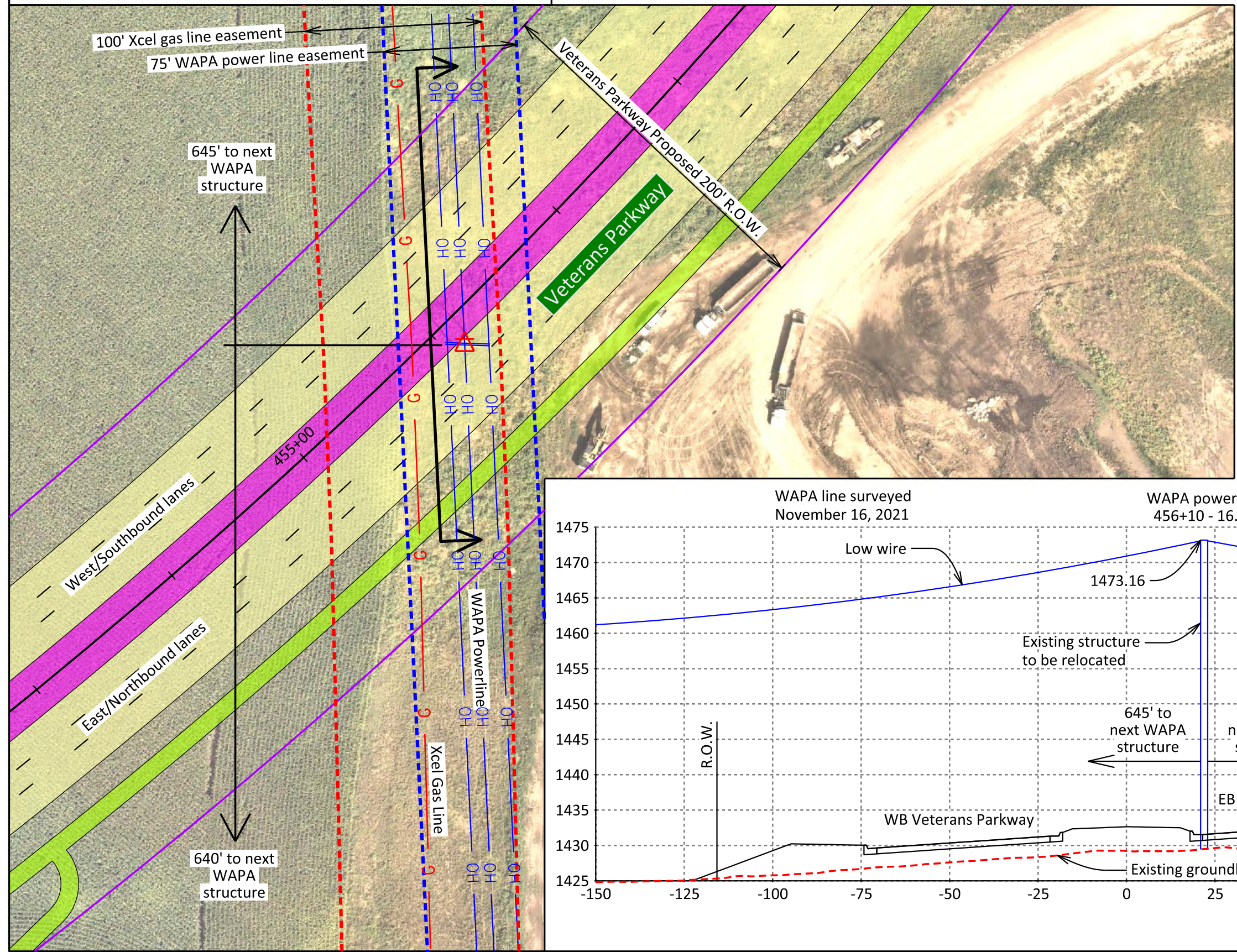
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Existing WAPA OH Power Line

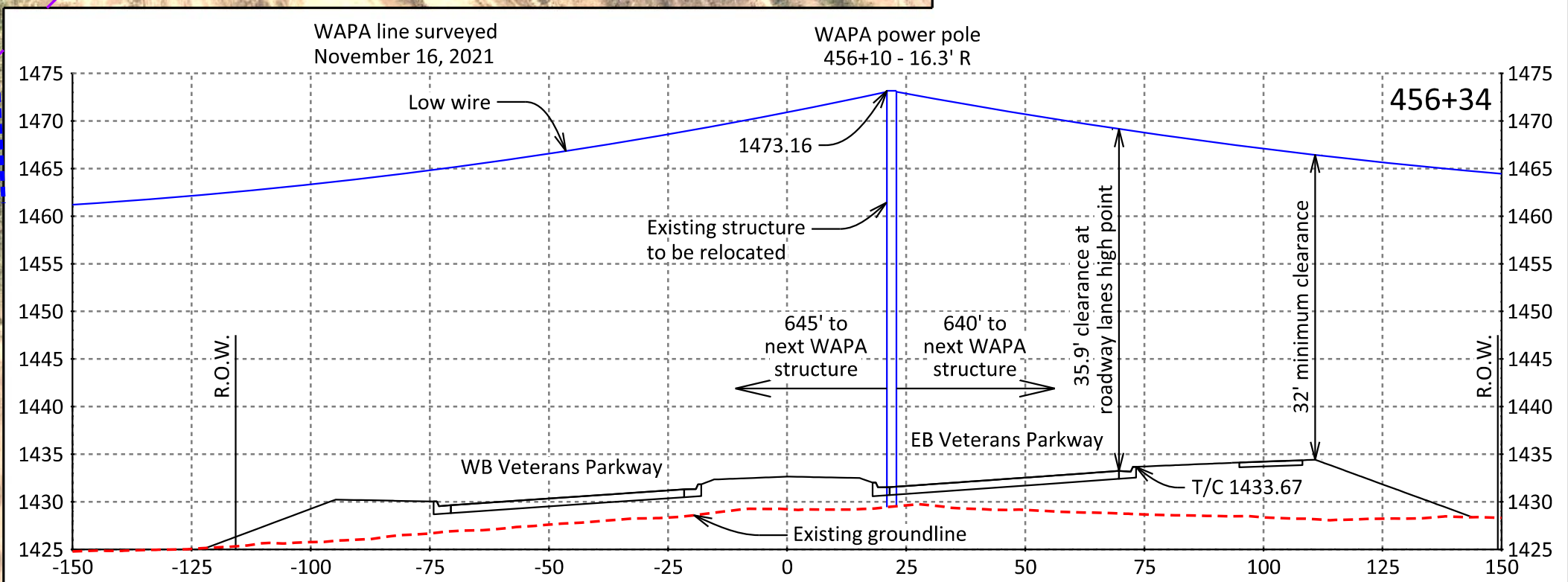
Existing WAPA Power Pole

# Veterans Parkway at WAPA Powerline Crossing

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WAPA structure near 69th Street





**Legend**

Roadway

Raised Median

Sidewalk

50' Street Light w/8' Extension Arm (pending)

