



**South Dakota Department
of Transportation**

S.D. HIGHWAY 28 OVER LAKE POINSETT INLET PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Project Location: 3.3 miles East of U.S. Highway 81

Project Number: P 0028(55)345 PCN 08KC

Date: April 23, 2026

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Presenter Job Title: Senior Engineer,
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Mission Statement

We provide a safe and efficient public transportation system.

<https://dot.sd.gov/>

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 and structures in 1951



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Last surface improvements in 2019

Reconstruction in 2029

Traffic Data and Information

2021 Average daily traffic (ADT): 947



2041 Projected ADT: 1,425



13.7% Average truck traffic

Crash History

0 Reported crashes
(Five-year period from 2021-2025)

Why This Project is Needed

Bridge is nearing the end of its useful service life.

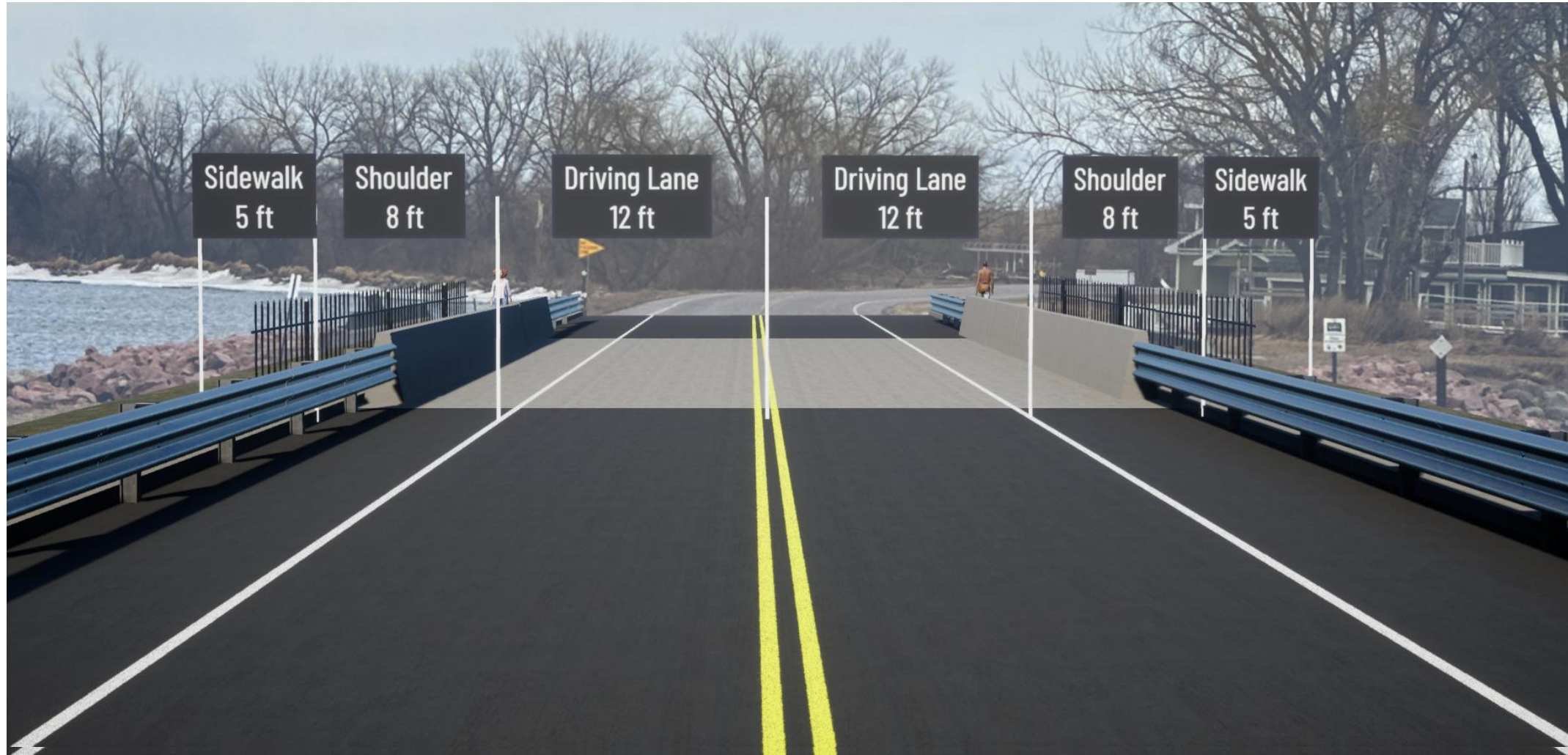
- Constructed in 1951 with a 50-year life expectancy
- Currently is 75 yrs old and will be almost 80 years old at the time of replacement.

