Ports to Plains

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NDDOT Budget

- The budget for the 2019-2021 biennium is approximately $1.4 billion, which is similar to last biennium’s budget.
- Construction budget for 2019 was approximately $405 million with a construction program of about $350 million in 2020.
The new construction program appropriated in the 2017-2019 NDDOT appropriation is based almost completely on federal funds plus state matching funds.

- National DOT average – Approximately 42.5% federally funded construction program
- NDDOT average – Approximately 81% federally funded construction program
Past investments in US 85

- From 2011-2018 approximately $625 million was invested into US 85 in North Dakota.

- Projects included:
  - Expansion of US 85 between Watford City and Williston to ‘Super 2’ concept with passing lanes
  - Final 4-lane design between Watford City and Williston
  - Lewis & Clark Bridge south of Williston
  - Alexander, Watford City, Williston Truck Bypass routes
Past investments in US 85 2011-2018

$625 million
Future Investments

- In the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) there is approximately $75 million of work planned on US 85 from 2019-2023.

- Projects include:
  - Long X Bridge south of Watford City.
  - Widening and resurfacing north of Amidon.
  - Safety corridor between Watford City and Alexander
  - Turn lanes and signing from Belfield to I-94.
Update on US 85 progress

▪ Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) finalized in February of 2019 after 4 years of work.

▪ The project limits are I-94 to Watford City.

▪ Currently, Long X Bridge is being constructed.
  ▪ No funding identified for the remainder of the project.

▪ NDDOT has applied for several federal grants
  ▪ Still waiting if we were awarded the Build grant which was submitted for the portion of the project from Long X Bridge to Watford City ($105 million).
Estimated cost of US 85 4-lane preferred alternative=

$479 million
Estimated cost to 4-lane to SD border

- To continue four-lane option on US 85 from I-94 to South Dakota Border, it would cost an estimated $500 million.
Current Long X Bridge

- 2-lane roadway
- Height restrictions
Rendering of Long X Bridge after completion

- 4-lane roadway
- No height or width restrictions
Statewide Annual Average Daily Traffic

Annual Average Daily Traffic (2018)

Notes:

- Data from 2018 highway components segments.
- The AADT for longer sections are an average of the traffic segments.
- Data for the four lane roadways is combined for both directions (either north and south or east and west).

Annual Average Daily Traffic

- 1 - 349
- 350 - 749
- 750 - 1999
- 2000 - 3999
- 4000 - 6999
- 7000 and greater

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State and Global Economy

- North Dakota’s transportation system must be interconnected, maintained and enhanced to allow us to be globally competitive.

- Products and services we deliver must create a transportation system that allows state business to prosper.
Questions?

THANK YOU