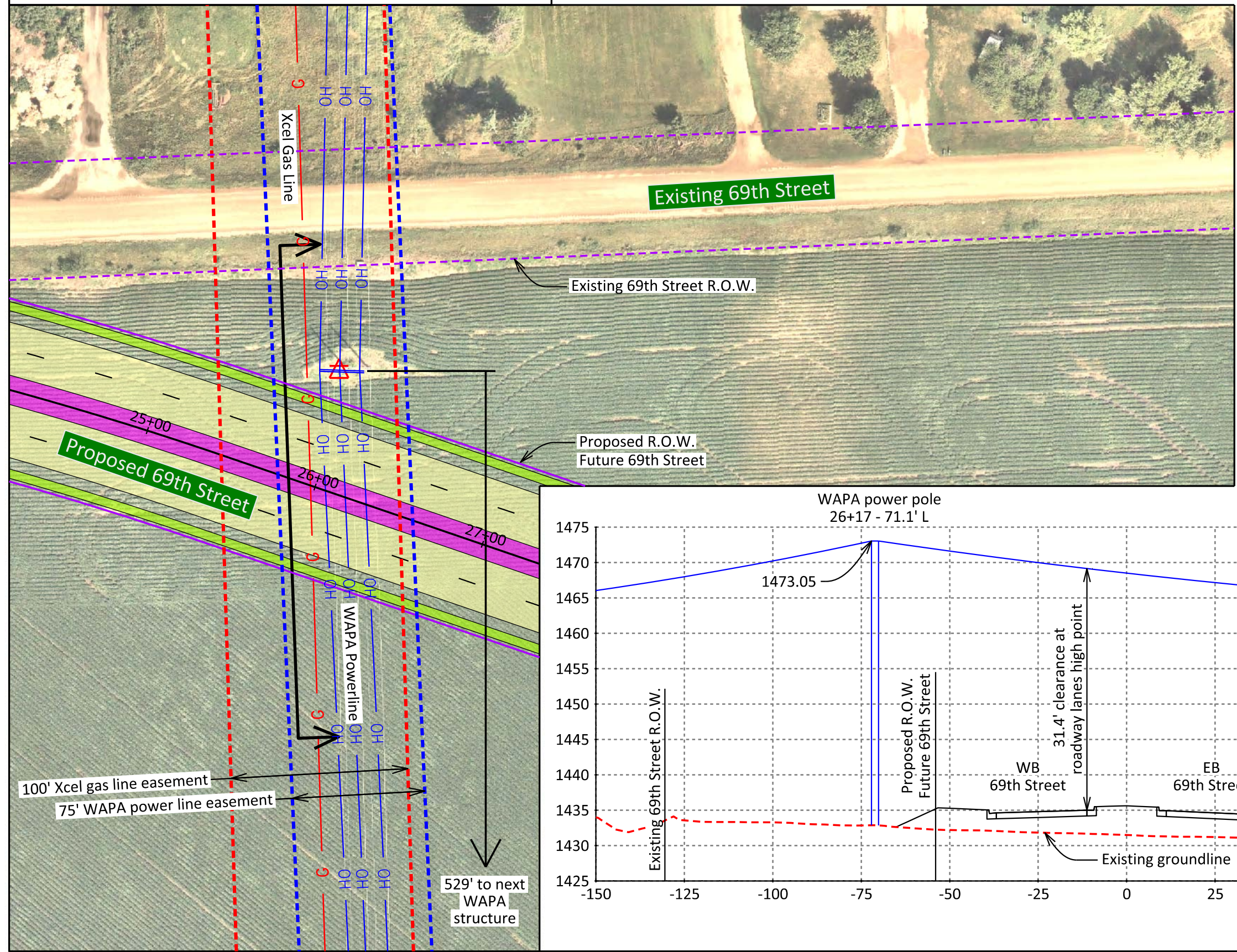
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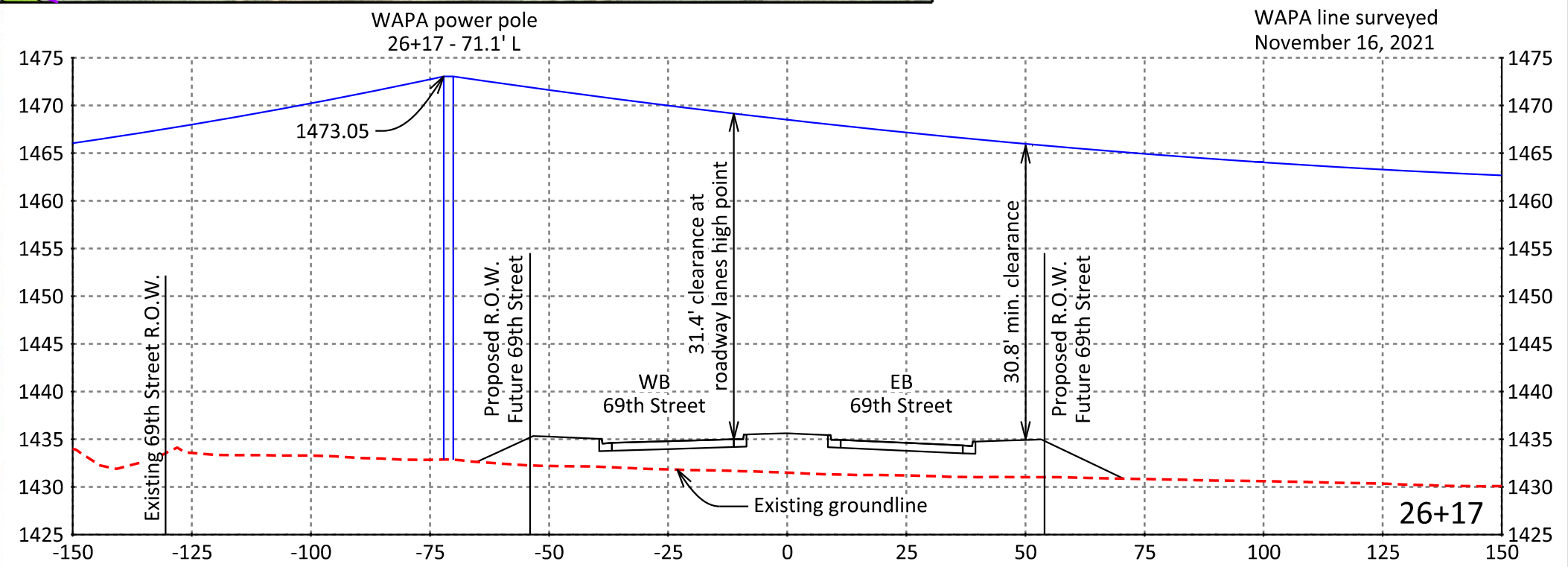
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# Veterans Parkway at WAPA Powerline Crossing

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PLOTING DATE: 04-05-2022		INITIAL:	



WAPA structure near 69th Street





**From:** Kluth, David <Kluth@WAPA.GOV>  
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**To:** Sanow, Paul; Gomer, Christina  
**Cc:** Vande Kamp, Kendall; Lehmkuhl, Tom (FHWA); Hoff, Steven; mheiberger@siouxfalls.org  
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Hi Paul,

Thank you for the information, it is very much appreciated.

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October 19, 2021

Amity Bass, Field Supervisor  
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**RE: NH 0100(110)045, PCN 01V9, I-29 to Western Ave;  
NH 0100(108)407, PCN 01V6, Western Ave to Cliff Ave;  
NH 0100(106)409, PCN 01V7, Cliff Ave to Sycamore Ave;  
NH 0100(107)411, PCN 01VA, Sycamore Ave to 57th St.  
South Veterans Parkway, Sioux Falls, SD  
Grading, PCC Surfacing, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer, Signals, Lighting**

Dear Ms. Bass:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and (Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in 2012 for the above reference projects, which are also locally known as the South Veterans Parkway Project. A map detailing the location of the project is attached. The project will comply with all federal and state environmental regulations.

The project includes a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57th Street and Interstate 90. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.

Since the FONSI was signed in 2012, there have been changes related to urban growth in the study area and changes in regulations. At this time, an evaluation is being undertaken to determine if additional analysis for any resources is necessary.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) IPaC Information for Planning and Conservation system, the following species are known to occur within the Study Area: (Consultation code: 06E14000-2021-SLI-0464). A May Affect determination was found for the northern-long eared bat on July 15, 2021, using the Programmatic Biological Opinion on Final 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-eared Bat and Activities Exempted from Take Prohibitions (Consultation code: 06E14000-2021-TA-0464).



Species	Status	SDDOT Determination	Comments
Northern Long-eared Bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> )	T	May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect	Tree removal will occur outside the pupping season.
Red Knot ( <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> )	T	No Effect	No suitable habitat located within study area.
Western Prairie Fringed Orchid ( <i>Platanthera praeclara</i> )	T	No Effect	No preferred habitat and no populations have been observed within the study area.

The project will be reviewed for wetland impacts. The project will comply with all federal and state environmental regulations.

I am requesting FWS concurrence with the above determinations. Please provide your acknowledgment of this request at your earliest convenience.

