

Connecting the DOTs

National Work Zone Awareness Week

The 2026 "Go Orange" traveling trophy recipient is the Road Design Office!



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The Secretary's Corner



The Role of AI in Transportation:

Jim Anderson, founder and CEO of enterprise software firm Beacon, states that one of the critical capabilities artificial intelligence or AI will bring to the state department of transportation community is the ability to synthesize large volumes of information faster and cheaper versus manual processes.

Speaking at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (**AASHTO**) 2026 spring meeting in Georgia, Anderson said the sheer scale of investment in AI (\$2.5 trillion in 2026 alone) is going to create technological leaps that will be both large and highly unpredictable. He noted, "How will it be compounded over the next 25 years? The reality is none of us, myself included, know exactly where this is going. That's one of the things that makes it exciting, but also maybe a little bit scary."

Yet perhaps one of the biggest benefits AI can provide state DOTs is the ability to "synthesize" large amounts of information, especially when it comes to the millions of documents and the amount of data state DOTs must manage.

Each state DOT is navigating how best to engage in data governance and use AI responsibly. This will take time, as we all have different systems and our data is warehoused in many different locations and formats. Engineering plans, compliance documents, environmental studies, and myriads of other documents comprise what Anderson described as "unstructured data". It is this data that AI cannot only help state DOTs manage, but also use more productively to improve our efficiency in many areas.

Anderson said, "The millions of documents present an opportunity right now. You know how to deal with numbers via spreadsheets and now, with AI, we can use large language models to effectively do math on words. Remember, those millions of documents represent a massive amount of knowledge and wisdom. That is the information that will help us build better infrastructure and maintain it better."

As SDDOT, we are working toward developing a framework on data governance and engaging with BIT on what an AI platform may look like for us. This will provide a roadmap for the future – more to come.

PEN (Performance Excellence Network) Assessment Outcomes:

On May 7 and 8, 2026, SDDOT staff will attend the annual PEN Conference at which time we will learn the results (recognition level) derived from our 2025 pen application, site visit, and overall evaluation by examiners. PEN provides a comprehensive organizational assessment (using the **Baldrige Framework**) to help leaders better understand and prioritize key strengths and improvement opportunities. This assessment helps us understand what is working well within our organization and what needs attention.

While we are excited to learn more about the recognition level derived from our assessment, our main focus in the PEN analysis is for organizational learning, resource optimization, and agency-wide improvement in outcomes.

Primavera Tips/Tricks:

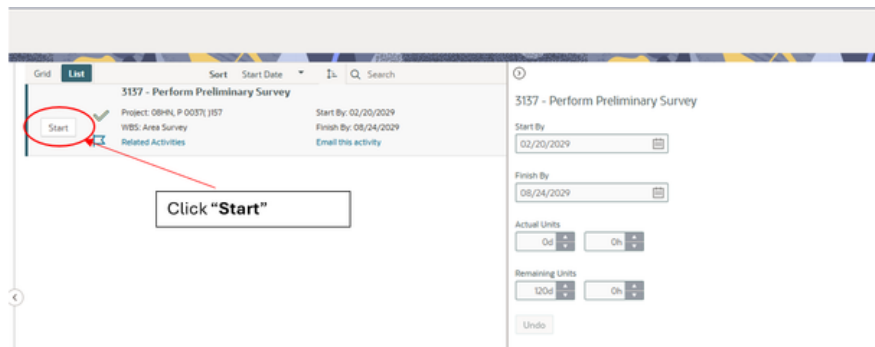
How to update the status of an Activity using My Activities

SDDOT utilizes Primavera Cloud, which is a cloud-based scheduling software for the design phase of a project. Additionally, Primavera Cloud is utilized for various aspects of project management to help with managing resource workloads (current & future) and to assist in the delivery of projects in a timely matter.

This tip demonstrates **how to update the status of an Activity using My Activities** in Primavera Cloud.

