



DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Public Meeting Open House

Project Location: S.D. Highway 25 from two and one-half miles north of S.D. Highway 50 to U.S. Highway 18 near Scotland

Project Number: P 0025(101)7

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

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Mission Statement

**We provide a safe and efficient public
transportation system.**

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Purpose of the Meeting

Involve the public in
the planning and
design process

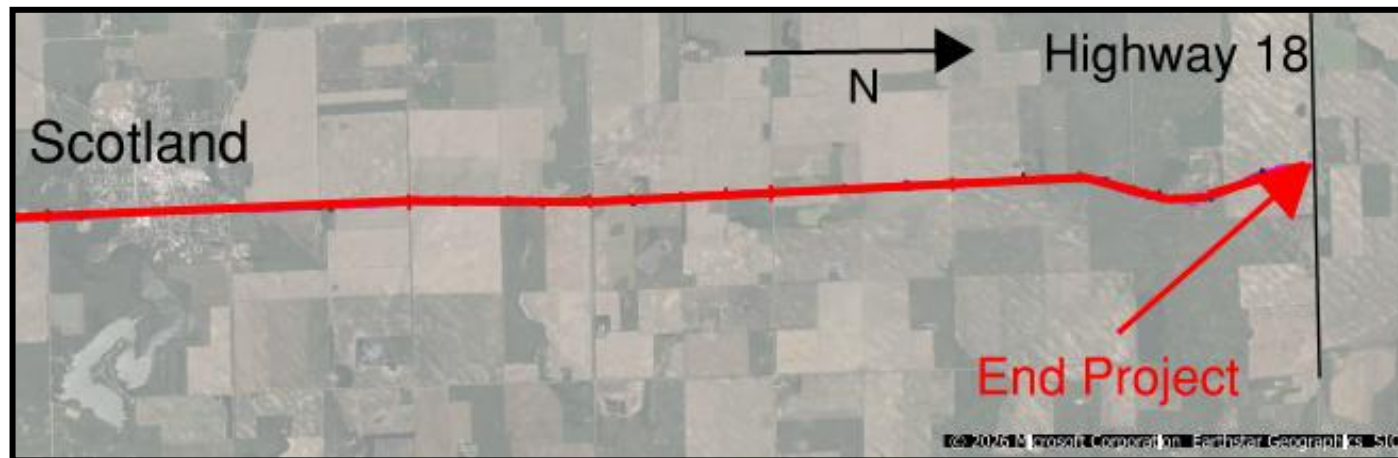
Provide a project
overview

Gather input and
comments



- ✓ **Background information**
- ✓ **Proposed project**
- ✓ **Project schedule**

Project Limits



Background Information

Grading in 1941

Last Surface Improvements in 2012

Structures between 1941 - 2012

Traffic Data and Information

2025 Average daily traffic (ADT): 897

2050 Projected ADT: 1,423

13.5% Average truck traffic

Crash History

17 Reported crashes

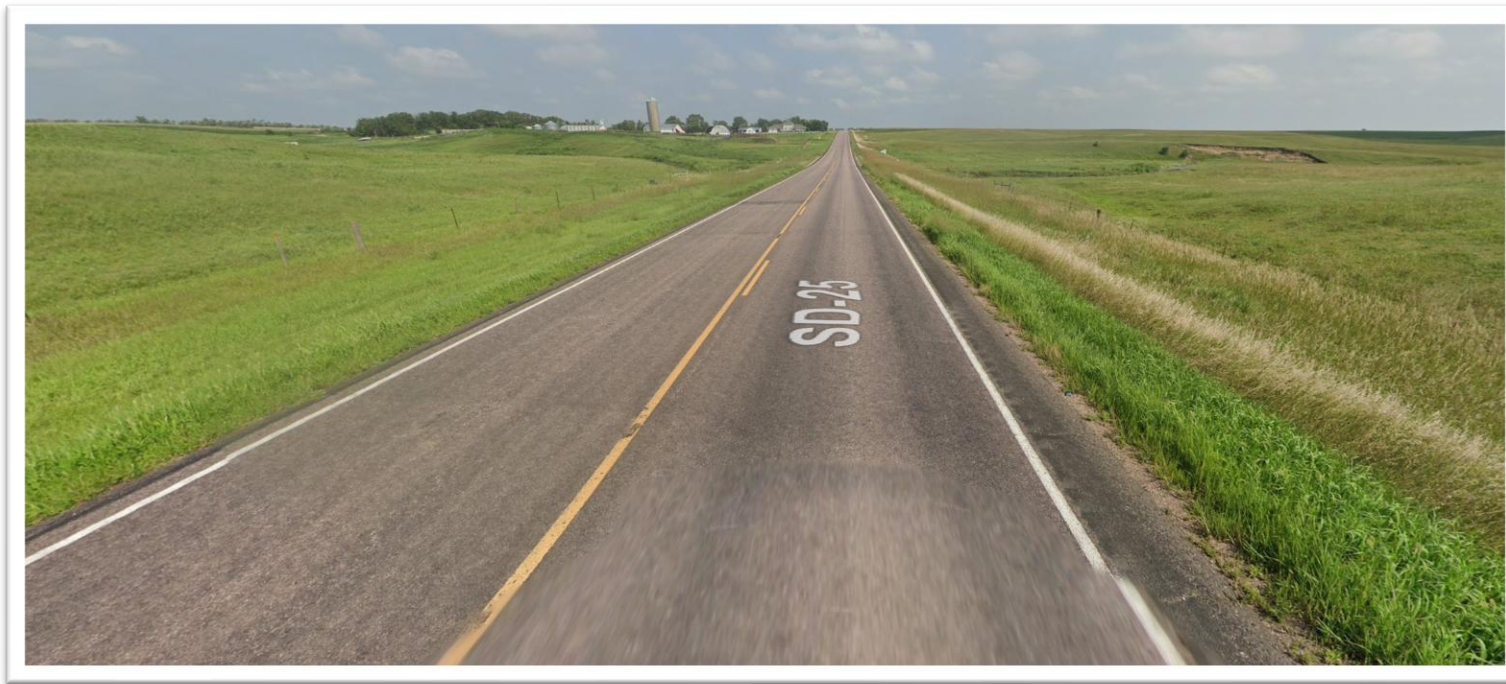
(Five-year period from 2021-2025)