Please submit your response so that the project's environmental documentation can be completed, and the project can be let and constructed in a timely manner.

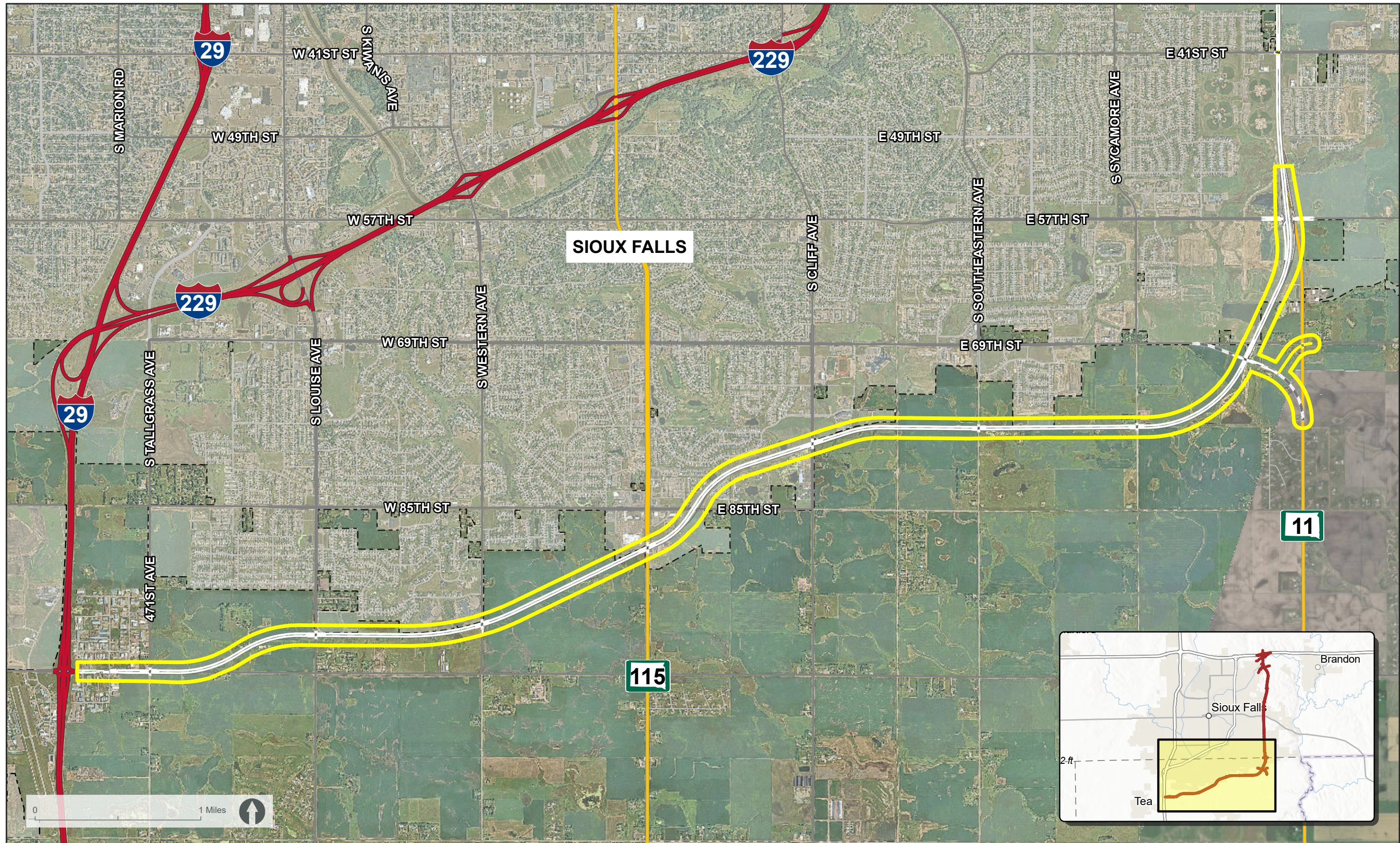
Sincerely,



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Attachments  
Project Location Map  
USFWS Verification Letter









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In Reply Refer To:

July 15, 2021

Consultation code: 06E14000-2021-TA-0464

Event Code: 06E14000-2021-E-02097

Project Name: South Veterans Parkway Project

Subject: Verification letter for the 'South Veterans Parkway Project' project under the January 5, 2016, Programmatic Biological Opinion on Final 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-eared Bat and Activities Excepted from Take Prohibitions.

Dear Anna VanderLaan:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received on July 15, 2021 your effects determination for the 'South Veterans Parkway Project' (the Action) using the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) key within the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system. This IPaC key assists users in determining whether a Federal action is consistent with the activities analyzed in the Service's January 5, 2016, Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO). The PBO addresses activities excepted from "take"<sup>[1]</sup> prohibitions applicable to the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat.884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Based upon your IPaC submission, the Action is consistent with activities analyzed in the PBO. The Action may affect the northern long-eared bat; however, any take that may occur as a result of the Action is not prohibited under the ESA Section 4(d) rule adopted for this species at 50 CFR §17.40(o). Unless the Service advises you within 30 days of the date of this letter that your IPaC-assisted determination was incorrect, this letter verifies that the PBO satisfies and concludes your responsibilities for this Action under ESA Section 7(a)(2) with respect to the northern long-eared bat.

Please report to our office any changes to the information about the Action that you submitted in IPaC, the results of any bat surveys conducted in the Action area, and any dead, injured, or sick northern long-eared bats that are found during Action implementation. If the Action is not completed within one year of the date of this letter, you must update and resubmit the information required in the IPaC key.



This IPaC-assisted determination allows you to rely on the PBO for compliance with ESA Section 7(a)(2) only for the northern long-eared bat. It **does not** apply to the following ESA-protected species that also may occur in the Action area:

- Red Knot *Calidris canutus rufa* Threatened
- Western Prairie Fringed Orchid *Platanthera praeclara* Threatened

If the Action may affect other federally listed species besides the northern long-eared bat, a proposed species, and/or designated critical habitat, additional consultation between you and this Service office is required. If the Action may disturb bald or golden eagles, additional coordination with the Service under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act is recommended.

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[1]Take means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct [ESA Section 3(19)].

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**Action Description**

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

**1. Name**

South Veterans Parkway Project

**2. Description**

The following description was provided for the project 'South Veterans Parkway Project':

This project will reconstruct the remaining segments of the connector between I-90 and I-29 (South Veterans Parkway). The project will comply with all federal and state environmental regulations. The project includes a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments as shown in the attached map. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed and a Finding of Significant Impact (FONSI) signed in 2012 for the South Veterans segment. The purpose of the project, as defined in the EA, is to prepare the City of Sioux Falls for the future 2035 transportation system by addressing street discontinuity, street design deficiencies, capacity limitations, safety and access associated with growth in the area.

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@43.48291245,-96.66327618931638,14z>

**Determination Key Result**

This Federal Action may affect the northern long-eared bat in a manner consistent with the description of activities addressed by the Service's PBO dated January 5, 2016. Any taking that may occur incidental to this Action is not prohibited under the final 4(d) rule at 50 CFR



§17.40(o). Therefore, the PBO satisfies your responsibilities for this Action under ESA Section 7(a)(2) relative to the northern long-eared bat.

**Determination Key Description: Northern Long-eared Bat 4(d) Rule**

This key was last updated in IPaC on May 15, 2017. Keys are subject to periodic revision.

This key is intended for actions that may affect the threatened northern long-eared bat.

The purpose of the key for Federal actions is to assist determinations as to whether proposed actions are consistent with those analyzed in the Service's PBO dated January 5, 2016.

Federal actions that may cause prohibited take of northern long-eared bats, affect ESA-listed species other than the northern long-eared bat, or affect any designated critical habitat, require ESA Section 7(a)(2) consultation in addition to the use of this key. Federal actions that may affect species proposed for listing or critical habitat proposed for designation may require a conference under ESA Section 7(a)(4).