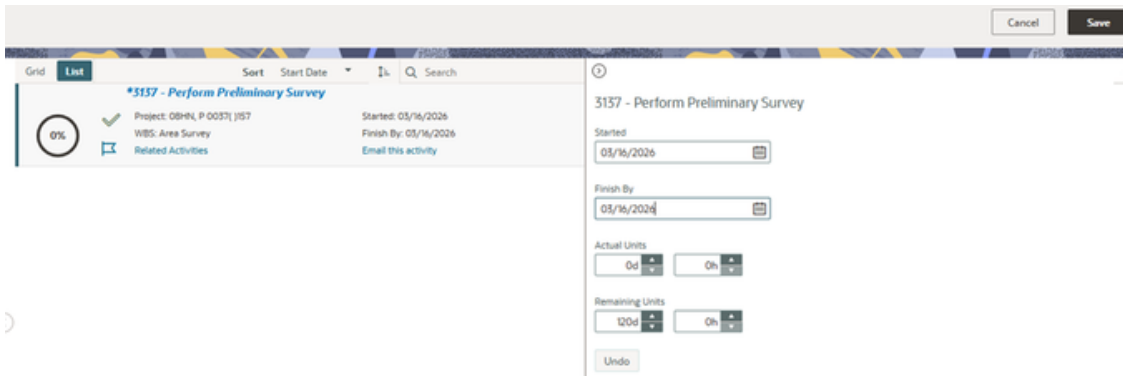
1. When working in **My Activities** and updating the **Activities** status,

a. Click the **“Start”** button

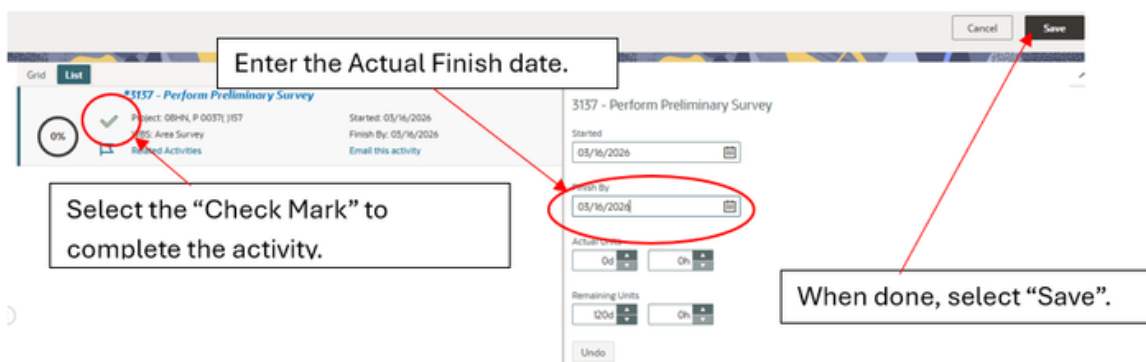


b. Enter the **“Actual Start Date” (Start By)** and the finish date (**Finish By**) you plan on finishing the **Activity**, then select **“Save”**.

***If you do not enter a finish date in the “Finish By”, it will push the “Finish by” date out based on the full duration of the Activity.**



c. When the Activity has been completed, enter the **Actual Finish** in the **“Finish By”**, select the **“Check Mark”**, and then select **“Save”**.



If you have questions about the Primavera Cloud software, please reach out to the Project Delivery Team. Earl Berg: earl.berg@state.sd.us or 773-7191 or Kathryn Faubel: Kathryn.Faubel@state.sd.us or 773-3567



Pro-Active vs. Reactive Safety Measures

By: Chuck Layton, Safety Manager

Last month, I introduced “Values vs. Priorities” as one of the six (6) base pillars in our **Journey to a Zero Incident Safety Mindset**. This month I would like to add another step in our process:

1) Pro-Active vs. Reactive:

If our response to safety is based on reacting to an injury or incident and does not include proactive preventive measures, there will always be injuries and there will never be success. Below is an accident “pyramid” which illustrates that by the time an injury occurs there are already hundreds if not thousands of separate unsafe actions and/or events that have occurred to set up the conditions for that injury.

Only with proactive safety measures that address performance at the base of that pyramid, will we begin to show significant improvements in safety. **Accident Reduction Techniques** and other applicable supervisory training will be given to our team to enhance our approach to addressing outcomes; and assist with our growth into the **“Value Based Zero Incident” Culture**. We will focus on proper **Safety Intervention Techniques** that will promote positive reinforcement approaches to hazard recognition and unsafe behaviors and conditions.

WE all must treat significant Near Misses and Stop Work Events as if they are an actual accident. Only then will we begin to see results in our efforts.



Our **Safety Values** must align with our vision: *“Better Lives through Better Transportation”*.

Bison Update

By: **Kellie Beck, Director of Finance & Management**

The timeline for “go live” has been re-baselined with a new date of July 2027. Some additional information related to the project timeline and upcoming project activities is provided below.

