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Bids opened today for final phase of US 85 four-lane project and bridge near Williston

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) opened bids today, July 15 for the final phase of the US Highway 85 four-lane project from Williston to Watford City. This phase of the project is located south of Williston and also includes the replacement of the Lewis and Clark Bridge near Williston. Construction will begin this year.

“We are happy to be able to move forward on this project to enhance traffic movement in the Williston area,” says NDDOT Director Grant Levi. The highway portion of the project involves constructing a four-lane roadway on 12 miles of US Highway 85 from US Highway 2 in Williston to McKenzie County Road 16 south of Williston. The highway project will be completed in 2015 with bridge completion being slated for 2016.

The bid opening is the first step in the project. Prior to awarding the contract, NDDOT will conduct a general review that includes analyzing project cost numbers, and checking bond capabilities. Pending a successful outcome, the contract is awarded and executed within a two-to-three week period.

This final phase of the US 85 construction project will connect Watford City and Williston with a four-lane, divided highway.

The first phase of the US Highway 85 four-lane construction project from Watford City to County Road 16 began in July 2013 and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2014.

Approximately \$300 million will be invested in all phases of the four lane project on US 85 from Watford City to Williston.