Proposed Improvements

Current bridge has a 30' roadway and 2 – 4 ft sidewalks.

- New structure will have a 40' roadway and 2 – 5 ft sidewalks.
- Grade will be raised at the structure, providing more clearance for flood waters.
- Additional vehicle parking area to the northwest of structure
- Updated guardrail
- Removal of old spillway on north side of current structure (safety)

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



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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 Watertown Area Office.

See handout

Utility Coordination

Some utilities may need to be relocated.

Utility companies negotiate easements with landowners.

- Kingbrook Rural Water
 - AgriPure Dairy
 - ITC Fiber
 - DANR Water Level Gauge*
- *To be removed

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.).
- Native American archaeological site identified north and east of the project area outside of the proposed work limits.
- The site will be identified in the project plans to ensure avoidance during construction.
- Cultural resource survey forthcoming in the summer of 2026.

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.
 - Aquatic resource impact analysis is forthcoming.
 - 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:
 - Lake Poinsett
 - Vehicle pull-offs utilized for fishing access will be closed off to the public as a result of the road closure during construction.

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 Hamlin County:

- Rufa Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) – Threatened
- Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) - Endangered
- Dakota Skipper (*Hesperia dacotae*) – Threatened
- Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus Plexippus*) – Proposed Threatened
- Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee (*Bombus suckleyi*) – Proposed Endangered
- Western Regal Fritillary (*Argynnis idalia occidentalis*) – Proposed Threatened

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

Construction Traffic Control

One-year plan

Structure closed to traffic. Detour anticipated.



Detour anticipated to be
I-29 to S.D. 22 to U.S. 81

Landowner Meetings

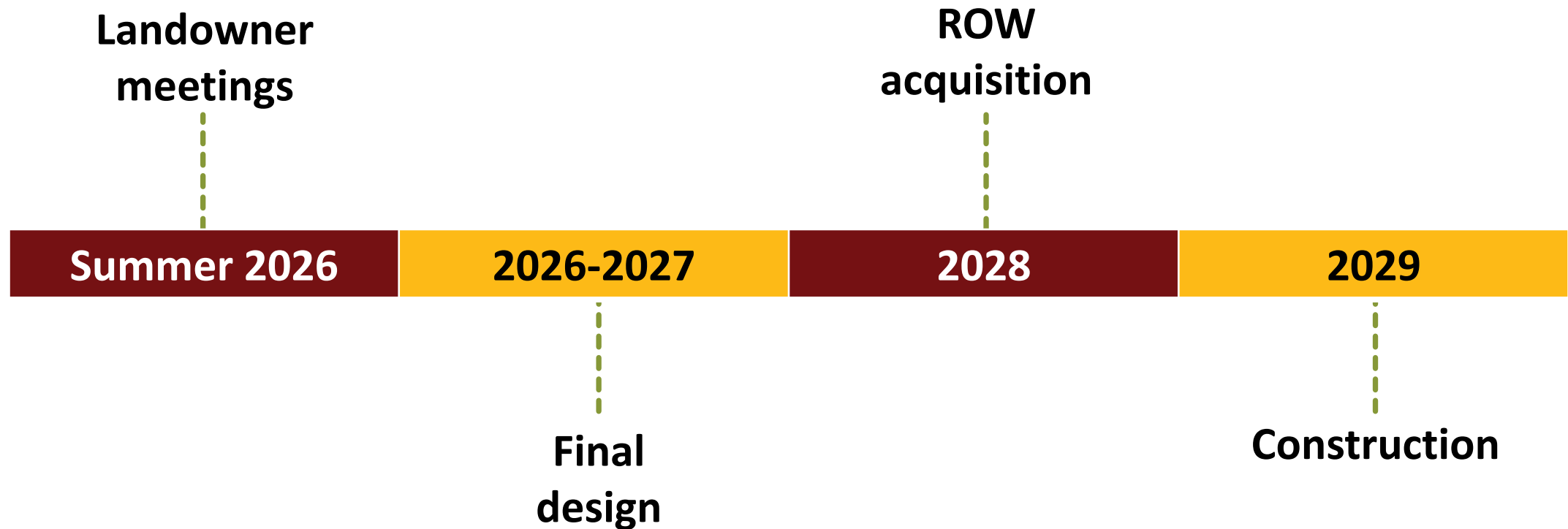
Discussion Items

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

Tentative Project Schedule

Dependent on federal funding

Estimated cost: \$4.9 million



Questions or Comments

- Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2026
- Submit To:
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