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Sibley Bridge dedicated today at ribbon cutting event

Today, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) was joined by city and county officials for the dedication of a new vehicle bridge on ND Highway 26 near the town of Sibley. Today's event celebrated the completion of the new bridge crossing Lake Ashtabula on ND 26. The bridge is 230 feet long and 32 ft. wide, which is 8 feet wider and 4 feet higher than the old bridge.

Work began in February of 2013 and was constructed in two phases, allowing the bridge to remain open to traffic during the entire project. Transportation Director Grant Levi says, the new bridge should more effectively carry traffic for years to come. "Our goal as an organization is to enhance the safety of the traveling public with each project, and this new wider bridge will provide a safer crossing for agricultural, vehicular and recreational traffic for many years."

The ceremony included remarks by Sen. Hoeven Representative Justin Forde, Barnes County Commissioner Cindy Schwehr and Sibley Mayor Alan Bender.

The bridge was constructed by Industrial Builders of Fargo, ND, at a cost of \$2.9 million. Funding was provided by state and federal funds.