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New county road safety program launched in oil impact counties

Gov. Jack Dalrymple and the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) announced today the launching of a new safety program for county and township roads in western North Dakota's oil-producing counties.

The new county road safety program will provide funding for 17 western oil-impact counties to implement safety measures on county and local roads.

"Due to the continued energy traffic and population growth in this part of the state, we are asking counties to participate by constructing low-cost safety strategies in 2013," stated Grant Levi, NDDOT Interim Director.

The safety program will provide up to \$10 million in funding for implementation of safety measures on rural roads that may include: enhanced signing for road curves; upgraded signing or pavement markings to improve visibility of intersections; larger regulatory or warning signs, and intersection warning rumble strips.

NDDOT met with several county officials today in Williston to provide more information about the road safety program. Counties are encouraged to identifying specific road safety locations and issues and formulate recommended safety improvements that can be funded through the program.