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NDDOT continues to make progress on construction as US 85 traffic is moved out of Alexander onto truck bypass this weekend

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) continues to make progress on road construction in western North Dakota as US Highway 85 traffic will be moved out of the city of Alexander and transferred onto a portion of the newly constructed Truck Bypass this weekend. “We are happy to announce that we are making great progress and accomplishing our goal to enhance road safety and the quality of life for the community of Alexander,” said Director Grant Levi, “This weekend we are moving truck traffic from the community and onto the bypass.”

The current section of US 85 that goes through Alexander will be closed to highway traffic during this last phase of construction. Each day approximately 12,000 vehicles travel through Alexander, many of those are trucks. Work began on the \$28 million Alexander Truck Bypass project in May and construction has moved forward quickly as the project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

“The residents of Alexander are excited about the bypass project and becoming a community again,” said Alexander Mayor Jerry Hatter at the spring groundbreaking event.

This weekend construction crews will start work on the final phase of the Alexander Bypass project which involves constructing entrance roadways at each end of the bypass. This phase means US Highway 85 traffic will be shifted onto two lanes of the bypass and a detour will be place for local traffic to access Alexander.

During construction of this last phase:

- Traffic will be head to head on two lanes of the bypass route
- Speeds will be reduced to 45 mph
- A 12-foot width restriction will be in place
- Signage will be in place to direct local traffic into Alexander

When the final construction phase is completed the Alexander Truck Bypass will accommodate four lanes of traffic and will be approximately 3.7 miles long.

The NDDOT Williston District serves the transportation needs of the communities in northwestern North Dakota, including Williston, Alexander, Watford City, New Town, Stanley, and Berthold. NDDOT has been working very hard to build new bypasses, expand roadways, and provide roadway improvements that will enhance traffic movement in this very fast growing part of the state to get motorists where they need to go safely. To learn more about this year’s projects visit www.nddotwilliston.com.