Notice of Draft Section 4(f)/6(f) Evaluation
Project NH-PH 0085(20)26 PCN 0555 Lawrence County
US85 from the Junction with US385 to Cemetery Street in Deadwood
Grading, Curb & Gutter, Lighting & Surfacing

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) proposes to reconstruct a segment of US85 in Deadwood, South Dakota. The purpose of this project is to increase safety for the traveling public and pedestrians, and improve traffic flow through Deadwood. The proposed build alternative will have a minor impact on Richard Gordon Memorial Park and will also impact two quarry stone walls that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Deadwood Historic Preservation Office have determined are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The proposed project is an action that is subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966 (49 USC 303 and 23 USC 138). Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect publicly owned parks, recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and significant historic sites from impacts by USDOT actions. After an evaluation of the impacts of an action upon Section 4(f) resources, a finding must be made. The proposed action is also subject to Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCF) of 1965, as LWCF funds were used to enhance Gordon Park.

This notice is to inform you that a draft Section 4(f)/6(f) Evaluation has been prepared for the project and is available for your review and comment. Copies of the draft document are available for review at the City of Deadwood Office of Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation, 108 Sherman Street, Deadwood, South Dakota, and at the SDDOT Office of Project Development, 700 E. Broadway Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. The document can also be reviewed online at: http://www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/environmental/assessments/docs/Lawr0555_ApprovedDraft4f_6fEval101812.pdf

Comments on the draft document will be accepted until Friday, November 9, 2012.

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