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## Determination Key Result

This project may affect the threatened Northern long-eared bat; therefore, consultation with the Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat.884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is required. However, based on the information you provided, this project may rely on the Service's January 5, 2016, *Programmatic Biological Opinion on Final 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Activities Excepted from Take Prohibitions* to fulfill its Section 7(a)(2) consultation obligation.

## Qualification Interview

1. Is the action authorized, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency?  
Yes
2. Have you determined that the proposed action will have "no effect" on the northern long-eared bat? (If you are unsure select "No")  
No
3. Will your activity purposefully **Take** northern long-eared bats?  
No
4. [Semantic] Is the project action area located wholly outside the White-nose Syndrome Zone?  
**Automatically answered**  
No
5. Have you contacted the appropriate agency to determine if your project is near a known hibernaculum or maternity roost tree?

Location information for northern long-eared bat hibernacula is generally kept in state Natural Heritage Inventory databases – the availability of this data varies state-by-state. Many states provide online access to their data, either directly by providing maps or by providing the opportunity to make a data request. In some cases, to protect those resources, access to the information may be limited. A web page with links to state Natural Heritage Inventory databases and other sources of information on the locations of northern long-eared bat roost trees and hibernacula is available at [www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/nhisites.html](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/nhisites.html).

Yes

6. Will the action affect a cave or mine where northern long-eared bats are known to hibernate (i.e., hibernaculum) or could it alter the entrance or the environment (physical or other alteration) of a hibernaculum?  
No
  7. Will the action involve Tree Removal?  
Yes
-



8. Will the action only remove hazardous trees for the protection of human life or property?

*No*

9. Will the action remove trees within 0.25 miles of a known northern long-eared bat hibernaculum at any time of year?

*No*

10. Will the action remove a known occupied northern long-eared bat maternity roost tree or any trees within 150 feet of a known occupied maternity roost tree from June 1 through July 31?

*No*

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## Project Questionnaire

**If the project includes forest conversion, report the appropriate acreages below. Otherwise, type '0' in questions 1-3.**

1. Estimated total acres of forest conversion:

1

2. If known, estimated acres of forest conversion from April 1 to October 31

1

3. If known, estimated acres of forest conversion from June 1 to July 31

0

**If the project includes timber harvest, report the appropriate acreages below. Otherwise, type '0' in questions 4-6.**

4. Estimated total acres of timber harvest

0

5. If known, estimated acres of timber harvest from April 1 to October 31

0

6. If known, estimated acres of timber harvest from June 1 to July 31

0

**If the project includes prescribed fire, report the appropriate acreages below. Otherwise, type '0' in questions 7-9.**

7. Estimated total acres of prescribed fire

0

8. If known, estimated acres of prescribed fire from April 1 to October 31

0

9. If known, estimated acres of prescribed fire from June 1 to July 31

0

**If the project includes new wind turbines, report the megawatts of wind capacity below. Otherwise, type '0' in question 10.**

10. What is the estimated wind capacity (in megawatts) of the new turbine(s)?

0

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# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services

South Dakota Field Office

420 South Garfield Avenue, Suite 400

Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5408



In Reply Refer to:

South Veterans Parkway Project

October 19, 2021

Mr. Kit Bramblee  
South Dakota Department of Transportation  
700 East Broadway Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Kit Bramblee,

Thank you for your letter received October 19, 2021, requesting environmental comments regarding the above referenced project involving a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57th Street and Interstate 90. This project is located in Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

According to the National Wetlands Inventory, (available online at [www.fws.gov/wetlands/](http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/)) wetlands exist within the project boundary. If a project may impact wetlands or other important fish and wildlife habitats, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) and other environmental laws and rules, recommends complete avoidance of these areas, if possible, then minimization of any adverse impacts, and finally replacement of any lost acres, in that order. Alternatives should be examined and the least damaging practical alternative selected. If wetland impacts are unavoidable, a mitigation plan addressing the number and types of wetland acres to be impacted, and the methods of replacement should be prepared and submitted to the resource agencies for review.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation requested Service concurrence with your “may affect, not likely to adversely affect” determination for the threatened Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we concur with your determination.

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Mr. Kit Bramblee

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Transportation. We recommend you document your “no effect” determination and retain the documentation in your decisional record.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions on these comments, please contact Dylan Turner of this office at (605) 224-8693, Extension 233.

Sincerely,

**Amity Bass** Digitally signed by Amity Bass  
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Amity Bass  
North and South Dakota Field Supervisor



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**Cc:** Vande Kamp, Kendall  
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**Attachments:** SDDOT South Veterans Parkway Project signed.pdf; SVP\_USFWS Coordination.pdf

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Laura,

After discussing the coordination with Dylan Turner at USFWS he recommended a determination for the NLEB as a May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect with the caveat of having the NLEB commitment within each segments Section A Environmental Commitments. It is an additional commitment, but USFWS felt that it would be a more appropriate path to take than appending this to the BO for us of the 4(d) ruling. With the number of trees removed on each of these segments I don't foresee this being a big issue. Attached is the coordination letter I redrafted to USFWS as well as their response.



**Kit Bramblee**

**Environmental Manager | SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**From:** Carnahan, Bridget  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 1:17 PM  
**To:** amity\_bass@fws.gov  
**Cc:** Turner, Dylan <dylan\_turner@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** South Veterans Parkway Project Update  
**Attachments:** [Initial Study Area Map.pdf](#); [Revised Study Area Map.pdf](#); [SVP\\_USFWS Coordination.pdf](#); [SVP\\_USFWS\\_concurs\\_MANLAA\\_NLEB\\_2021\\_1019.pdf](#)

Good afternoon. I am reaching out regarding the South Veterans Parkway project due to changes that have been made in the project's scope. Nine intersecting City arterial projects are now being included in the South Veterans Parkway Supplemental Environmental Assessment. The Study Area now extends to the next major intersections associated with the nine additional arterial projects. These rational endpoints were used to complete a traffic analysis for the project in order to establish the 23 CFR 771.111(f) requirements for the South Veterans Parkway corridor in addition to the nine intersecting City arterial projects. Attached is the initial Study Area map and the revised Study Area map which include the following additions from the previous Study Area:

- Exit 73 interchange
- corridors for each of the nine intersecting arterials up to the next major intersection,
- areas where borrow / stormwater detention have been or are currently being seriously considered,
- a corridor paralleling the WAPA transmission line
- areas to accommodate constructing new points of access to private land / structures

