

August 6, 2013

## Finding of No Significant Impact for Improvements to US Highway 85 and ND Highway 23 around Watford City

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the preferred alternative will have no significant impact on the environment. The preferred alternative has been identified as Alternative B.

Alternative B would consist of realigning US Highway 85/ND Highway 23 around the south side of Watford City on a new alignment. Beginning south of Watford City, the proposed US Highway 85 alignment would transition from the existing alignment approximately 3.2 miles south of the junction of US Highway 85 and ND Highway 23 and reconnect with existing US Highway 85 approximately 3.3 miles west of the junction. The proposed alignment for ND Highway 23 would begin with a connection to the proposed US Highway 85 south of Watford City and generally head northeast and connect with existing ND Highway 23 east of the ND Highway 1806 junction. The total project length would be approximately 13.3 miles.

This FONSI is based on the May 2013 Environmental Assessment which has been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project, and appropriate mitigation measures.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION:** The August 2013 Finding of No Significant Impact is available for public viewing at the following locations: **Watford City City Hall**, 213 2nd St NE, Watford City; **McKenzie County Courthouse**, 201 5th St NW, Watford City; **NDDOT Williston District Office**, 605 Dakota Pkwy W, Williston; **NDDOT Central Office**, information desk 1st floor, 608 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck; **McKenzie County Public Library**, 112 2nd Ave NE, Watford City; the NDDOT project website (<https://www.dot.nd.gov/projects/western-nd/truck-routes/watfordcity-truck-bypass.htm>) or by request.

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