

South Dakota Department of Transportation

Public Meeting

Project Location: I-29 – S.D. Highway 50 & S.D. Highway 48 Interchanges over I-29
 Project Number: IM-B 0291(135)26
 Date: Tuesday, April 14, 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

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

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Project Limits

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Background Information SD 50

Grading and structures in 1961

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Last Surface Improvements in 2025

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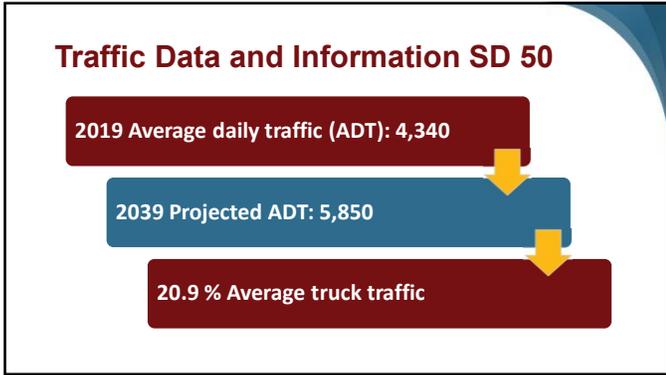
Background Information SD 48

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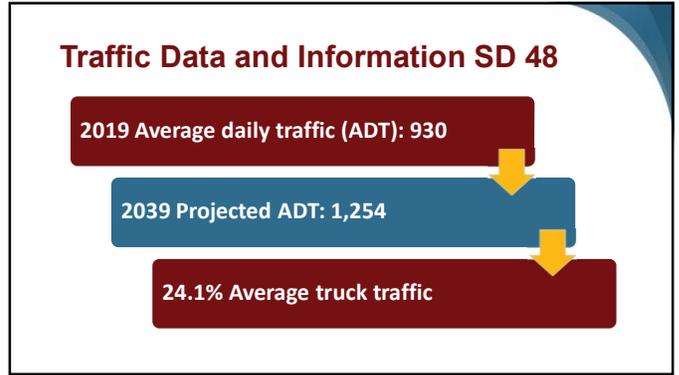
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Last Surface Improvements in 2022

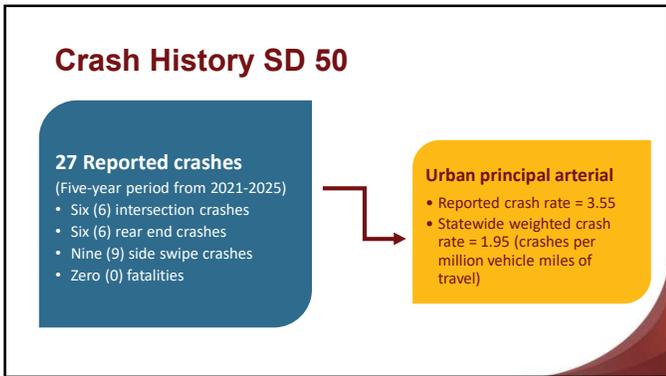
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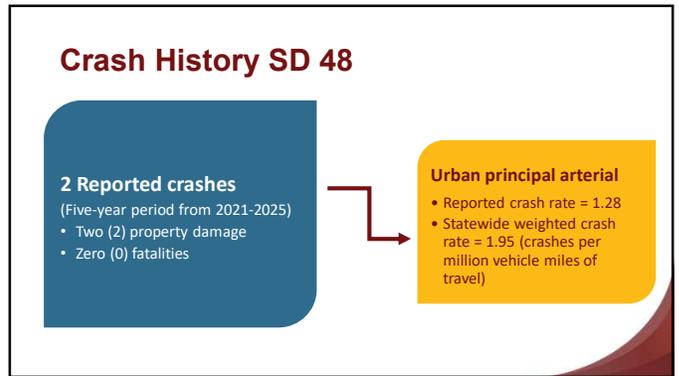
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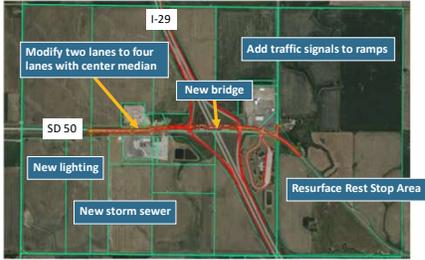