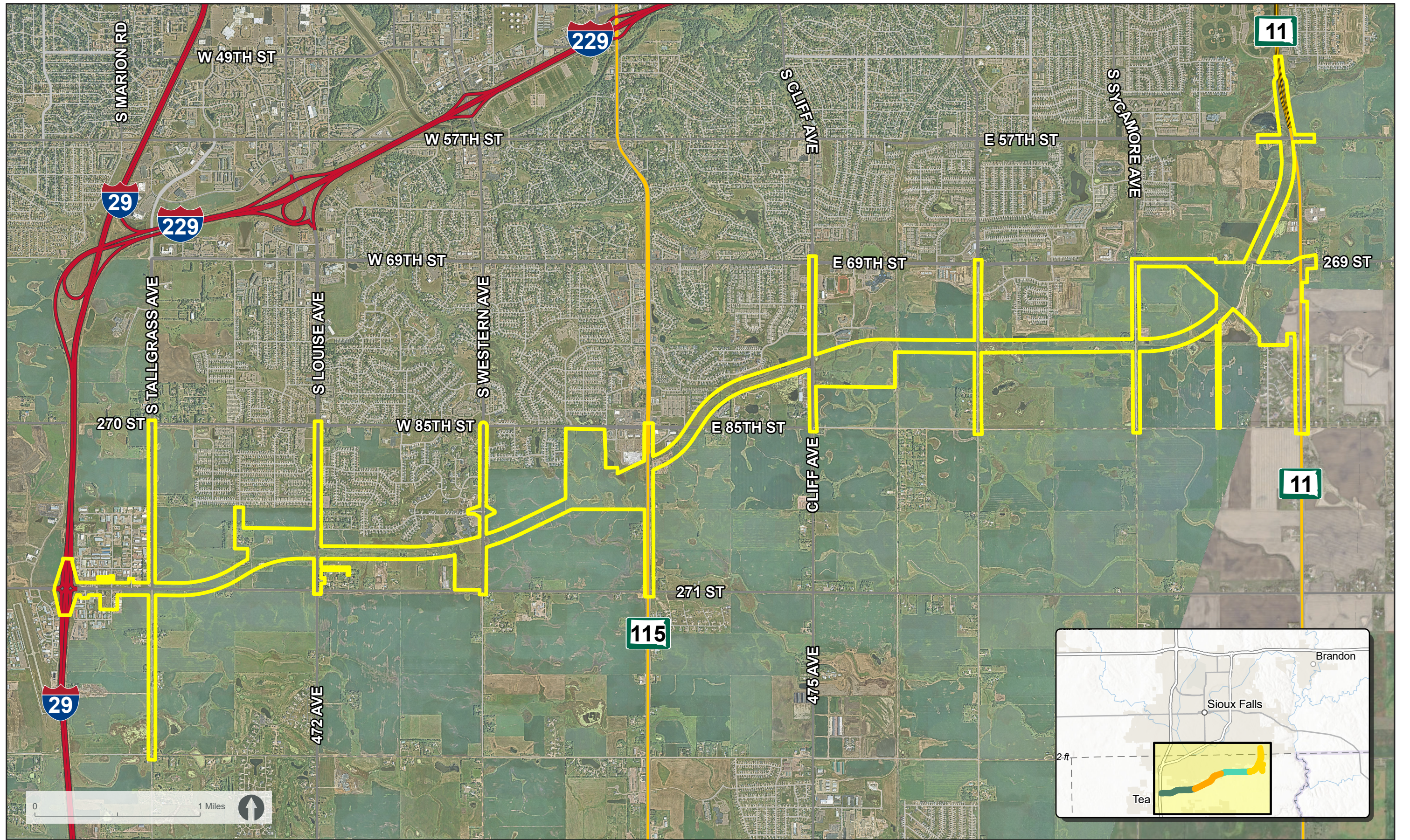
Also attached is the initial coordination packet submitted by SDDOT and the concurrence response we received from your office. At this point we did not feel that re-coordination was necessary through IPAC due to the previous coordination efforts and concurrence we received from your office, but if you would like us to run through the IPAC again please let me know. Please provide any additional comments you may have on the expanded scope of the South Veterans Parkway Supplemental Environmental Assessment. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

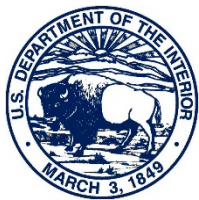


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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
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In Reply Refer to:  
FWS/R6/South Veterans Parkway Project  
Re-coordination

August 30, 2022

Ms. Bridget Carnahan  
South Dakota Department of Transportation  
700 East Broadway  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Carnahan:

Thank you for your letter received August 29, 2022, requesting environmental comments regarding the above referenced project involving updates to the scope of a proposed six-lane, limited access highway to be constructed from just east of the Interstate 29 (Exit 73) / Lincoln County Road 106 (CR106) interchange to just north of the South Dakota Highway 11 (SD11) / 57th Street intersection. It would tie into the already constructed Veterans Parkway segments between 57th Street and Interstate 90. This project is located in Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

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Ms. Bridget Carnahan

responsibility for “no effect” determinations remains with the SDDOT. We recommend you document your “no effect” determination and retain the documentation in your decisional record.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. If changes are made in the project plans or operating criteria, or if additional information becomes available, the Service must be informed so that the above determinations can be reconsidered. If you have any questions on these comments, please contact Dylan Turner of this office at (605) 280-6704.

Sincerely,

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Amity Bass  
North and South Dakota Field Supervisor





## South Veterans Parkway Engagement Summary (Phase 1) April 29-May 29, 2021

### Overview

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and City of Sioux Falls hosted a virtual public meeting from April 29 through May 29, 2021 to provide community members and stakeholders with opportunities to learn more about the South Veterans Parkway Project. Participants were asked to view the 2012 Environmental Assessment and comment on any environmental or regulation changes since its development, as well as to share any other comments or questions about the project. Engagement opportunities included:

- Virtual public meeting featuring three video messages
- Online interactive comment map

### Notifications

Copies of the following notifications can be found in **Appendix A**.

### Project Mailing

Parcel information was obtained from the City of Sioux Falls. HDR refined the final mailing list and mailed 68 total postcards to residents, businesses and other property owners within proximity to the project area on April 28, 2021. The postcard included a project and virtual public meeting overview, ways to provide feedback, and contact information.

### Paid Advertisements

Paid advertisements were placed in local newspapers announcing the project and online engagement opportunities. See run dates outlined in Table 1 below. Affidavits are also included in **Appendix A**.

**Table 1: Paid Advertisement Publishing Dates**

Outlet	Publishing Date(s)
Argus Leader	4/29, 5/13
Shopping News	5/12
Sioux Valley News	4/29, 5/13
Tea Weekly	4/30, 5/7

### Social Media

Project partners, including the City of Sioux Falls and SDDOT, posted to Facebook and Twitter to promote the online engagement opportunities. Posts were published between April 29 and May 24, 2021. **Table 2** outlines engagement on the SDDOT social media posts.





## South Veterans Parkway Engagement Summary (Phase 1) April 29-May 29, 2021

**Table 2: SDDOT Social Media Statistics**

Date	Outlet	Reach/Impressions	Engagements
May 24, 2021	SDDOT Facebook	1,456	25
May 24, 2021	SDDOT Twitter	3,194	44
April 29, 2021	SDDOT Facebook	1,454	50
April 29, 2021	SDDOT Twitter	1,633	15

### News Release

A press release was distributed by the City of Sioux Falls to the following media outlets and via other city communication channels on May 19, 2021.

- Argus Leader
- All local TV news outlets
- City of Sioux Falls social media pages
  - Twitter
  - Facebook
- City of Sioux Falls website

### Email Notification

An email was sent to 25 subscribers on May 6, 2021, promoting the online engagement opportunities and encouraging recipients to leave comments on the interactive map and through the project email or online contact form. Emails were obtained from a voluntary sign-up form via MailChimp.

## Online Engagement

### Virtual Public Meeting

The virtual public meeting was open for comments from April 29 through May 29, 2021. Participants were able to view three video messages from the project team at their convenience – there was no live or virtual presentation.

Video messages focused on introducing the project team and sharing the work that has been done to date, Environmental Assessment status, and how to use the project website to discover the project and stay informed.

The Project Overview and Environmental Presentation videos were posted at the top of the project website under the header: “Virtual Public Meeting: April 29 – May 29, 2021.” The project website tutorial video was included under the Resources content section, along with printable versions of the 2003 and 2012 Environmental Assessments, a Construction Schedule and Costs map graphic, and a second map graphic of City-Led Improvements.

Screen captures of the project website during the virtual public meeting and comment period can be found in **Appendix B**.





## South Veterans Parkway Engagement Summary (Phase 1) April 29-May 29, 2021

### Website Analytics

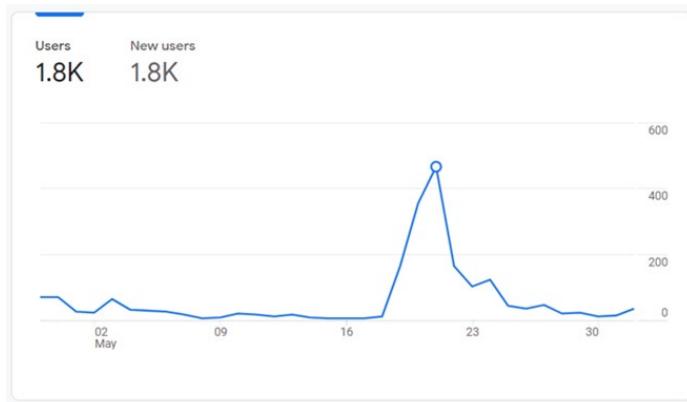
The information below outlines online engagement online during the formal comment period (April 29 – May 29, 2021).

