



Delivering Projects on the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway

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What is the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway?



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EXPRESSWAY



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- Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Designated a High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System in 2005
- Designated from U.S.-Canada Border at the Port of Raymond, Montana to Rapid City via Willison
- Port of Raymond is the second largest port connecting Montana and Canada
- 2013-2015 - U.S. 85 - Nine Projects - Watford City to Williston - Four Lane including bridge over Missouri River
- 2014 - U.S. 2 - Multiple Projects - Montana/North Dakota State Line to Junction U.S. 85

Value of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway



- Over 89% of North Dakota land is dedicated to farming operations. In 2020 North Dakota generated over \$7.3 billion in agricultural cash receipts
- 20% of this agricultural production occurs in counties within 100 miles that are served by the TRE and the trade corridor
- North Dakota's agricultural exports total over \$865 million. \$280 million is transported by truck to Canada and \$7.5 million to Mexico



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- In 2021 North Dakota produced over 455 million barrels of oil and 1195 million cubic feet of gas which represents over \$2 billion in oil tax collections. (\$22 billion from 2008 to 2020)
- 99% of the oil and gas production occurs in the counties supported by the TRE and P2P trade corridor



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- The corridor connects major tourism destinations in SD and ND. It connects the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, and the Badlands in SD with Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Future Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in ND
- The TRE Corridor in North Dakota, along with its connections on the entire P2P Corridor, provides a significant opportunity to add to the tourists moving north-south in North America



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THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXPRESSWAY (TRE) AND THE PORTS TO PLAINS TRADE CORRIDOR (P2P)



*Theodore Roosevelt National Park,
North Dakota*

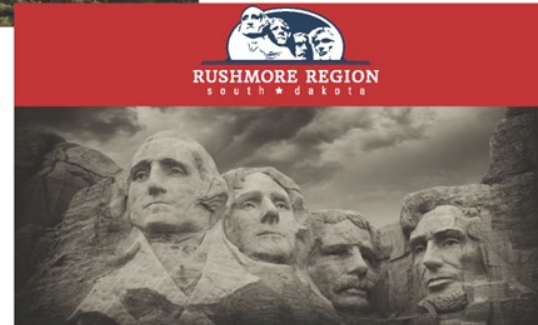
*Coming soon...
Theodore Roosevelt
Presidential Library*

CONNECTING NATIONAL TREASURES

2022 Visitation

- Theodore Roosevelt National Park – 668,679
- South Dakota Badlands National Park – 1,006,809
- Mount Rushmore – 2,440,449
- Custer State Park – About 2,000,000

— Information provided by National Park Service Data Site



Mount Rushmore, South Dakota

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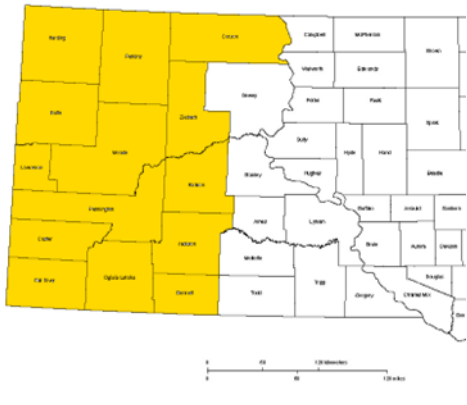
- In South Dakota, the Corridor Counties account for \$186.4 million in sales of crops that provide 1,653 jobs in these counties
- The sales of livestock are even greater at \$727.3 million accounting for 6,807 jobs in the Corridor Counties



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- The value of Truck Exports from SD to Canada is projected to grow from \$397.9 million to \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$692.3 million for a 174.1% increase between 2020 and 2050
- Leading commodity exports from SD to Canada by truck in both 2020 and projected in 2050 include animal feed and meat/seafood



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- Animal feed exported to Canada by truck totaled \$89.6 million in 2020, growing to \$241.6 million in 2050
- \$40.1 million of meat/seafood in 2020 and \$122.0 million in 2050 is exported by truck to Canada
- The value of Truck Exports to Mexico is projected to grow from \$130.2 million to \$420.3 million, an increase of \$290.1 million for a 222.8% increase between 2020 and 2050



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- The leading commodity exports from SD by truck also include animal feed and meat/seafood in both 2020 and 2050
- Animal feed from SD exported to Mexico by truck totaled \$8.8 million in 2020, growing to \$23.1 million in 2050
- \$92.4 million of meat/seafood in 2020 and \$242.3 million in 2050 is exported from SD by truck to Mexico



Progress on the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway



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- In South Dakota, the Corridor has been upgraded to four-lane divided highway or better from the Nebraska/South Dakota State Line through Rapid City continuing until just north of Belle Fourche
- Approximately 88 miles of two-lane highway remains to be expanded from north of Belle Fourche to the South Dakota/North Dakota State Line

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- In North Dakota, the TRE has been upgraded to four-lane or better including
 - 10 miles on US 2 west of Williston, ND, and
 - 40 miles on US 85 from Williston to Watford City, ND
 - Upgrade of the Lewis & Clark Bridge over the Missouri River at Williston
 - Upgrade of the Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River at the Theodore National Park

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- The Environmental Impact Statement for U.S. 85 from I-94 at Belfield to Watford City was approved in February of 2019



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- Construction of U.S. 85 from Watford City to the Long X Bridge is underway
- The project is being constructed by Central Specialties Inc. (CSI) with a low bid of \$77,229,503
- This project extends 10.29 miles between the Long X Bridge and the Watford City Bypass
- The southern part of the project bisects the Little Missouri Badlands, an area characterized by highly eroded buttes and hillsides composed of soft silts and clays with sparse vegetation

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- Planning has been initiated on U.S. 85 from the Long X Bridge to County Road 200



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March 9, 2023

- Letter of Support from NDDOT in March 2023
 - *"The NDDOT is open and willing to explore any federal funding opportunities that are available to continue progress on US Highway 85 between 1-94 and Watford City."*

Mr. Cal Klewin, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Klewin:

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is committed to the expansion of US Highway 85 from Interstate 94 to Watford City. We have made the following progress to date:

- Completed an Environmental Impact Statement and received a Record of Decision to clear the National Environmental Policy Act requirements for the entire corridor.
- Replaced the Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River.
- Stabilized the Horseshoe Bend landslide near the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Bid and signed the contract for the construction of the four-lane facility from Long X Bridge to Watford City. Construction will take place during 2023 and 2024.
- Started the survey, project development, utility engineering, permitting, and preliminary right of way for the segment between ND Highway 200 and Long X Bridge.

All the activities listed above have been funded or have funding sources allocated. No further funding has been identified for further construction projects or project development activities. The NDDOT is actively pursuing federal discretionary grant opportunities, but to this point they have not been successful.

The NDDOT is open and willing to explore any federal funding opportunities that are available to continue progress on US Highway 85 between I-94 and Watford City.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Henke, PE
Director

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Questions???

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