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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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 informal<sup>1</sup> 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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<sup>1</sup> 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 I've heard or read  
makes an expenditure of that  
much money worthwhile, practical  
or feasible.

No matter what is done it  
will totally disrupt Pierre & its  
population for years!

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

JOHN SALLADAY 1021 E CAPITOL PIERRE

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

Any other choice aside from option 1  
For the Pierre ST 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 6A option the  
Best

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

Mark Killy

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

Pierre 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 ~~SAUKA~~ SAUKEL 224-1155

TERRY H. from November 27, 2006 Open House:

I feel the road pass @ the S-CLEVEL creates too many operational/maintenance ISSUES for the city. I prefer the PINK O.V.T. PASS.

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

*Larry Weiss* Pub. Safety Comm.  
Larry Weiss 222-4339

TERRY H. -  
Items of concern, questions, or comments from November 27, 2006 Open House:

PICKER ST. -  
I feel we need to increase the vertical clearance to 13 to 14'. I feel the current bridge should be replaced with a single span bridge.

(Optional): Name and Contact Info

*Larry Weiss* Pub. Safety Comm.  
Larry Weiss 222-4339

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

Down Capital Dr & Butler and I would favor option 4 unless. Any other options would appear to hurt our business considerably.

Cliff Vischer 605-337-2394



# SDDOT Pierre/DM&E Railroad Crossings

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Name	Address	City, State ZIP
Bill Regynski	207 S Adams B	Pierre SD 57501
Jim Protxter	300 W DAKOTA	PIERRE
MARK KIST	640 N EUCLID	PIERRE SD 57501
CHUCK SCHROYER	100 WOODRIVER QUAY	PIERRE, SD 57501
John Forman	29581 US Hwy 14	Pierre, SD 57501
Tim Bjornberg	700 E Broadway	Pierre, SD 57501
Brad Palmer	222 East Dakota	Pierre, SD 57501
Dalton Huber	801 East Sioux	Pierre
Joey Lamb	Box 48	Sioux SD 57507
Teal Hall	1136 Harrison Ave	PIERRE, SD
Lenny Keelan	SDDOT	
Wanda	14112	
Jean Lee	14112	
Arthur Hill	14112	

# SDDOT Pierre/DM&E Railroad Crossings

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Name	Address	City, State ZIP
Chuck Kohler	221 East Pleasant	Pierre, SD 57501
Pauly Johnson	712 S. 2nd St	Pierre, SD 57501
Steve Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Bob Johnson	1550	Pierre, SD 57501
Al Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Ray Miller	5 Clare Place	Pierre, SD 57501
Harold Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Kevin Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Tim Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
John Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Sam Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
John Childs	1111 E. Park	Pierre, SD 57501
Sam Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Ed Johnson	SDD (M) 1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Sam Hyde	1111	Pierre, SD 57501
Sam Johnson	1111	Pierre, SD 57501

# SDDOT Pierre/DM&E Railroad Crossings

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Name	Address	City, State ZIP
John Therrien	Box 785	Pierre SD 57501
Mark Killiany	24051 L. Williams Rd	Pierre SD 57501
Randy Flanagan	300 S. Pierre	Pierre SD 57501
Michael Bickel		
Mich Oleschak	1202 E. Sioux Ave	Pierre SD 57501
John Morrison	4 S. Williams	Pierre SD 57501
Kiana M. Kishner	1112 E. Sibley	Pierre SD 57501
Laurie Gull	5514 W. 4th St	Pierre SD 57501
Tom Plyler	3052 19th St	Pierre SD 57501
Clayton Curtis	Ft. Pierre	Pierre
Patricia Algeous Soudel	136 Orion	Pierre
Catherine Kishner	515 E. 4th St Pierre	
Erwin Keiser	110 Hyde Dr, Pierre	
Jim Iverson	129 E. Washington	Pierre
John Rehlif	116 E Dakota	Pierre

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# SDDOT Pierre/DM&E Railroad Crossings

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# SDDOT Pierre/DM&E Railroad Crossings