Updated Project Schedule:

- Finalization of BISON Design Elements: Now through June
- System Integration Testing (SIT): Begins mid-July
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT): Tentatively scheduled for January–March 2027
- End User Training (EUT): Tentatively scheduled for May–June 2027
- Go-Live: July 2027

Current efforts are focused on refining the BISON solution in key areas such as Project Portfolio Management (PPM), Chart of Accounts / General Ledger / Budgetary Control, and Accounts Receivable.

This will continue through early June. From a PPM (Project Portfolio Management) perspective, a representative group of eight agencies (SDDOT is one of the eight) has been identified to help validate the solution across diverse operational scenarios and provide confidence that the PPM solution will work effectively for all agencies using this functionality. These eight agencies will also lead the SIT testing efforts for PPM functionality.

There is still a lot of work to do, so I want to thank everyone for their participation when they are asked to attend meetings or provide documentation. Your thoughts and expertise are very valuable. Please reach out with any questions.



BISON KDSR (Know, Do, Share, Report Back)

The monthly KDSR (Know, Do, Share, Report Back) is your go-to resource for staying informed about BISON and accessing key information. We encourage you to review it, share it with your teams, and post it around the office to keep everyone in the loop.

[March 2026 KDSR](#)

If you have any questions or feedback, the BISON team is always here to help—feel free to reach out at BISON@state.sd.us.



Finance Corner

Employee Travel Reimbursements

When an employee updates their address in Employee Space, this information needs to be relayed to their Administrative Support Staff as their address must be updated in Batch Load. This will prevent travel vouchers from being returned from the State Auditor's office, which delays the reimbursement.

Below is a return example, which was due to **two different addresses** being shown on a voucher cover sheet and travel detail sheet.

RECEIVED STATE AUDITOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SD DOT Direct Voucher

Created 03/10/2026 8:43:27 AM

Updated

Printed 03/10/2026 8:43:28 AM

Pay Entity	EMPL	Pymt Due	03/10/2026	Vendor	[REDACTED]
Inv Nbr	Z116RB008073	Contract		Long Name	[REDACTED]
Inv Date	02/25/2026	Gross	162.00	Address 1	1009 SOUTHLAND LANE
Pmt Code		Short Name	[REDACTED]		#209
Remit	SDDOT TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT 02/09/2026 TO 02/25/2026				
					BROOKINGS

OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

Your voucher needs more information and/or correction.
DO NOT REMOVE THIS NOTE. Thank you.

Verify address & home station

DOT-604 11/02

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
TRAVEL PAYMENT DETAIL

NAME		[REDACTED]		ORGANIZATION		1K	
ADDRESS		1300 EDGEWATER DR APT 202, PIERRE, SD 57501		BUDGET ENTITY		1113340	
Invoice ID	Date	Employee Number	Rtn Date	Adv	Exp	License No.	Home Station
Z116RB008073	2/25/2026	163573			X		Brookings

Please reach out to the Central Finance Office (**Brandy Hansen or Patricia Devitt**) with any questions.

2026 SD Airports Conference

The 2026 SD Airports Conference was a one-day conference that drew 117 attendees and featured presentations on the Pierre Runway rehab project, Airport Manager's role in customer service and operations, PCI Study and Budget Analysis, Geotechnical Investigations and Materials Testing, FAA Mechanic's Award, Airport Awards, and FAA and legislative updates.

This annual Airport Conference helps identify and prioritize future airport development needs. SDDOT is grateful for the support of 10 different sponsors who helped fund the annual Airports Conference and all the presenters who shared their time and expertise.

Thank you to the Air, Rail & Transit staff for their hard work and dedication to provide another outstanding SD Airports Conference.



Large General Aviation: Black Hills/Clyde Ice Field (Spearfish)

From left to right -
Channing Wagner - Airport Manager, Gary Hargens - City of Spearfish with Tom Koch and Jack Dokken - SDDOT

Small General Aviation: Custer County Airport

From left to right -
Tom Koch and Jack Dokken - SDDOT with Brenden Hendrickson - Airport Manager



Medium General Aviation: Belle Fourche Municipal Airport

From left to right -
Tom Koch and Jack Dokken - SDDOT with James Deranleau - Airport Manager

Basic Service General Aviation: Kimball Municipal Airport

From left to right -
Justus Baxter - Airport Manager with Tom Koch and Jack Dokken - SDDOT



March Mentoring Minute: The Importance of a Good Mentoring Match

By: Jason Baker and Josh Timmerman

Finding a strong mentoring match is critical, as it directly impacts the quality of guidance, accelerates personal and professional growth, and fosters trust. When a mentor and mentee are well aligned, the relationship leads to better career outcomes, greater satisfaction, and a more meaningful overall experience. **A compatible match ensures shared values, effective communication, and relevant support—transforming what could be a formal arrangement into a truly impactful partnership.**

The SDDOT Mentoring Committee invests significant time and thoughtful consideration into pairing mentors and mentees within each cohort. Their process prioritizes quality over quantity, with a strong emphasis on creating meaningful and productive matches.