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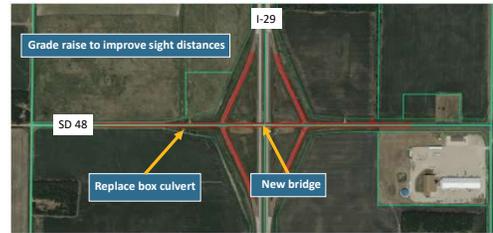
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Proposed Improvements – SD 50



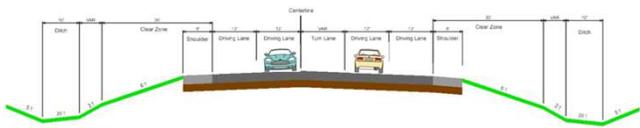
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Proposed Improvements – SD 48



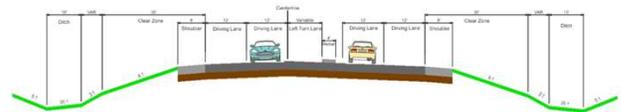
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Proposed Typical Section SD 50



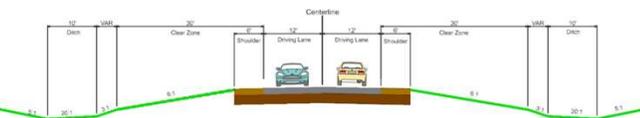
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Proposed Typical Section SD 50 from southbound on/off ramps to 2nd Coffee Cup entrance



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Proposed Typical Section SD 48



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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

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Right of Way (ROW)

Existing Width varies 100-220 feet

Purchase additional ROW as needed

Temporary Construction easements as needed

See handout

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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

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Utility Coordination

Some utilities may need to be relocated.

Utility companies negotiate easements with landowners.

- AT&T Transmission
- Clay Rural Water System
- Clay Union Electric Corporation
- Bluepeak
- H&H Enterprises
- Long Lines Broadband
- Midco
- SDN Communications
- Lumen/Century Link
- City of Vermillion
- Coffee Cup

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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.). The project will be developed to avoid adverse impact to Junction City Rest Stop Tipi which is eligible for the National Registry of Historic Places.

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Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns (Slide 2)

- 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. There are no known publicly owned parks, recreational areas, or wildlife refuges located adjacent to the project. The Junction City Rest Stop Tipi is a historic site protected under Section 4(f).

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Environmental, Social, and Economic Concerns (Slide 3)

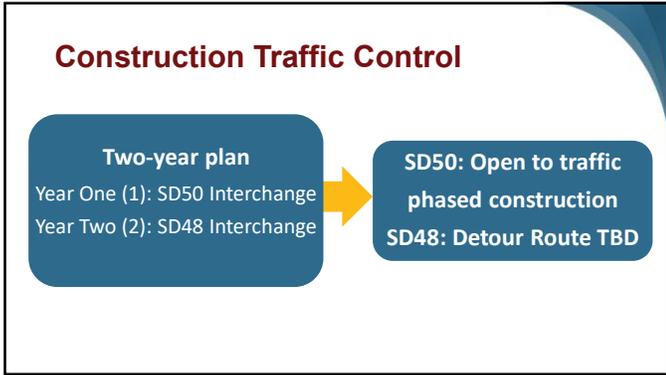
- Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

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 Union County:

- Piping Plover
- Rufa Red Knot
- Pallid Sturgeon
- Monarch Butterfly
- Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee
- Western Prairie Fringed Orchid

Efforts are proceeding to ensure this undertaking will not adversely affect listed species in Union County.

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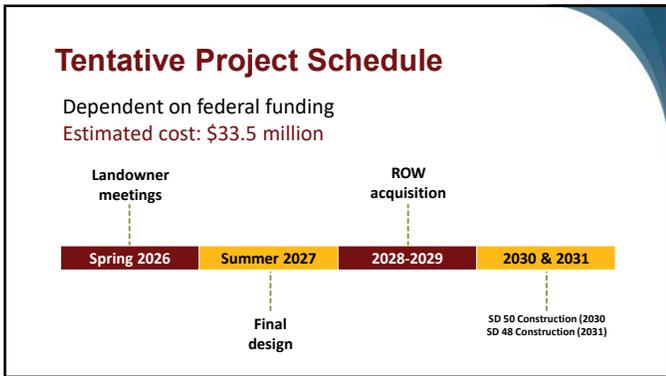
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Landowner Meetings

Discussion Items

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

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Questions or Comments

- Deadline: Wednesday, April 29, 2026
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