- Three (3) rear end crashes
- One (1) Head-on crash
- One (1) fixed object crash
- One (1) overturn off road crash
- Two (2) sideswipe crashes
- Seven (7) animal/vehicle crashes
- One (1) parked vehicle crash
- One (1) intersection crash
- One (1) fatality
- Four (4) injuries

Urban principal arterial

- Reported crash rate = 1.13
Statewide weighted crash rate = 1.88 (crashes per million vehicle miles of travel)

Why This Project is Needed



Pavement condition

Drainage

Improved safety

Narrow shoulders

Proposed Improvements



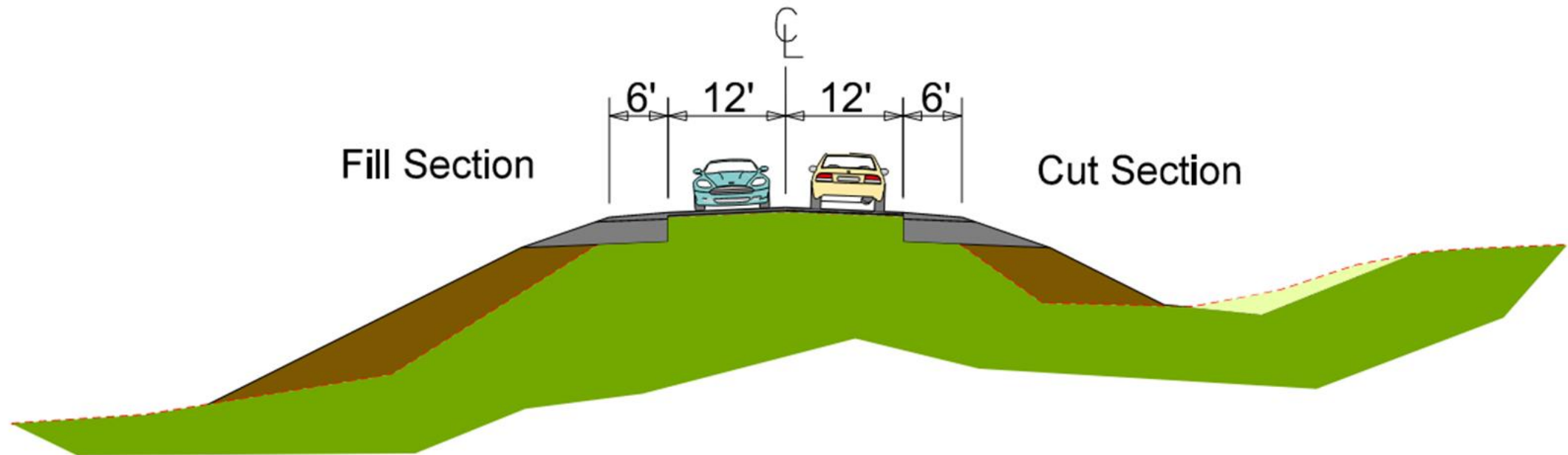
Improved Drainage

Wider Shoulders

Smoother Curves

New Pavement

Proposed Typical Section



Access Management

Manage location and number of access points

Provide safe, efficient access to streets and highways by relocating, combining, and eliminating access points



✓ **See handout**

Right of Way (ROW)

Existing width varies 66-200 feet

Purchase additional ROW as needed

Temporary easements as needed

See handout

Encroachments

Private property in public ROW

Federal highway regulations for safety

Examples

- Signs
- Private use (parking)
- Landscaping

Notification

Owners of encroachments will be notified by the Yankton Area Office.