Because of this commitment, not every participant is guaranteed a match—and that is intentional. A foundational principle of the committee is that it is better to leave someone unmatched than to force a pairing that may not be beneficial. An unproductive match can hinder growth rather than support it. Applicants who are not matched are encouraged to apply again in future cohorts. In many cases, the right match simply may not be available at that time, and a better fit may emerge in a later cycle.

Over the next couple weeks, the Mentoring Committee will work on pairing mentors and mentees. Participants will be notified of their mentoring match on Friday, May 1, 2026.

Mentoring Upcoming Events:

Extra Mile Mentoring Book Club – Thursday, April 29, 2026

12 p.m. – 3 p.m. (CT) in person at the Becker-Hanson Building (Room B17)

Mentor Bootcamp – Monday, May 11, 2026

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (CT) via TEAMS

Mentoring Program Kickoff – Wednesday, May 13, 2026

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (CT) in person at the Casey Tibbs Event Center

Make Time for Mentoring!



April Watercooler

April Watercooler Topics Include:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Open Enrollment Resources | 4. FTM Motor Pool Kiosks |
| 2. Virtual Benefits Fair | 5. Power Up! Summit |
| 3. Well-Being Incentive Deadlines | |

Your Monthly Update in Under Five Minutes!

April Watercooler

This month's topics:

1. Open Enrollment Resources	5. FTM Motor Pool Kiosks
2. Virtual Benefits Fair	6. Power Up! Summit
3. Well-Being Incentive Deadline	

[Click here to watch!](#) ↓

Click the graphic to watch on [YouTube](#)

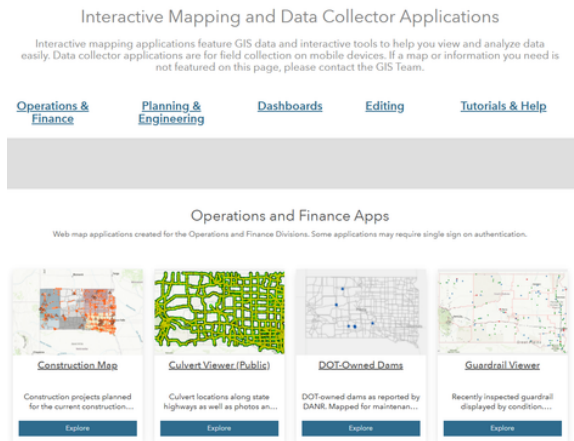
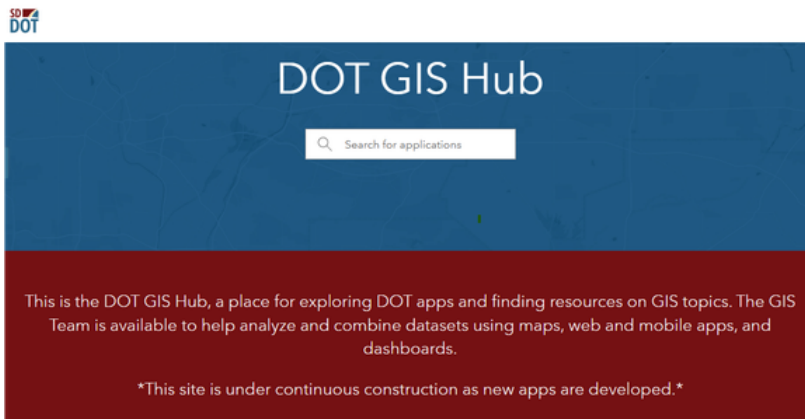
Explore the DOT GIS Hub

The DOT GIS Hub is your go-to place for authoritative GIS data, interactive maps, and tools that help with planning, design, maintenance, and communication. It brings everything DOT GIS together in one easy-to-use location: web maps, dashboards, ArcGIS Pro resources, and more.

Whether you're looking for roadway details, project updates, or traffic information, the Hub makes it easy to find and uses geospatial data to support better decisions across the Department.

Ready to get started? Click the link below and select **Sign In** to begin exploring. If you have questions or need help, reach out to the DOT GIS Team!