Total Users: 1,784

Total Engaged Sessions: 1,264

Avg Time on Page: 1:50

Traffic over time:



Engaged Sessions by Device:

- Desktop: 753
- Mobile: 464
- Tablet: 44

Acquisition Source by Engaged Session:

- Direct: 719
- Google Search: 198
- Dakotanewnow.com: 130
- Dot.sd.gov: 64
- Facebook: 55

File downloads: 188 by 123 users.

### Video Analytics

The information below outlines video views and engagement during the formal comment period (April 29 – May 29, 2021).

Overview Video

- Plays: 376
- Play Rate: 17%
- Engagement: 38%





## South Veterans Parkway Engagement Summary (Phase 1) April 29-May 29, 2021

### Environmental Video

- Plays: 78
- Play Rate: 4%
- Engagement: 37%

### Website Tutorial Video

- Plays: 267
- Click Through Rate: 1.1%
- Engagement: 55.9%

*Play Rate: Of all the people who visited the site, this percentage of people played the video.*  
*Engagement: On average, people play this percentage of the video.*

### Project Overview Fact Sheet

A project overview fact sheet was provided to key stakeholder contacts as part of the announcement of the virtual public meeting.

### Interactive Comment Map

An online interactive map allowed the public to leave location-specific comments for the project team from April 29 through May 29, 2021. The map was promoted on all notifications and hosted on the project website. A screen capture of the online comment map is included in **Appendix C**.

### Email and Contact Form

Comments were also collected via email (direct and connect@southveteransparkway.com), an online contact form hosted on the project website, and phone call. **Table 3** indicates the number of comments received and through each channel. **Table 4** identifies agency comments. **Table 5** groups mentions by category.

**Table 3: Comments Received By Channel**

Channel	Number Received To Date (Through June 3, 2021)
Phone Calls	2
Emails	8
Interactive Map Comments	5
Web Comments	20
Letters	3
Total	38





**South Veterans Parkway**  
Engagement Summary (Phase 1)  
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**Table 4: Agency Comments**

Agency	Date of Comment	Summary of Comment
<b>Corps of Engineers, Omaha District Regulatory Office</b>	January 26, 2021	Numerous wetlands and tributaries are located within the review area identified in your letter and you state that you anticipate that the project will impact wetland resources. Because we may have jurisdiction by law, we agree to participate as a cooperating agency for the preparation of the EA in accordance with the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act.
<b>FAA</b>	May 12, 2021	No objection provided the Federal Aviation Administration is notified of construction or alterations. We are aware of a construction project to widen I-29 from 4 lanes to 6 lanes in this same general area.
<b>WAPA</b>	May 19, 2021	WAPA transmission line will be greatly impacted by South Veterans Parkway project. Similar to SD 100 project, WAPA involvement is paramount.
<b>GFP</b>	May 25, 2021	<p>Based on the information provided, there is no anticipated significant impact to fish and wildlife resources and would anticipate that to remain if the following suggestions are considered during the planning and construction of the project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disturbance to riparian and wetland areas should be kept to an absolute minimum.</li> <li>2. If riparian vegetation is lost it should be quantified and replaced on site. Seeding of indigenous species should be accomplished immediately after construction to reduce sediment and erosion.</li> <li>3. A site-specific sediment and erosion control plan should be part of the project.</li> <li>4. A post construction erosion control plan should be implemented in order to provide interim control prior to re-establishing permanent vegetative cover on the disturbed site.</li> </ol>





## South Veterans Parkway Engagement Summary (Phase 1) April 29-May 29, 2021

		<p>5. Complete visual surveys for lined snakes prior to work in lined snake habitat (e.g. dry grassland areas) from April-October.</p> <p>6. If the project requires trenching for installation of infrastructure, we recommend backfilling the trench at the end of each workday (April-October), so snakes cannot fall into open trenches and to be trapped and buried under fill. If trenches cannot be filled prior to the end of the workday, we further recommend covering open trenches and inspecting open trenches left overnight for endangered snake species prior to backfilling.</p>
<b>DANR</b>	May 28, 2021	DANR has comments and concerns about environmental impacts, and permitting requirements on: Tanks and Spills, Solid and Hazardous Waste, Air Quality, Drinking Water, Surface Water, Water Rights.

**Table 5: Mentions by Category**

Category	Comments
Housing development	17
Relocate parkway south of 85th St.	11
Noise	4
Ways to stay involved/want to receive email updates	7
Concerns about increased traffic as a result of the project	3
81st St. to 83rd St.	4
Concerns about wetlands and negative environmental impacts	3
Cliff Ave.	2
Schedule	2
95th St.	2
Cost	2
Property value	2
Separated grade interchanges (Minnesota Ave.)	1
Agency impact	1
Bike/ped	1





## **South Veterans Parkway Project**

Engagement Summary (Phase 1)

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## **Appendix A**

### **Notifications**

**Postcard Mailer**  
**Paid Ads and Affidavits**  
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C/O HDR

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The South Dakota Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and the City of Sioux Falls have launched a virtual public meeting to share information and collect community input about the planning and construction of South Veterans Parkway from I-29 to 57th Street.



✉ [Connect@southveteransparkway.com](mailto:Connect@southveteransparkway.com)

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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Community engagement remains a top priority as we navigate and do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In place of an in-person public open house, here's how to get the latest information and share your feedback with the project team.

**Visit [www.southveteransparkway.com](http://www.southveteransparkway.com) before May 29, 2021 to view the 2012 Environmental Assessment and comment on any environmental or regulation changes since its development.**



Watch our video messages about the project and the work that's been completed so far.



Send your comments directly to the project team or post them on an interactive map.



Sign up to receive project email updates and bookmark the site to follow our progress.





**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
CITY OF SIOUX FALLS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE VIA VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING  
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Shannon Ausen, City of Sioux Falls  
605-367-8607  
Steve Hoff, Project Manager with HDR Engineering, Inc.  
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I, being duly sworn, says: That The Argus Leader is, and during all the times hereinafter mentioned was, a daily legal newspaper as defined by SDCL 17-2-21, as amended published at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota; that affiant is and during all of said times, was an employee of the publisher of such newspaper and has personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the notice, order or advertisement, a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper upon

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of May, 2021.

Legal Clerk

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

My Commission expires

VICKY FELTY  
Notary Public  
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## Commission Pursues Further Development Family of Andy Minihan Presented With Honorary State FFA Degree

By Rolfe Steck

The Canton City Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Depot. Commissioner Moses Isais was not present at the time of roll call.

The only item under Old Business was the Wrestling Proclamation. Mayor Sandra Lundstrom read the proclamation congratulating the Canton High School Wrestling Team for winning the 2021 State Dual and State B Wrestling Championship. Applause occurred from all in attendance.

With no Visitors to be Heard, the first item under New Business was a Rezoning Hearing for Joyce Scholle on West Fifth Street. Planning and Zoning conducted the hearing on March 30 and recommended approval. Mayor Sandra Lundstrom opened the hearing. Mayor Lundstrom noted that the property has to be rezoned to residential to make upgrades to the home. Citizen Scholle was present for any questions. Mayor Lundstrom closed the hearing. Motion to approve the First Reading by Commissioner Todd Baldwin. No second is needed with a first reading.

Isais entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Next under New Business was a Rezoning Hearing for Phil Horstman's property on West Fifth Street. Planning and Zoning conducted the hearing and recommended approval. Mayor Lundstrom opened the meeting. Mayor Lundstrom noted that this is a rezoning from Central Business to General Business. With no comments, the property needs to be rezoned for a car lot. Citizen Horstman was present for any questions. Mayor Lundstrom closed the hearing. Motion to approve the First Reading by Commissioner Jerry Chao. No second is required for a first hearing.

Next on the agenda was a Trail Committee Request. Trail Committee Members Trina Kuper and Dave Dixon were in attendance to propose a trail from where the sidewalk ends at Bomgaars to Hiawatha Golf Course along Highway 18. They want to apply for the SD DOT Transportation Alternatives Grant. In order to apply, the City needs to sign the Letter of Intent. City Engineer Myron Adam estimates the cost to be \$1,000 and SFCOG would help write the grant. If the grant is approved, the SD DOT would be responsible for implementing work orders for the design of the project and oversight. Eligible costs would be by SD DOT at 81.95%. The remaining 18.05% would be billed to the City. Kuper and Dixon went to the podium.