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Name	Address	City, State ZIP
Kevin Murphy	104 117 1/2 Ave	Pierre SD 57501
Ladette Wolfe	111 Lake Street, Pierre, SD	Pierre, SD 57501
Cliff Reun	1912 E Franklin	Pierre SD
D. H. Kerkhouse	410 S Pierre	Pierre SD
Garnett Amil	Box 27 Canada SD	Canada SD 57561
E. Newberry	125 S. Jefferson	Pierre SD
Trusty Investak	104 117 1/2 Ave	Pierre
Kern Trust	Pierre D-T	Pierre
JERRY KLOCKER	PIERRE 903 N Madison	PIERRE, S.D.
Bruce McInnis	200 N. Tyler	Pierre

**Pierre/DM&E Railroad**

**Crossings Study**

**PROJECT OPEN HOUSE**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2006**

**Presentation at 5:35**

**HDR**

# Agenda

November 27, 2006

- **Introductions**
- **Project Goals**
- **S-Curve Options**
- **Pierre Street Options**
- **Poplar Street**
- **Whistle Free Crossings**
- **Open House Format**

**HDR**

# Introductions



➤ Citizens Committee

➤ SDDOT

➤ City of Pierre

➤ HDR

**HDR**



# **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

HDR

# Pierre Street

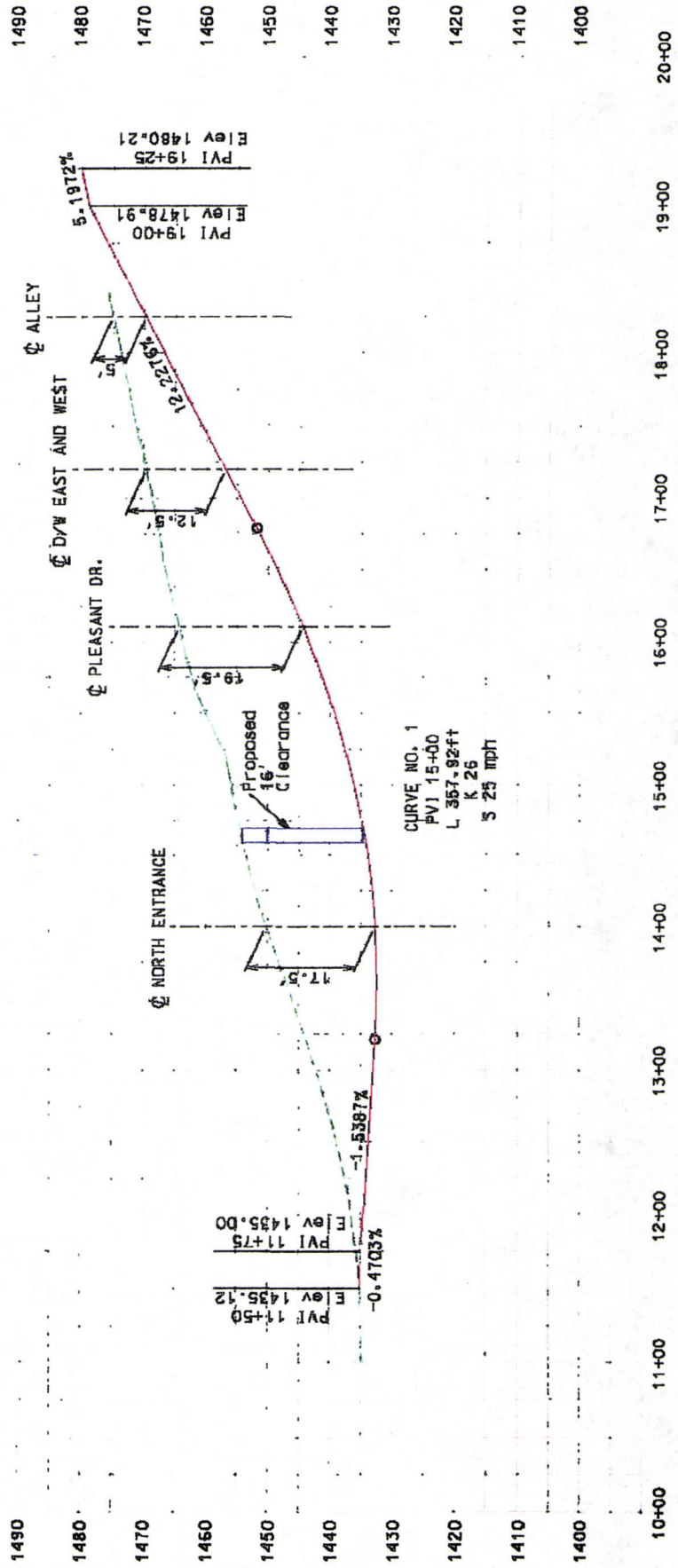
➤ 3 Original Options

➤ Added a 4<sup>th</sup> Option

HDR

# Poplar Street

## ➤ Feasibility



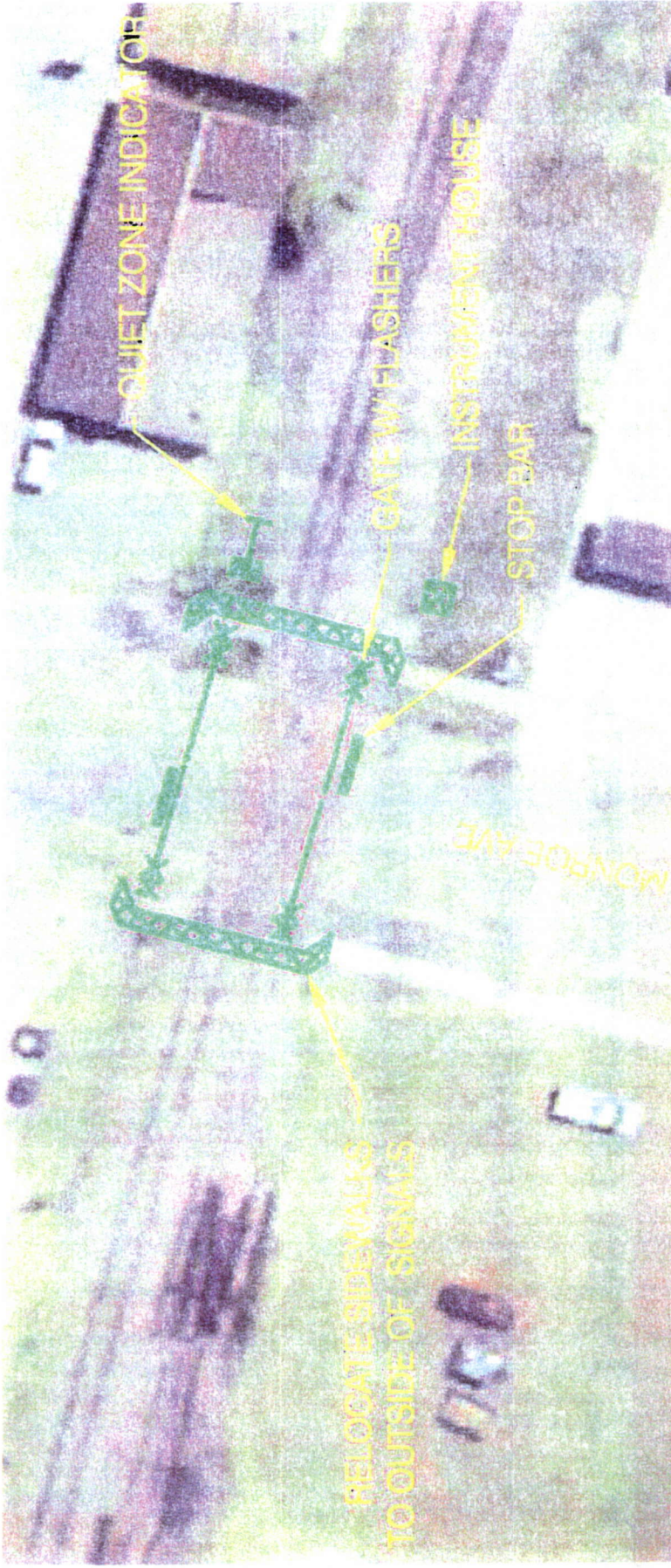