<https://dotgis.sd.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/dot-gis-web-maps-and-data-hub>



Celebrating 2026 Graduates

Spring is a wonderful time of year to celebrate academic achievements and future endeavors! If you or a family member has a milestone graduation this year, please send photos to dot.communications@state.sd.us by **Friday, May 8, 2026**, for the May newsletter and for our annual video collage. The video will also be shared on the lobby TVs the last week of May.

With the photo, please include the graduate's name, high school or college from which he/she is graduating, future plans, and your name and position as the SDDOT employee.

Example below . . .



Graduate:

Kayleigh A. Dueis, Northern State University

Degree:

Bachelor - Elementary Education

Future Plans:

She will be teaching 1st Grade at Saint Joseph School in Pierre

SDDOT Employee:

Kayleigh is the step-daughter of **Danny Varilek, Winter Maintenance Specialist, Operations (Pierre)**

Counting On You . . . Share Your Safety Stories

Have you ever shared a safety tip with your family or talked about a lesson learned with your kids? Have you had a close call on the road (SDDOT or personal) that reminded you why safety protocols matter?

We want to hear your stories! Whether it's about buckling up, distracted driving, the Move Over Law, or any other safety tip, your experiences can help make a difference.

Thanks for sharing your “**Counting on you**” stories! We will feature your stories through photos, short quotes, testimonials, or mini-stories in our newsletter and on social media.

Share your story idea with the Communications team at dot.communications@state.sd.us.

Let's inspire safety, one personal story at a time!



SDDOT Personal Branded Apparel Order



SDDOT staff favorites are still available in the store, along with new spring/summer options. There are over 40 items available in a range of styles and price points.

Three Ways to access the SDDOT Online Store . . .

- https://stores.inksoft.com/sddot_apparel_store/shop/home
- https://intranetdot.sd.gov/SDDOT_Branding.aspx
- Use the QR code



Please note this order is optional and paid by each employee via a personal credit card. Work-related safety apparel (as purchased by SDDOT) is completed through area offices.



“Need the Bee Schedule?”

Monday – West River/Rapid City/Murdo - It will stop in Kadoka and Philip if they have anything on the truck or anything that needs picked up.

Tuesday – Mobridge/Aberdeen/Watertown/Brookings - It doesn't regularly stop in Brookings unless research team has or needs SDSU items.

Wednesday – Sioux Falls/Mitchell/Huron - It will stop in Highmore if they have anything on the truck.

Below are the “pick up points” for Area Offices where the Bee does not regularly stop:

- Custer and Belle Fourche – pick up in Rapid City
- Winner- pick up in Murdo
- Yankton - pick up in Mitchell



Hall of Honor Nomination Information

Below are direct links to the nomination form and the complete list of inductees.

[2026 Transportation Hall of Honor Nomination Form](#)

[Hall of Honor Inductee List](#)



**SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION
HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE
ACCEPTING 2026 NOMINATIONS**



Contributions to consider when submitting a nomination are technological innovations, political activity, legislative accomplishments, creativity, time and cost saving initiatives, and economic impact on behalf of public transportation efforts within the state.

Anyone is welcome to submit a Transportation Hall of Honor nomination.

Nomination forms are available on the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) website at <https://dot.sd.gov> or by contacting Kari Kroll at 605-773-5105 or kari.kroll@state.sd.us.

The Hall of Honor nomination deadline is Friday, May 22, 2026, at 5 p.m. (CT).



2nd Annual "Picture the SDDOT" Photo Contest

Picture the SDDOT photo submission deadline now open through November 2026. The contest features photos submitted by and then voted upon by SDDOT staff.

Submit photos [here](#) or scan the QR Code!
Contest information is also available on the Intranet at https://intranetdot.sd.gov/picture_sddot.asp



2026 Picture the SDDOT Photo Contest



Click on the graphic to access the nomination form. The [Impact Award Informational Flyer](#) provides additional details too.

Please take the time to recognize the hard work of your co-workers!



2026 IMPACT AWARDS

Submit a nomination for a team or an individual who has gone above and beyond in demonstrating the Department's mission and vision!



Reminder: We encourage continued recognition of individual and team efforts through the SDDOT KUDOS Board! It's a great way to highlight and appreciate the contributions of individual employees all year long! The Kudos Board can be found on the homepage of the Intranet.

Submit your nominations by Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026 for consideration!



The Results are in...