Dixon mentioned that the Letter of Intent would need to be submitted by a list of approved Engineers. Dixon said there is nothing going out to the golf course and they need to be thinking about a trail for all ages and health conditions. He stressed this is a form of transportation, especially for younger kids. Dixon referenced the proposed trail on the handout and noted that this could be a great start for more infrastructure for Canton. Dixon said they are just at the meeting tonight to request the \$1,000 for the Letter of Intent to apply for the grant. If successful, they would come back to the Commission for help for the rest of the project. Kuper noted that they would be applying for grants if approved for the rest of the project. Kuper also mentioned that the Committee would take care of the grant process. Dixon noted that this would be a great start for starting development and housing on the East side of the City. Baldwin said he completely agreed with Dixon

and said he has been asked about development on that side of the City. Baldwin said \$1,000 sounds like a logical investment to start, but he would like to see some concrete ideas for development down the road. Discussion regarding liability and snow removal was discussed but just to start thinking about the project in the later stages. Motion to give the \$1,000 and approve the Letter of Intent to SD DOT by the Trails Committee by Baldwin. Seconded by Chao. Unanimous approval. \*\* See Map

A Utilities Operator New Hire was next under New Business. It is recommended that the City hire Bill Winter for the Utility Operator position at \$16,284 (Grade 10, Step 5). Winter will have a six-month probationary period before he may be eligible for a step increase. Motion to approve by Chao. Seconded by Baldwin. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the Public Works Seasonal Hires. It is being recommended to hire the following for Public Works Seasonal Maintenance:

Austin Krogmann - \$11.45/hr (3rd year)

Jacob Iverson - \$11.45/hr (3rd year)

Kevin Legg - \$11.20/hr (2nd year)

Beau Headrick - \$11.20/hr (2nd year)

Caden Krogmann - \$10.95/hr (1st year)

Parker Magnuson - \$10.95/hr (1st year)

Caden Rohrich - \$10.95/hr (1st year)

Samuel Buitensbos - \$10.95/hr (1st year)

Braden Gustafson - \$10.95/hr (1st year)

Ryder Larson - \$10.95/hr (1st year)

Employees will be split between Streets, Parks, Water and Sewer and potentially Recreation equally. These positions are budgeted for 2021. Motion to approve by Baldwin. Seconded by Commissioner Tyler Larson. Unanimous approval.

Advertise for Seasonal Office Assistant was next on the agenda. It is being recommended to advertise for the seasonal office assistant position. This would be a part-time position for the Summer months and is budgeted for 2021. Motion to advertise by Baldwin. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was the CARES Act Closeout Report for the Canton Municipal Airport. The SD DOT has submitted the CARES Act Closeout Report for the \$20,000 grant that the City received for the Canton Municipal Airport. Motion to approve by Chao. Seconded by Baldwin. Unanimous approval.

A Resolution to Approve the Consolidation of the Minnehaha County Economic Development Association (MCEDA) and Lincoln County Economic Development Association (LCEDA) was next on the agenda. At their meeting in February, it was announced that both organizations intend to form into one organization: Sioux Metro Growth Alliance. To complete the process, they have called a meeting of their members to approve the Articles of Consolidation. This meeting will take place on May 5. They are asking municipalities to approve the resolution to affirm their commitment to economic development and appoint Mayor Lundstrom as the City's representative. Motion to approve by Isais. Seconded by Baldwin. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was to approve a Yard and Tree Waste Hauler's License for Robin Minor. The application has been submitted and will be valid through February 28, 2022. Minor has the Certificate of Liability Insurance on file with the City. Motion to approve by Baldwin. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Another Yard and Tree Waste Hauler's License was next under New Business. Arrow Tree Care (Kris York) has submitted his application and his license would be valid through February 28, 2022. His Certificate of Liability Insurance is on file. Motion to approve by Isais. Seconded by Baldwin. Unanimous approval.

A third Yard and Tree Waste Hauler's License was next on the agenda. On the Spot Tree Care LLC (John Rombough) has submitted his application and his Certificate of Liability. Motion to approve by Baldwin. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was Keeping of the Chickens on West 11th Street. The City has received an application from Hick Huby for keeping chickens. Code Enforcement Officer Geoff Fillingsness has checked out the request and location and has deemed the location appropriate. He noted that the permit and inspection is all good. Motion to approve by Baldwin. Seconded by Isais. Unanimous approval.

The final item under New Business was the Canvass of Election for the City that took place on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Commissioner Elect Paul Garbers won the seat up for election. Motion to approve the election results by Baldwin. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

During Commissioner Dialogue, Chao noted that the Consolidated Board of Equalization had fourteen appellants from the Canton area. Chao also said that Isais's daughter did an amazing performance in the production of Annie, The Musical at the High School. Larson said that sales tax was down 7.77% from this time last year, but sales tax for the year is still up 4.07% for 2021. Finance Officer Kyle Cwack noted that the annual audit for the City will be on April 27 and April 28.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:43 p.m. by Baldwin. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

At the 93rd Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention in Rapid City, the family of the late Andy Minihan was awarded with an Honorary State Degree for Andy's support and dedication to the Canton FFA program. Minihan passed away suddenly on March 13, leaving behind his three sons, who were all active members of the FFA program in Canton. Accepting the award on his behalf was his youngest son, Canton FFA senior Marshall Minihan.

Andy was nominated for the award by former State FFA Officer and Canton FFA Alumni Clayton Sorum.

Canton FFA Chapter Advisor Russ Swanson, also a long-time friend of Minihan's, said the following about Andy and his support of the FFA program:

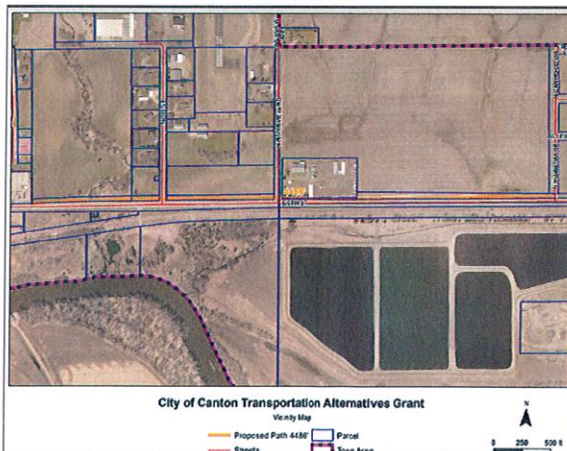


"Andy was always there when you needed him. Many times he would run students back and forth to Brookings during the State Convention so students could still participate in a band concert or the spring musical with little recognition. He also served as a district Ag Sales Judge and chaperoned many FFA trips, and shared many stories of our high school and college days, much to my chagrin."

Supporting Marshall on-stage during his acceptance of the award were Andy's brothers, Tim Minihan and Pat Minihan, and sister-in-law Val Minihan.



Shown from left to right: Val Minihan, Tim Minihan, Marshall Minihan, Canton FFA Chapter Advisor Russ Swanson, and Pat Minihan.