Poplar Profile

# Quiet Zone

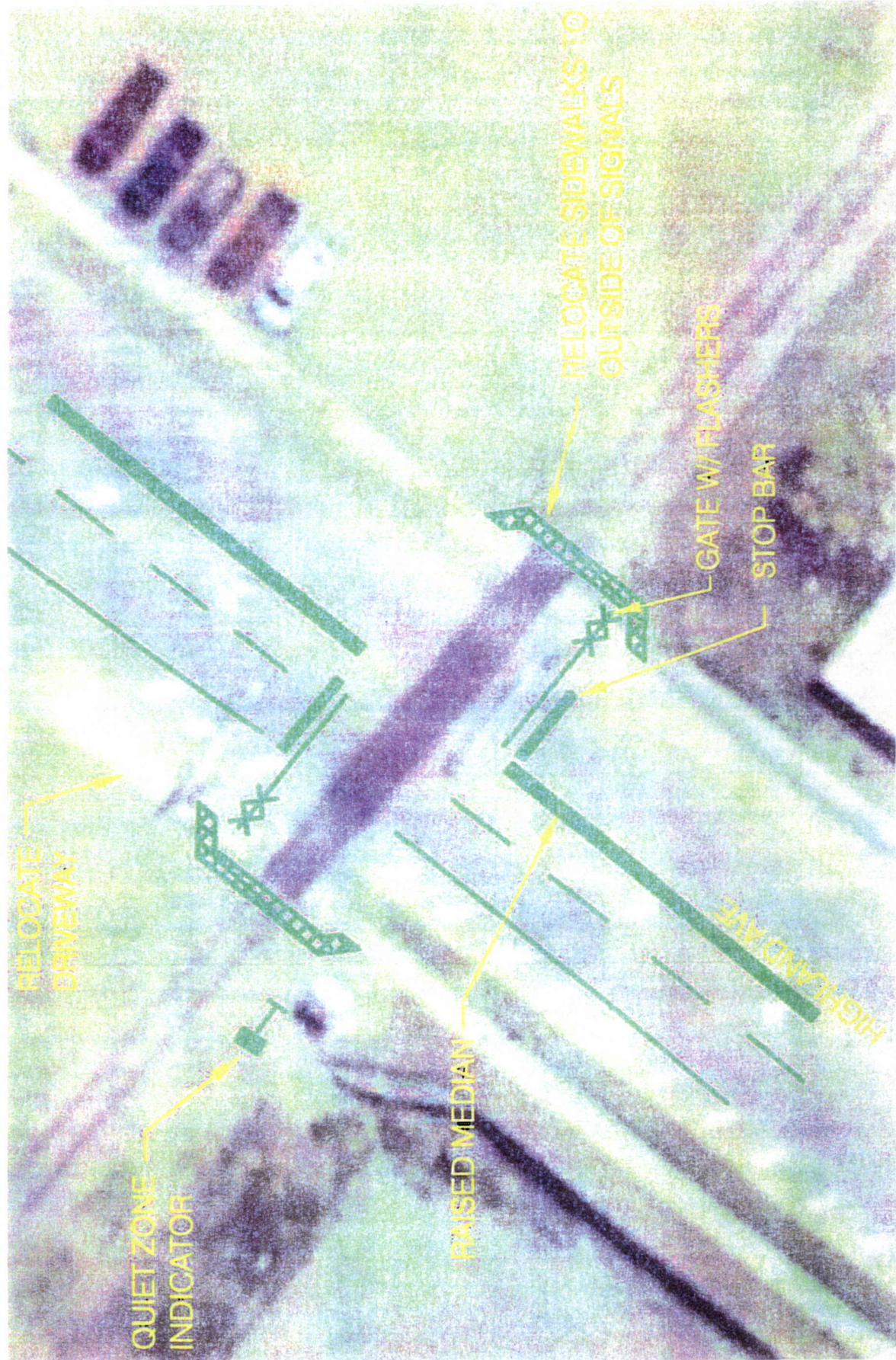
## ➤ 2 Types of Improvements

- 1) 4-Quadrant Gate System
- 2) 2-Quadrant Gate System w/ Raised Median

# 4-Quadrant Gate System



# 2-Quadrant Gate System w/ Median



# Open House



## QUESTIONS?

### Additional Questions:

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700 East Broadway Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

Ph. 605-773-3721

Steve Hoff – HDR  
6300 S. Old Village Place  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Ph. 605-977-7740