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**OFFICIALS DEDICATE COMPLETION OF ROADWAY PROJECTS
IN EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA**
**Nearly \$5.5 Million in Federal and State Funding Provided for Valley City,
Sibley Roadway Projects**

BISMARCK, N.D. - Gov. Jack Dalrymple, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Director Grant Levi, Valley City Mayor Robert Werkhoven, and other federal, state and local officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony today to mark the completion of the 9th Avenue Northwest reconstruction project in Valley City.

“We continue to make historic investments in infrastructure across the state, with a strong emphasis on transportation improvements,” Dalrymple said. “The 9th Avenue Northwest reconstruction is an important enhancement for Valley City that will help strengthen the local infrastructure, while expanding commerce and economic opportunities for the community.”

The total cost for the project was \$4.5 million, including construction and engineering, with the state designating approximately \$3 million in Federal Urban Roads Funds and Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds. A local share of \$1.5 million was provided by the community.

“Working with local communities on essential projects is a big part of what we do at the department,” Levi said. “The partnership between the NDDOT and the residents and business owners of Valley City were all instrumental in completing this project and providing the safe movement of people and goods in this community.”

The reconstruction included pavement repair, lighting, slope reconstruction, retaining walls and the development of a shared-use path. The completed roadway will enhance traffic movement on the northwest side of the community and provide a shared-use path for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The project was constructed in two phases over the 2012 and 2013 construction seasons.

“This project is a great example of federal, state and local partners working together to strengthen Valley City’s infrastructure,” Werkhoven said. “The 9th Avenue project will provide improved access and enhance roadway safety for the city.”

The prime contractor for the project was Lindberg Brothers, Inc. from Jamestown and KLJ Engineering from Valley City was the project engineer.

Earlier today, federal, state and local officials attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for another roadway project in eastern North Dakota. Officials dedicated the completion of a new bridge located on ND Highway 26 near Sibley that crosses Lake Ashtabula. The state designated more than \$2.3 million in federal funds and provided \$580,000 in state funds to complete the nearly \$3 million project.

This biennium, the state will invest about \$2.6 billion in infrastructure improvements across the state. The state's commitment - more than twice the amount of the previous, two-year funding package of about \$1.2 billion - includes funding for highway, county and township road improvements; water supply and water treatment projects and the development of affordable housing. More than \$1.5 billion of that total investment has been appropriated for transportation enhancements statewide.

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