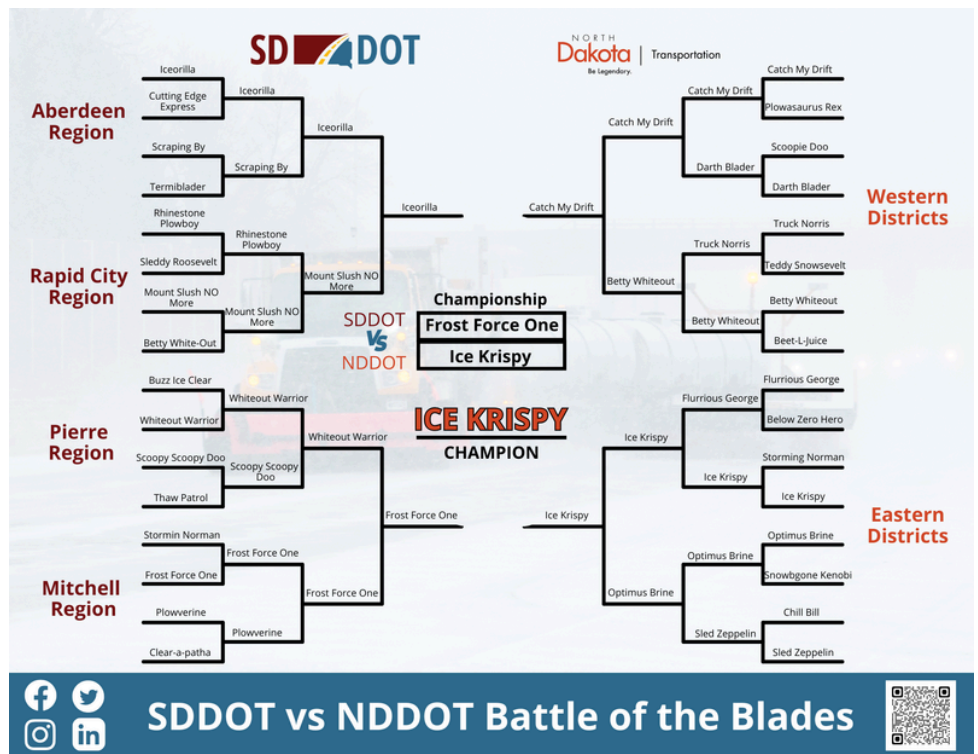
The results are in for the 2026 Battle of the Blades and while we didn't take home the title this year, Team SDDOT showed up in a big way!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, shared, and cast their votes. Your support and enthusiasm made this a fun and spirited competition from start to finish.

And congratulations to our neighbors to the north. Well done, NDDOT!

We're already looking forward to next year's rematch! And, we're hearing that other states want to join the fun!

Blizzard Bracket 2026

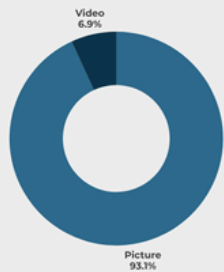


2026 Battle of the Blades Metrics

SDDOT Results During Blizzard Bracketing



Total Video Posts: 5
Performance by type



Top Performing Post
Views: 79,446

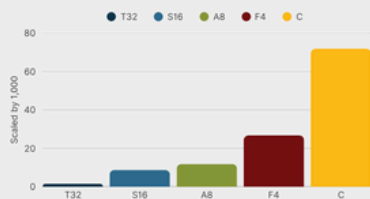
Total Photo Posts: 10



News Stories: 2

Blizzard Bracket Voting

Thaw-tful 32	1,469
Snowy 16	8,672
Abominable 8	11,825
Frosty 4	26,732
Championship	71,763



Total Votes: 120,461

*The Championship vote count is the only SDDOT/NDDOT combined total.

*News stories are solely identified in relation to the bracket play, not naming competition

Engagement for the annual snowplow naming contest and the March Madness Blizzard Bracket was outstanding once again this year!

As shown, over 120,000 votes were cast through the SDDOT site (and that DOESN'T include the rounds where NDDOT tabulated their own brackets!)

The Championship Round had such great public engagement, that we "broke the Internet" and had to add another voting form mid-stream; as we exceeded the 50,000 vote limit allowed by Microsoft Forms!

Thank you to all our Area staff who hosted meet and greet events with our winners again this year!

These are definitely "fan favorite" events within our communities!

