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SDDOT Earns PEN Highest Honor

The Performance Excellence Network (PEN), a regional Baldrige-based program serving South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota, recognized 18 recipients across multiple organizations with 2025 Performance Excellence Awards at the annual conference held May 7-8, 2026. The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) was one of the recipients; and the only organization to earn the Excellence Award designation – the highest recognition level awarded by PEN.

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STIP Meetings- Virtual Rooms

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will offer various virtual and in-person public engagement options for the Tentative 2027-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). All Tentative 2027-2030 STIP information is being provided through an innovative, highly interactive, virtual meeting room.

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Preparations Begin for Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

The 86th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is scheduled for Aug. 7 -16, 2026. Due to the increased traffic volumes expected during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the SDDOT will activate temporary traffic adjustments.

Click on the button below for more information, including frequently asked questions, regarding the upcoming Rally.

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Platte-Winner Bridge Update

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has awarded the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) a \$65 million grant through the Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) for the S.D. Highway 44 Platte-Winner Bridge replacement project. Big letting is anticipated to be complete by August 2026.

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Meet the SDDOT at Upcoming Community Events



- Dakotafest – Aug. 18-20, 2026
- South Dakota State Fair – Sept. 2-7, 2026
- Black Hills Stock Show –Jan. 2027
- Farm Show (Sioux Falls) – Jan. 2027
- Farm Show (Watertown) – Feb. 2027
- Sioux Empire Home Show – Feb. 2027

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