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May 13, 2021**

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Notary Public, South Dakota

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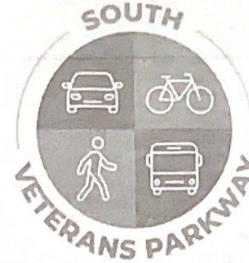
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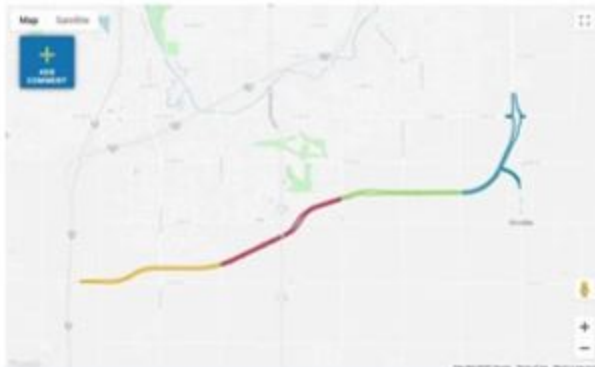


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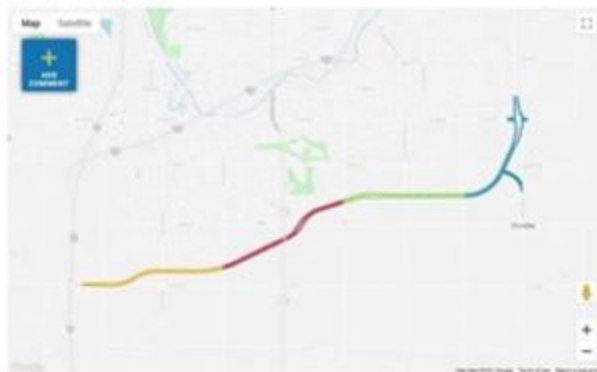


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There is no formal presentation. Instead, we hope you explore the content and share your feedback online with our team.



## A lot has changed since 2012...

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### About the Project

In 2020, the South Dakota Transportation Commission approved the plans to complete construction of the remaining 8.5 miles of parkway that make up the southern section of Veterans Parkway. Planning, design and permitting for this project is underway. Construction of South Veterans Parkway will occur in phases starting in 2023. The project is anticipated to be fully completed in 2026.



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**South Veterans Parkway Project**  
Engagement Summary (Phase 1)  
April 29 – May 29, 2021

**Appendix B**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Online Meeting Captures**





The City of Sioux Falls and the South Dakota Department of Transportation are moving forward to complete the entire stretch of Veterans Parkway from I-29 to I-90.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

This additional 8.5-miles of roadway will be designed and constructed to accommodate growing transportation needs. South Veterans Parkway in the City of Sioux Falls will serve regional trips and preserve the function and performance of the future road system.

Starting early 2021, the plan is to proceed with the design of South Veterans Parkway, along with obtaining all necessary permits and clearances, with the goal of constructing the first segment by the end of 2023. Three additional segments for South Veterans Parkway would then be constructed over the following years until the corridor is completed.

### Virtual Public Meeting: April 29 - May 29, 2021

Meet the project team and hear about the work that's been completed so far. Then watch a short presentation on the current environmental evaluation that is focused on identifying regulatory changes or new environmental impacts that may have occurred since 2012. Scroll down the page to leave comments for our team in the interactive map or the contact form. Comments are due by May 29, 2021.

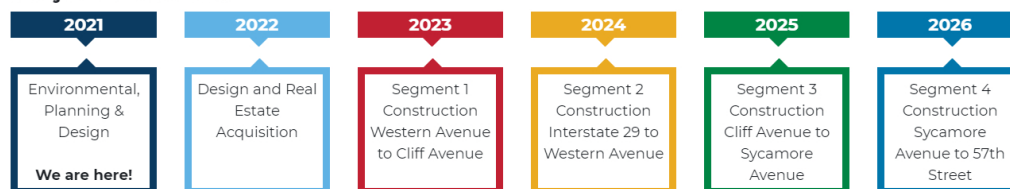
#### Project Overview



#### Environmental Presentation



### Project Schedule



The proposed South Veterans Parkway will be a limited access six-lane roadway with a raised median separating traffic in both directions. Vehicles will be able to access the completed Parkway at signalized intersections approximately every mile.



To enhance the experience for people biking and walking, a shared use path will be constructed along the south and east side of South Veterans Parkway. Grade-separated crossings will be added every mile to allow for safe movement across Veterans Parkway.



Increased traffic flow



Corridor connectivity



Accommodate Public and Private Investment

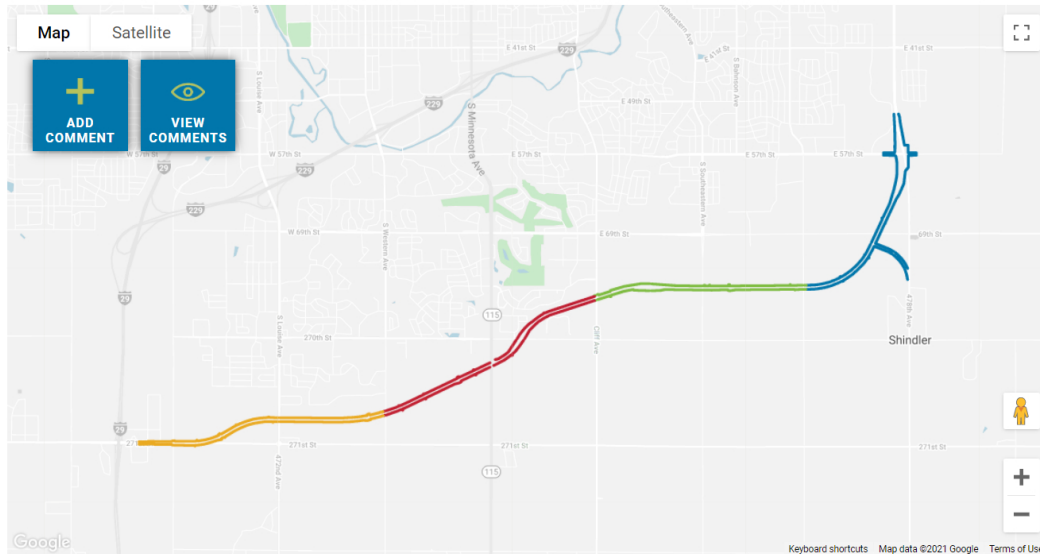
## PROJECT SEGMENTS



The South Veterans Parkway project is divided into four segments. Construction of the first segment is planned to begin in 2023. Subsequent segments of South Veterans Parkway will then be constructed over the following years until the corridor is completed in its entirety, from I-29 (Tea Interchange-Exit 73) to I-90 (478th Avenue-Exit 402).

A lot has changed since 2012, which was the last time we evaluated the potential environmental impacts of this project. In 2021, we're preparing a supplemental Environmental Assessment to address changes that have occurred over the past nine years. We want to hear from you: are there any environmental concerns/points of interest in your area? Let us know by leaving a comment on the map.

For best results, view map in Chrome, Firefox, or Edge.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

+ What is the South Veterans Parkway Project?

+ Who is responsible for the South Veterans Parkway Project?

+ Why is this project needed?

+ How will this project impact me?

+ How much does this project cost?

+ What is the schedule for this project?

+ How can I get involved in this project?

+ Is the South Veterans Parkway alignment set?

## RESOURCES

### Construction Schedule and Costs

View the detailed map of construction schedule and costs.

### City-led Improvements

View a map of city-led improvements as part of the South Veterans Parkway project.

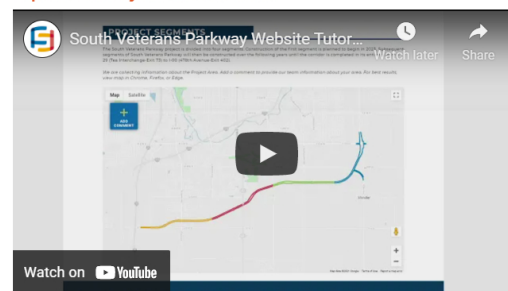
### 2012 Environmental Assessment

This Environmental Assessment published in 2012 addresses design changes to the preferred alternative documented in 2003 and a revised project limits from I-29/County Road 106 Interchange to south of 26th Street. The report includes updated information about why the project is needed, options considered in earlier studies, and a summary of social, economic, and environmental impacts.

### 2003 Environmental Assessment

This initial Environmental Assessment published in 2003 includes detailed information about why the project is needed, options considered, and a summary of social, economic, and environmental impacts.

### Explore the Project Website Video











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**Appendix C**  
**Public Comment Map**

**Picture of Comment Map**



Our virtual public meeting is closed, but we encourage you to use our interactive map to leave comments for the project team at any time. Click the "Add Comment" button below to get started.

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