National Work Zone Awareness Week - AGC Billboard 4th Grade Winners



Winner: Hudson
School: Ava Maria Catholic School - Watertown
Billboard Location: S.D. Highway 14 – Volga



Winner: Tommy
School: Creekside Elementary - Spearfish
Billboard Location: I-90 Spearfish



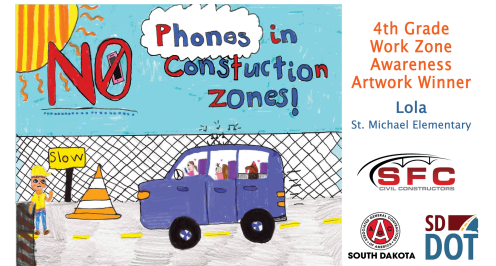
Winner: Tillie
School: Whitewood Elementary - Whitewood
Billboard Location: I-90 Whitewood



Winner: Khloe
School: Sonia Sotomayor Elementary - Sioux Falls
Billboard Location: I-29



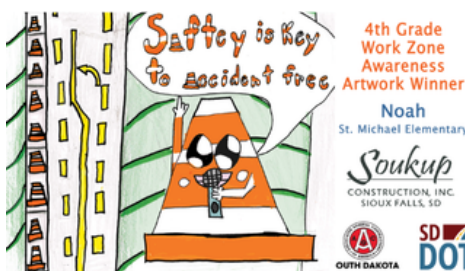
Winner: Maddie
School: Tea Legacy Elementary - Tea
Billboard Location: I-29



Winner: Lola
School: St. Michael Elementary - Sioux Falls
Billboard Location: I-29



Winner: Cece
School: St. Michael Elementary - Sioux Falls
Billboard Location: I-229



Winner: Noah
School: St. Michael Elementary - Sioux Falls
Billboard Location: I-229



Winner: Stella
School: Jefferson Elementary - Pierre
Billboard Location: Pierre

Training & Development Opportunities

Learn ~ Engage ~ Improve



Click here to [Join the Microsoft Teams Meeting](#). Learn more at <https://sdlearn.csod.com/ui/lms-learner-playlist/PlaylistDetails?playlistId=fb2c37eb-0fa8-43f8-9812-4d74a73c1d40>.

You can also be added to the recurring calendar invite each month, so you never miss a session! To get on this invite list, please email dotlms@state.sd.us.

(All trainings below are CT)

4/29/2026 1:30 p.m.

TLN: Leading Well: The Modern Manager's Toolkit - Zoom

4/30/2026 9:30 a.m.

TLN: Asphalt Preservation Toolkit - Zoom

5/12/2026 1 p.m.

Basic Computer Skills - Aberdeen Area Conference Room

5/13/2026 9 a.m.

Basic Computer Skills - Sioux Falls Small Conference Room A

5/18/2026 8 a.m.

Welding Advanced - Mitchell Technical College

5/19/2026 8 a.m.

ACI: Concrete Field Testing Class & Exam - Sioux Falls, Southeast Technical College

5/19/2026 9:30 a.m.

TLN: Fundamentals of Bridge Engineering - Zoom

5/20/2026 10 a.m.

TLN: AI & Mobile Phone Based Pavement Marking Condition Assessment & Litter Identification - Zoom

6/2/2026 2 p.m.

TLN: Advanced Air Mobility to Enhance Rural Logistics - Zoom



Click on the SDLearn graphic or use this link to sign in: [SDLearn](#)
Search by the complete course name listed.

SIMPLIFIED CODING FOR ALL TRAINING COURSES: Use function 1175; no AFE needed!

SDDOT Employee News and Updates

April New Hires:

Michael Janis, Construction Technician, Winner
Peter Klopfenstein, Traffic Data Technician, Rapid City
Jacob Labarbera, Equipment Technician, Rapid City
Louis Lindholm, Construction Technician, Sioux Falls

April Lateral Position Updates/Promotions:

Carlos Jarrett, Construction Technician, Winner
Gavin Munson, Transportation Specialist I, Pierre
Steven Withers, Highway Maintenance Worker, Watertown
TJ Carey, Chief Driller, Pierre

April Longevity:

Travor Diegel, Pavement Design Engineer – 20 years (Central Office – M&S)
Brian Hipple, Chemical Lab Technician – 25 years (Central Office – M&S)
Tim Wicks, Project Engineer Supervisor – 35 years (Custer Area)



Congratulations to **Dan Varilek, Winter Maintenance Specialist - Operations (Pierre)** on the birth of his grandson!

His daughter Mary and husband Elijah welcomed **Marshall Cole Hultman** on April 16, 2026.

Marshall weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

SDDOT in the Community



The 1st grade class in Castlewood had a “Touch a Truck Event” with **Brian Burke, Watertown Area Highway Maintenance Worker**. Brian’s son, **Sawyer Burke**, is pictured seated in the plow.

