APPENDIX D

CITY OF PIERRE/DM&E RAILROAD CROSSING STUDY
OPEN HOUSE MEETING RECORD
NOVEMBER 27, 2006
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OPEN HOUSE TRANSCRIPT

The following is a summary of the Public Open House held on November 27, 2006 for the purpose of public involvement for the railroad crossing alternatives at the “S-Curve” and Pierre Street crossings and the whistle free study for the remaining at-grade crossings.

1.0 OPEN HOUSE

An open house was held on November 27th, 2006 at the Kings Inn located at 110 East Sioux Avenue. 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The purpose of the open house was to discuss the Pierre/DM&E Crossing Study and more specifically the grade separated alternatives developed at the “S-Curve” and Pierre Street and a Whistle Free Study conducted at the remaining at-grade crossings. A total of 58 people attended the open house. See Attachment A to view the attendance list.

The goals of discussion regarding the crossing study at the open house were to present the alternatives developed at the S-Curve and Pierre Street and results of the whistle-free study to the public and to gather public input. A brief presentation (Attachment B) was given to inform the public of the intent of the study and to generate questions and/or comments. Directly following the presentation, the public was encouraged to ask only general questions regarding the study and to wait to discuss project specific comments during the open house format of the meeting.

Following the presentation, the public was encouraged to view a variety of displays that were available, including boards with text and graphics showing the Crossing Alternatives at the S-Curve and Pierre Street and improvement recommendations for a quiet zone at the remaining at-grade crossings. In addition to the presentation, an informational pamphlet was distributed as the public signed in.

Correspondence received from the public was logged and, if requested, a response was sent to the specific public entity or individual.

The following summarizes the informal1 comments received at the meetings:

- Most comments were generally supportive of the Project.
- There were several questions regarding re-routing the rail line around Pierre.
- There was a question asking if the DM&E does not move forward with the expansion, will the SDDOT and City of Pierre still move forward with a grade separated crossing at the S-Curve.
- There were several comments in support of Option 6A, which is the grade separated crossing at Polk.
- Received a comment regarding an additional option for review. This option maintained the existing alignment (Wells/Sioux) as the state highway. An overpass would tee into Wells Avenue at Polk Street, cross over the rail, curve and tie into Sioux Avenue.

Follow-up. HDR laid out an Option 6B to address this comment. Attached are the plan and profile for this option. Included with the aerial, we have identified pro’s and con’s for this option.

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1 Informal comments are those that were expressed to staff at the meeting but were not submitted as oral or written testimony.
A total of 8 written comments were received (See Attachment C). Comments and issues identified in the written comments were similar to those expressed informally at the meetings and included:

1. For the Grade Separated options at the "S-Curve":
   - One comment received from the owner of the Capitol Inn & Suites preferred Option 4.
   - Two comments received favor the Polk Avenue location for an overpass (Option 6A).

2. For the Pierre Street location, comments received were:
   - Two comments received favor Option 1. Both stated that any other option would destroy businesses in the area.
   - Received one comment that also favors Option 1, but further expresses the need to obtain a minimum 13’ clearance and replace the existing bridge with a single span bridge.

3. Received one comment requesting that the trains be re-routed around the City because of health issues and affects to traffic and business.

4. Received one comment stating that nothing heard convinces him that the costs of what has been proposed are worthwhile, practical, or feasible. Anything done will disrupt the population for years.
Items of concern, questions, or comments from November 27, 2006 Open House:

Nothing five hard or read makes any expenditure of that much money worthwhile, practical or feasible. No matter what is done it will totally disrupt Pierre and its population for years!

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

JOHN SALLADAY 1021 E CAPITA PIERRE

Items of concern, questions, or comments from November 27, 2006 Open House:

Any other choice aside from option 1

For the pier or crossing would be catastrophic for my business.

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

205 W Pleasant, Pierre
Items of concern, questions, or comments from November 27, 2006 Open House:

I like the 3rd option the best.

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

Mark

Items of concern, questions, or comments from November 27, 2006 Open House:

Preserve St. option 1 looks like the best option.

Option 3 would hurt businesses in the area.

(Optional): Name and Contact Info
Items of concern, questions, or comments from November 27, 2006 Open House:

- Can we route the trains around the city, not through the city?
- There are health issues here.
- Obstruction of businesses.
- Traffic.

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

Aloysius Saukel 324-1155
(Optional): Name and Contact Info

Larry Weiss
222-4339

Items of concern, questions, or comments
from November 27, 2006 Open House:

UCKET S. -
I feel we need to increase
the vertical clearance to 12' to
14'. I feel the current
bridge should be replaced
with a single-span bridge.

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

Larry Weiss
222-4339

Items of concern, questions, or comments
from November 27, 2006 Open House:

Down Capital Dr. would
favor getting an underpass. Any other option
would appear to hurt our business considerably.

Cliff Visscher 605-337-2594
### SDDOT Pierre/DM&E Railroad Crossings

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Pierre/DM&E Railroad
Crossings Study

PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 27, 2006

Presentation at 5:35
Agenda

Introductions

Project Goals

S-Curve Options

Pierre Street Options

Poplar Street

Whistle Free Crossings

Open House Format
Project Goals

➤ Feasibility of Crossing Upgrades
   1) S-Curve
   2) Pierre Street
   3) Poplar Street
➤ Create a "Quiet Zone"
➤ DM&E Railroad
S-Curve

➤ 7 Original Options

➤ Narrowed to 3 Options
Pierre Street

- 3 Original Options
- Added a 4th Option
Quiet Zone

➢ 2 Types of Improvements

1) 4-Quadrant Gate System

2) 2-Quadrant Gate System w/ Raised Median
Open House

QUESTIONS?

Additional Questions:

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