OCTOBER 23, 2007 PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS
### Meeting Notes

**Subject:** Public Open House/Meeting  
**Client:** SDDOT  
**Project:** Watertown South Connector  
**Project No:** 39319  
**Meeting Date:** October 23, 2007 at 5:30 pm  
**Meeting Location:** Watertown Ramkota - Theater Room  
**Notes by:** rb

**Attendees:** See Sign In Sheet (58 total attendance)

**Topics Discussed:** Watertown South Connector—SD20 to US81, US81 to 29th Street SE, and 29th Street SE to I-29

**Comments received following presentation:**

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<td>Mark Roby</td>
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<td>From the development standpoint, the FOCUS group would like to see a combination of Option 4 and 5 to open up development opportunities to the southwest of 20th Avenue S and Broadway Street.</td>
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<td>Gene Kingslien</td>
<td>Landowner</td>
<td>Verbal and Written</td>
<td>I have no desire to sell the farmhouse at 2306 20th Avenue. We prefer not to sell the acres especially since they are all on our land. The west side of 20th Avenue on north side belongs to the city/parks—use that instead of the acres.</td>
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<td>Bill Lauseng</td>
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<td>For the SD20 to US81 Project, he lives south of the intersection of 20th Avenue S and Broadway Street. He prefers if we take land to the north. Use Options 1-4.</td>
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| Roger Kouf             | Landowner                     | Verbal          | Option 4 goes down the middle of my land and son’s house. How are you going to handle it?  
Response: SDDOT will meet with landowners and the Uniform Act must be followed. The property and buildings will be estimated for fair market value. |
| John Hanten           | Herb and Betty Hanten         | Verbal          | For the US81 to 29th Street SE, what options are you leaning to? Response by Terry Keller: All options are open at this point; the agencies have not yet viewed the EA and will need to review. The USACE, USFWS, and GFP need to give feedback since they are the regulatory agencies for permitting. Each option has its drawbacks and advantages, so please give us your comments. |
| Nancy Berry           | District 5 Senator            | Verbal          | What is the advantage of Option 4 over 5?  
Response by Terry Keller: Option 5 is located in more wetlands, and salvage areas, while Option 4 affects more residences and properties.                                                                 |
| Matt Kranz            | Landowner                     | Verbal          | For the US81 to 29th Street SE Project—Homes west of Willow Creek were avoided, why not the east side of Willow Creek? Response by James Unruh: New utilities exist on the north side. We were also not aware that the house wasn’t available. We will take a look at the alignment again. |
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20th Avenue to about a half-mile south of the junction with Highway 212. The assessment is available in full on the Public Opinion website.

Unruh said landowners along the center stretch should receive letters within the next few weeks, aiming to set up meetings before Thanksgiving to talk over the plans.

At the meeting, some homeowners along the center stretch on 20th Avenue said they didn't like the idea of the road getting closer—or in some places possibly going over—their houses.

"The trucks already shake the house," one resident said.

Unruh said the planning process always involves compromise, and the representatives were at the meeting just to hear those kinds of comments.

"This is still open to comments," he said. "Don't think any of this is going to start construction tomorrow."

If all goes smoothly, the department will open bids on the center stretch in late 2008 with work to begin in spring 2009. If all goes according to plan, the road would open that same year.

That still leaves the western section and the stretch to I-90 left.

"Get a lot more this year," he said. "They've made a lot of changes this year."

Work is ongoing on the western section, said Unruh, but said right now there's no money set aside for the work on the approaches to the interchange.

"Nothing further will be done on it until funding is available," he said.

To see the just-complete environmental assessment, go to our website and click on the links tab.
Subject: FOCUS Watertown Meeting

Client: SDDOT

Project: Watertown South Connector  Project No: 39319

Meeting Date: October 23, 2007; 3:00 p.m.  Meeting Location: Watertown Ramkota-Theater Room

Notes by: rb

Attendees: See Attendance Sign In Sheet (20 total in attendance)

Comments provided by FOCUS Group:

Project- SD20 to US81--

- **Prefers Option 5**— due to more development opportunities with this option. The farther west on 20th Avenue S the south connector can go the better opportunities for economic growth in this area.
  
  **Response:** Issue with Option 5 is the channel realignment needed and wetland impacts; this option would be difficult to secure agency permits; also the RR crossing has a drastic skew angle.

- **A New Option**— What about the possibility of a hybrid between Option 4 and 5?
  
  **Response:** Another option can be added. FOCUS Watertown agreed to provide a letter requesting an additional option.

- **4 Way Stop**— What about a 4-way stop at 20th Avenue to help with the constraints of Option 5?
  
  **Response:** The purpose of the project is to have a roadway that can keep traffic flowing, especially truck traffic; a 4-way stop would reduce traffic flow efficiency along the South Connector route.

- **Speed Limit on Hwy 212**—Will the speed limit be lowered on Hwy 212 to encourage people to detour on the connector?
  
  **Response:** This will need to be considered after the connector project is finished.

- **Issues with the Project**—Are there any “deal breakers” with the connector project?
  
  **Response:** The critical issues with the project include the railroad crossing in segment SD20 to US81, the bridge crossing of the Big Sioux River, and possible channel re-alignment in segment SD20 to US81.

- **Railroad Skew**— What is the preferred skew for a railroad crossing?
  
  **Response:** A skew of 30 percent is the maximum preferred for Railroad crossing, with RR crossing gates.

Project- US81 to 29th Street SE—

- **Intersection of 20th Avenue SE and 29th Street SE**—Can this intersection be curved, so that trucks will be able to turn without stopping?
  
  **Response:** This will be considered and a curve can be added. The group prefers the curve, although once the 29th Street SE to I-29 portion is completed it will need to be reconstructed.