This is the snowplow named “Dale”; named in our 2021-2022 snowplow contest. ‘Dale’ was named in honor of late-tow truck driver Dale Jones of Watertown, who was tragically killed on the job.

“Dale’s legacy is a tribute to all snowplow operators, tow truck drivers, law enforcement officials, and others who work long hours, in tough conditions, to keep the traveling public safe throughout our state,” noted **Secretary Joel Jundt**.

SDDOT in the Community

Tom Cordell, Sr. Construction Technician (Watertown), and Jeff Brink, Engineering Supervisor (Watertown), were invited to present to a physical science class at Watertown High School regarding how SDDOT use densities in highway construction.



The following SDDOT Employees attended the Welding Basics class at Mitchell Technical College in March: **Cody Earll, Cody Farmer, Ethan Huls, Dwight Kelly, Cory Kirkpatrick, Cameron Meinzer, David Pine, Jason Schurz, and Matthew Wranek**



Career Exploration:

Stacy DuChene (Sr. Region Design Manager, Sioux Falls), John Huber (Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Yankton), Jacob Rosecky (Road Design Engineering Manager, Sioux Falls), David Fischer (Lead Highway Maintenance Worker, Menno), Scott Simonsen (Highway Maintenance Worker, Menno), and Hunter Kokenge (Highway Maintenance Worker, Menno) visited the Freeman Elementary School to talk about becoming an engineer. They helped the kids design a road!

After the road-building exercise, the kids went outside to learn more about a snowplow, front end loader, and a truck with a signboard.



SDDOT in the Community

On April 17, 2026, Larry Dean, Planning Data Manager, and Faith Covey, Pierre Area Land Surveyor, presented at the 2026 SDSU Drone Day about SDDOT's UAS program.



Employee Longevity

Lee Lindsley, Region Materials Technician (Rapid City), received his pin for 20 years of service from Matt Stone (right), Region Materials Engineer and Tom Horan (left), Region Operations Engineer.



Steve Gramm (Planning Squad Supervisor) along with staff from the Planning Squad, recently celebrated with Sarah Gilkerson (MPO Coordinator & Long Range Planning) on 10-years of service.



Kyle Meier (left) Highway Maintenance Worker (bridge crew with winter maintenance) (Pierre) received his 15-year longevity pin from Brent Morford, Region Bridge Engineer.



Joel Lancaster, Materials Lab Technician (Pierre), (left) received his 10-year longevity pin from Tom Grannes, Materials Engineer Manager (Pierre).



Celebrating SDDOT Retirements



Anthony Hoffman, Aberdeen Area Equipment Technician, retired from the SDDOT with 37 years of service. He is pictured (on the left) with his supervisor, **Jeffrey Walz, Aberdeen Area Equipment Shop Foreman.**



Anthony is also pictured with his former supervisor, Mark Preszler.



Jay Lovejay, Construction Technician, Winner, retired from the SDDOT with 21.75 years of service (note the decimals on the signage)!

He is pictured (left) with **Brad Norrid, Winner Project Engineering Manager.**



Brad Horstman, Transportation Project Manager, Winner, retired from the SDDOT with 36.86 years of service (note the decimals on the signage)!

He is pictured (left) with **Brad Norrid, Winner Area Project Engineer Manager.**



In Sympathy with our co-workers:



Sympathy is extended to **SDDOT retiree, Colleen Farley**, on the recent passing of her husband. Colleen served for many years as the Senior Secretary for the Winner Area.

Rodney Farley passed away on March 30, 2026, in Witten, SD. Funeral services were held on April 2, 2026, at the First Baptist Church in Winner.

Burial will follow at a later date.



Sympathy is extended to friends and former co-workers of **Leroy Fedderson**. Leroy, who lived in Midland, passed away on March 29, 2026.

LeRoy retired from the SDDOT in 2017 having worked in the Philip maintenance shop.

Funeral services were held on April 6, 2026, at the Midland school gym with **Pastor Tel Saucerman** officiating. Interment was at the Midland Cemetery.



Sympathy is extended to **Jason Humphrey, Pierre Region Engineer**, on the recent passing of his father.

Chuck Humphrey passed away on April 20, 2026, in Pierre.

During his career in state government, he worked for SDDOT and the Bureau of Personnel (now BHRA) assisting with the implementation of the Career Service Act. He worked in Pierre, Redfield, Custer, and Hot Springs.

A memorial celebration was held on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre.

Interment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

