

2015 Road Construction Season Underway

The North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT) construction program is now underway. This year's construction program is estimated to include \$807 million of work on state highways, city and county roads. Approximately \$600 million will be bid through NDDOT and about \$207 million will be bid through counties and cities. Due to passing of the Surge Funding bill, which provides \$1.1 billion for state and counties, several projects have already been bid and are underway.

A list of state projects in your area can be found on the second page of this document. We are currently working with counties on getting project information and will share it with you in our next newsletter.



The state is making progress on many infrastructure needs.

While construction may be inconvenient for motorists at this time, it will provide an enhanced transportation system for every one for years to come.

Funding Remains Uncertain

The state legislature recently appropriated approximately \$2.26* billion for the 2015-17 biennium to NDDOT to rebuild and repair state highways, city, county and township roads in every region of the state. **Amount includes Trigger Funding*

The NDDOT budget assumes approximately \$616.5 million in federal funding will be received in the 2015-17 biennium. Unfortunately, the current transportation funding program MAP-21 was extended to only July 31, 2015. This is a short-term extension of the program and as a result 2015 funding is still uncertain.

As a result of the uncertainty in funding, the NDDOT is in the process of prioritizing city and rural highway projects to meet transportation needs across the state.

Federal Guidelines For Commercial Drivers Go Into Effect In July

Commercial Drivers will be required to provide proof of citizenship and lawful permanent residency effective July 8, 2015 when applying or renewing their Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Also, effective August 1, 2015, all current North Dakota CDL license holders and out of state CDL transfers will be required to show the Driver License Examiner proof of citizenship and lawful permanent residency at the time of regular CDL renewal.



A list of documents acceptable as proof will be mailed in renewal notices to renewing commercial license holders and is also available on the NDDOT website at www.dot.nd.gov.

No Seat Belts And Alcohol Use Are Resulting In Traffic Fatalities

Recent statistics show there have been 56 motor vehicle fatalities on North Dakota roadways as of June 19, 2015, which is 12 more fatalities than last year at this time. Two significant factors in this year's fatalities include no seat belt use and alcohol or drug use. Approximately 56% were not wearing a seat belt and 32% of fatalities involved an alcohol or drug related crash.

In 2014 there were a total of 135 motor vehicle fatalities on state roads, which is lower than the previous three years. In 2013 there were 148 and in 2012 there were 170 traffic fatalities.

Traffic Fatalities

2014	2013	2012	2011
135	148	170	148

As part of NDDOT's mission to safely move people and goods, we are currently working on several safety items which include:

- Establishing a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Executive Leadership Team. This team will assist the NDDOT and stakeholders in advancing motor vehicle safety strategies within the SHSP.
- Launching programs to inform motorists about impaired driving, seat belt use, distracted driving and motorcycle safety.
- Conducting a "Driving Skills for Life" event in June in Dickinson. This is a free one-day traffic safety event for teen drivers, designed to teach them the importance of safe driving practices.

2015 NDDOT State Highway Construction Projects

Below is a list of some of the major NDDOT road construction projects taking place on state highways during the 2015 construction season. The projects are listed according to the NDDOT District in which they are located.

Bismarck District: *McClellan, Sheridan, Oliver, Burleigh, Kidder, Morton, Grant, Sioux, Logan, Emmons, Mercer, Wells and McIntosh counties.*

- I-94- Eastbound and westbound from Sterling to County Line
- I-94- Eastbound and westbound from Eagles Nest to New Salem
- ND 1804- From ND 13 to Hazelton Junction and ND 1804- From Cattail Bay to junction of ND 13
- ND 3- Grade raise 6 miles north of junction of ND 36

Dickinson District: *Golden Valley, Billings, Dunn, Mercer, Stark, Slope, Hettinger, Bowman and Adams counties.*

- New interchange at Exit 56 along I-94
- State Avenue grade separation
- ND 22- Widening, passing lanes, turn lanes from Killdeer south through Manning
- I-94- Eastbound and westbound from Montana line to Camel Hump and Medora to Fryburg

Williston District: *Divide, Burke, Williams, Mountrail, McKenzie and Ward counties.*

- ND 23- From one mile east of the junction of 1806 to the ND 73 (Johnson's Corner) intersection. (Roundabout)
- New Town Main Street Reconstruction
- US 85- Lewis and Clark Bridge replacement south of Williston
- ND 40- Reconstruction in Tioga
- ND 23- North of the junction of ND 73 to northeast of Keane and ND 23B- In Watford City to ND 1806
- US 2- From the Junction of US 85 east to Ray
- US 85- From the north junction of US 2/85 (13-mile corner) to the junction of ND 50

Minot District: *Renville, Bottineau, Mountrail, McHenry, Ward, McLean, Sheridan, Wells, Rollette & Pierce counties.*

- US 2- Westbound Granville to Minot
- US 52- Minot to Sawyer
- ND 23- US 83 to ND 41
- US 83- Northbound from ND 37 to ND 23
- US 2- Granville to ND 14
- ND 23- Makoti to ND 28

Devils Lake District: *Rollette, Towner, Cavalier, Pierce, Ramsey, Benson, Wells, Eddy, Nelson, Foster, Griggs and Stutsman counties.*

- US 2- Devils Lake to Crary
- ND 15- New Rockford to ND 20
- ND 66- From ND 3 to ND 1
- ND 1- From Lakota south to ND 15

Valley City District: *Stutsman, Barnes, Logan, Lamoure, McIntosh, Dickey, Kidder, Foster, Steele & Ransom counties.*

- US 52- From Jamestown north to Buchanan and US 52 Bypass
- I-94- From Eckelson to Oakes and I-94 From Crystal Springs to Cleveland
- US 281- From ND 46 to Jamestown
- ND 3- From SD state line to W Jct ND 11

Fargo District: *Traill, Cass, Richland, Sargent, Ransom, Steele, Grand Forks, Lamoure and Dickey counties.*

- I-29- Northbound from Argusville to north of Gardner
- ND 46- Between County 81 and ND 18
- ND 27- Between Lisbon and ND 1
- ND 200A- Between ND 200 and ND 18 and the Intersection of County 10 and ND 18 on the north side of Casselton

Grand Forks District: *Pembina, Nelson, Walsh, Grand Forks, Griggs, Steele, Cavalier, Ramsey, Traill and Cass counties.*

- US 2 From Lakota to junction of ND 32 and US 2 Sorlie Bridge
- I-29 through Grand Forks