See handout

Utility Coordination

Some utilities may need to be relocated.



Utility companies negotiate easements with landowners.



- B-Y Water
- Bon Homme Yankton Electric
- City of Scotland
- Fort Randall Telephone Company
- Golden West Communications
- Northwestern Energy
- Northwestern Energy (HP Gas)
- Southeastern Electric Cooperative Inc.

See handout

Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns

This project is being developed in accordance with applicable State and Federal environmental regulations.

- **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended.**
- **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal actions to take into account the effects of project undertakings on historic properties. The public is invited to provide information on any known historic properties (archaeological sites, historic buildings, historic bridges, etc.).

A historic district is located on Highway 25 in Scotland.



Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns

- **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act**

Federal regulations require that unavoidable wetland impacts caused by highway construction be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. If you are interested in creating or restoring wetlands on your property, please complete the Wetland Mitigation Registry Form in the handouts.

- **Section 4(f) of the USDOT Transportation Act of 1966**

Project development will include all possible planning to avoid and minimize harm to publicly owned parks, recreational areas, wildlife & waterfowl refuges, or public & private historical sites. The public is invited to review and comment on the possible effects on the activities, features, and attributes to:

Game Production Areas are located in the proximity of Highway 25 and will not be impacted by construction. However, alternative routes may be needed to reach the Game Production Areas.

Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns

- **Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act**

The project will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine effects to the following species that are known to occur in Bon Homme and Hutchinson Counties:

- Birds: Piping Plover, Rufa Red Knot, Whooping Crane
- Fish: Topeka Shiner
- Clams: Higgins Eye (pearly mussel)
- Insects: Monarch Butterfly, Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee, Western Regal Fritillary
- Plants: Western Prairie Fringed Orchid

Efforts are proceeding to ensure this undertaking will not adversely affect listed species in Bon Homme and Hutchinson Counties.



Construction Traffic Control

Two-year plan

Year One (1): 303rd Street to Scotland

Year Two (2): Scotland to U.S. Highway 18

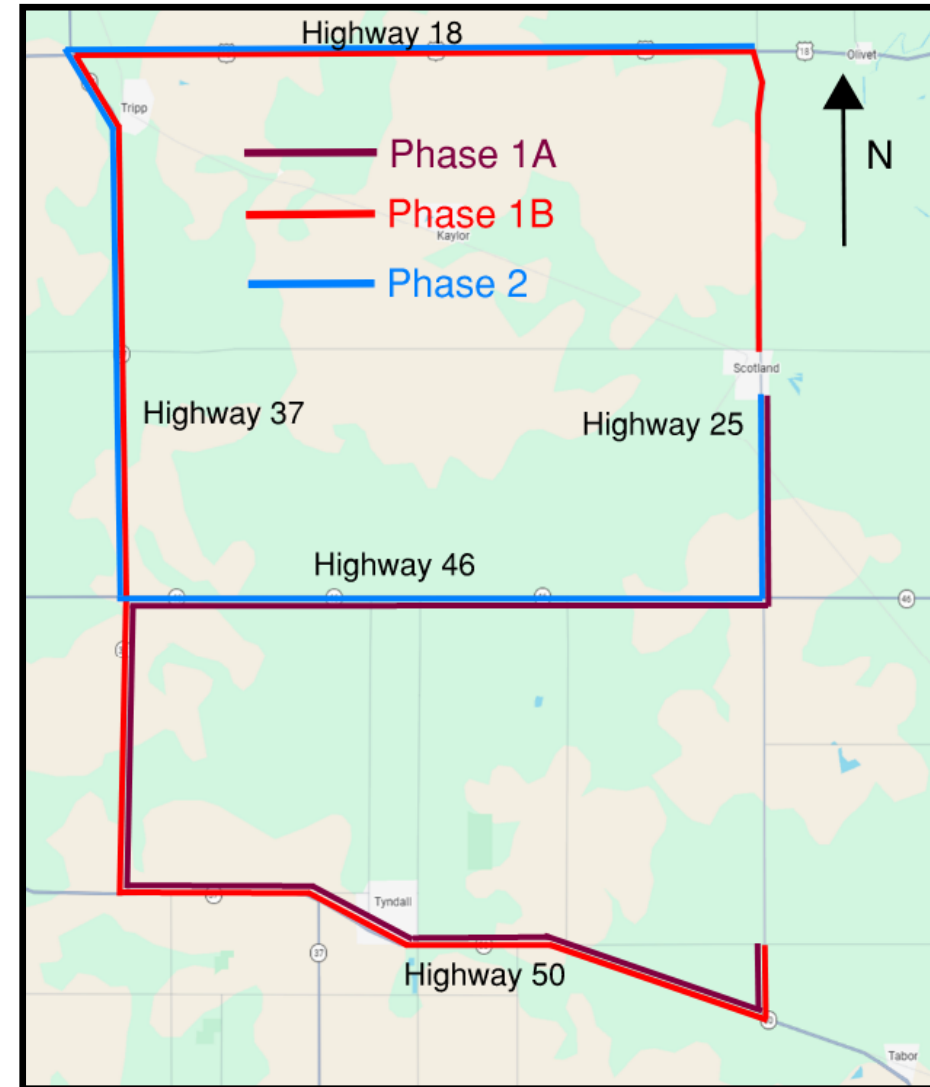
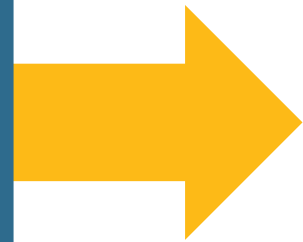