- **Signal at Intersection of Hwy 81 and 20th Avenue**— Will a signal be installed at this intersection?
  
  **Response:** The issue was considered and there would be no need for lights until the ultimate 5 lane roadway is built. Stop signs for 20th Avenue traffic will be placed for the interim build condition. When and if warranted, a traffic signal can be installed.
# Focus Watertown Update

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Project Status

In August 2006, the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) announced the construction of the Watertown South Connector. The proposed roadway will extend from Highway 20 to I-29. This second informational brochure is intended to update you on the progress of the project.

The foldout section of this brochure illustrates the roadway alignment options under consideration for the project.

Here is an updated list of project milestones and the anticipated schedule for the rest of the project:

Summer/Fall/Winter 2006
- Public input on the project began with an August 8, 2006 public input meeting.
- Field investigations examined areas that may be impacted by the project.
- Potential roadway alignments were developed.
- Social, environmental, and economic impacts of the project were analyzed and documented.

Winter/Spring/Summer 2007
- Environmental Assessment documents were reviewed by City, State, and Federal agencies. Documents were modified to address comments.

Fall 2007
- Draft Environmental Assessment for 20th Avenue S from US 81 to 29th Street SE was released to the public and to federal and state regulatory agencies on October 1, 2007.
- Public meeting held on October 23, 2007, regarding the EA for 20th Avenue S from US 81 to 29th Street SE.
- Public information/input meeting held on October 23, 2007 for South Connector from SD 20 and US 81.
- Preparation of design plans for 20th Avenue S to begin

Winter 2007/2008
- Draft Environmental Assessment for South Connector from SD 20 to US 81 will be released to the public and to federal and state regulatory agencies.
- Public meeting will be held regarding the EA for South Connector from SD 20 to US 81 and preparation of design plans will begin.
- Right-of-way acquisition for 20th Avenue S (from US 81 to 29th Street SE) will begin.

Spring 2008
- Right-of-way acquisition for South Connector from SD 20 to US 81 will begin.

Fall 2008
- Bids will be received for 20th Avenue S.

Spring 2009
- Bids will be received for South Connector from SD 20 to US 81.
- Construction of 20th Avenue S from US 81 to 29th Street SE will begin.

Summer 2009
- Construction of South Connector from SD 20 to US 81 will begin.

Notes:
- Construction schedule may change depending on funding availability.
- Construction of the South Connector from 29th Street SE to I-29 is not yet scheduled; therefore an Environmental Assessment will not be prepared at this time.

If you have any other questions, please contact:
- Terry Keller, South Dakota Department of Transportation, 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, (605) 773-3721, or herb.blomquist@cityofwatertown.sd.us, City of Watertown, 23 Second St. NE, Watertown, SD 57201, (605) 882-6204 or James Unruh, HDR, 6300 S. Old Village Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, (605) 977-7740

Present

Future

October 2007

South Dakota Department of Transportation
ATTN: Terry Keller
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Project Overview

The South Connector is needed to relieve congestion and reduce accidents on Highway 212. It is also needed to provide good access, especially for trucks, to the rapidly developing industrial area on the City’s south side.

(Source: Watertown Area Transportation Plan 2005)

Presentation Outline

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6. Comments on Environmental Assessment
7. Additional questions at exhibits

From 2005 Watertown Area Transportation Plan
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Corridor length = 4.5 to 5 miles

Study Areas shown at August 8, 2006 Public Meeting

Options shown at August 8, 2006 Public Meeting

3 separate EA documents will be prepared

Project Limits – US 81 to 29th St SE

To 2200’ South of 212

From US 81 2 miles

posted speed
- Roadway shifted south to minimize impacts to small businesses and residences.
- Roadway shifted north to minimize impact to residential acreage and flood control dike.
- Roadway shifted south to avoid new electrical transmission line.
Goal: No rise in 100 year flood elevation upstream of new roadway/bridges.
100 year flood elevation increases

- 165' bridge = 5" ($0.9 mil)
- 265' bridge = 2" ($1.4 mil)
- 365' bridge = 1" ($2.5 mil)
- 465' bridge = 0.25" ($2.5 mil)
- 565' bridge = 0" ($3.0 mil)

(numbers are preliminary)

100 year flood elevation increases

- 165' bridge = 8.5" ($2.9 mil)
- 265' bridge = 4" ($1.4 mil)
- 365' bridge = 1" ($2.5 mil)
- 465' bridge = 0.25" ($2.5 mil)
- 565' bridge = 0" ($3.0 mil)

(numbers are preliminary)

Existing US 81 bridge = 101' long

365' bridge is the preferred bridge length option
Will require revision of floodplain map

Project Limits
- SD 20 to US 81

From SD 20

To US 81

Ultimate along Broadway (some sections will be 2 lanes)

Ultimate along 20th Ave

Interim along 20th Ave
Project Limits
29th St to 41st St

Schedule – US 81 to 29th St SE
- Fall 2007 – Meet with affected landowners
- Fall/Winter 2007 – Finalize design and EA
- Spring 2008 – Begin right-of-way acquisition
- Fall 2008 – Bid for construction
- Spring 2009 – Start construction

Schedule – SD 20 to US 81
- Winter 2007/2008 – Release draft EA and hold public meeting
- Spring 2008 – Finalize design and begin right-of-way acquisition
- Spring 2009 – Bid for construction
- Summer 2009 – Start Construction
Schedule – 29th St to 41st St

EA will be prepared when project is funded.

Conclusion

Project Team Introductions
- SDDOT
- City of Watertown
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- HDR

Comment forms available for written comments

Verbal comments

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