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DARLYMPLE, LOCAL OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND ON KILLDEER BYPASS
State Invests $30 Million to Enhance Road Safety, Traffic Flow in Dunn County

BISMARCK, N.D. - Gov. Jack Dalrymple today joined other state and local officials to break ground on the Killdeer truck bypass. Once complete, the bypass will route through-traffic on state Highway 22 to the west of Killdeer, enhancing safety and traffic flow throughout the area.

"This bypass project is part of the most ambitious infrastructure improvement program in our state's history, and represents our ongoing commitment to helping communities meet the challenges associated with a growing population and economy," Dalrymple said. "Like several other bypass routes built in western North Dakota, this project will provide an alternative route to significantly reduce pass-through traffic and enhance the quality of life for the region's citizens."

The state will invest $30 million to build the four-mile, two-lane bypass which will re-direct through-traffic along the west side of Killdeer. The project includes the construction of two roundabouts: one at the bypass route's northern intersection with ND Highway 22 and another at the intersection of ND Highway 200. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2016.

Since 2006, traffic through Killdeer has increased from about 1,400 vehicles per day to the current traffic count of about 8,000 vehicles per day, Dalrymple said.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has worked with many officials in western North Dakota and has invested $420 million in state funds to build bypass routes that serve the communities of Williston, Watford City, Alexander, New Town, Dickinson and Killdeer.

"Between 2008 and 2014, we've seen a statewide traffic increase of 37 percent and a truck traffic increase of 95 percent," NDDOT Director Grant Levi said. "This project, like many others we've undertaken, will allow traffic to flow smoothly and help to enhance the safety and efficiency of the transportation system in North Dakota."

The state will invest more than $2 billion to help the state's oil and gas region address the challenges of rapid growth during the 2015-2017 biennium. The state commitment includes funding for highway, county and township road improvements; water supply and water treatment projects and the development of affordable housing. The funding package also includes $140 million in state grants in support of the region's cities, school districts, law enforcement agencies, critical access hospitals, airports, emergency medical responders, rural fire districts and other service providers impacted by rapid growth.

Those joining Dalrymple to break ground on the Killdeer Bypass included Senate Majority Leader Rich Wardner, Killdeer Mayor Chuck Muscha, Dunn County Commission Chairman Reinhard Hauck, NDDOT Director Grant Levi, as well as other state legislators and members of the Dunn County Commission and Killdeer City Commission.

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