**Closed to through traffic
phased construction**

Construction Traffic Control

**Detour routes for S.D.
Highway 25 traffic during
construction:**

- Phase 1A: Routes
Highways 50→37→46
- Phase 1B: Routes
Highways 50→37→18
- Phase 2: Routes
Highways
25→46→37→18



Landowner Meetings

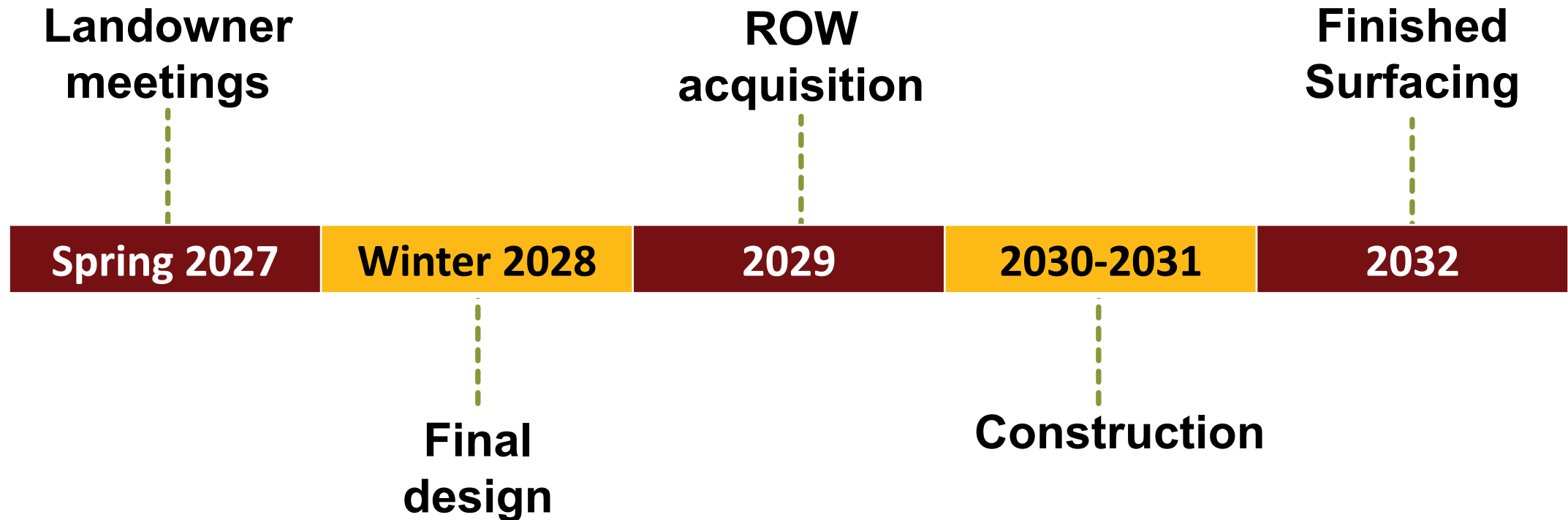
Discussion Items

- Driveway locations/widths
- Fences
- Drainage
- Trees
- Temporary easements or ROW acquisition

Tentative Project Schedule

Dependent on federal funding

Estimated cost: \$33.9 million



Future Project

08GA – Through Scotland

- Estimated Cost: \$13.6 Million
- Asphalt Concrete Surfacing, Curb Ramps through Scotland
- Estimated construction 2032

Questions or Comments?

- Written Comment Deadline:
Friday, Aug. 14, 2026
- Submit to:
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