



# U.S. HIGHWAY 85

## *Fairfield Stakeholder Meeting*

I-94 Interchange to Watford City Bypass (McKenzie County Road 30)

Project 9-085(085)075 PCN 20046 ♦ Stark, Billings and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota

### *When?*

December 1, 2016  
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. MST  
Formal Presentation:  
5:15 p.m. MST

Billings County Rural Fire Hall  
12811 20th St SW  
Fairfield, ND 58627



## What is the project?

The North Dakota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to expand approximately 62 miles of US Highway 85 to four lanes (with flexible design options to avoid or minimize impacts) and rehabilitate or replace the historic Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River.

## Where is the project located?

The project limits are from the Interstate (I)-94 Interchange to the Watford City Bypass (McKenzie County Road 30), in Stark, Billings, and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota.

## What is the purpose of the Fairfield Stakeholder Meeting?

The purpose of the Fairfield Stakeholder Meeting is to directly engage the Fairfield community and gather feedback regarding proposed alternatives.

## What is the project's purpose and need?

The purpose of the project is to address the various needs within the project corridor that have been identified by the general public as well as federal, state, and local agencies. These needs include the following:

- » Social Demands and Economic Development
- » System Linkage/Connectivity
- » Safety
- » Capacity/Traffic Volumes
- » Transportation Demand/Roadway Classification
- » Slope Instability and Landslides
- » Ecological Connectivity

## What project alternatives are being studied within and around Fairfield?

Analysis of project alternatives began with the development of a full range of reasonable alternatives. These alternatives were screened for consistency with several criteria including existing reports, the project's purpose and need, design standards, and known constraints within the project corridor.

Five roadway alternatives are currently under consideration for the area within and around Fairfield. These include three bypass alternatives and two alternatives along the existing alignment .

### Alternatives on Existing Alignment

- » Four-lane divided – flush median (*figure 2 on page 3*)
- » Four-lane – urban section (*figure 3 on page 3*)

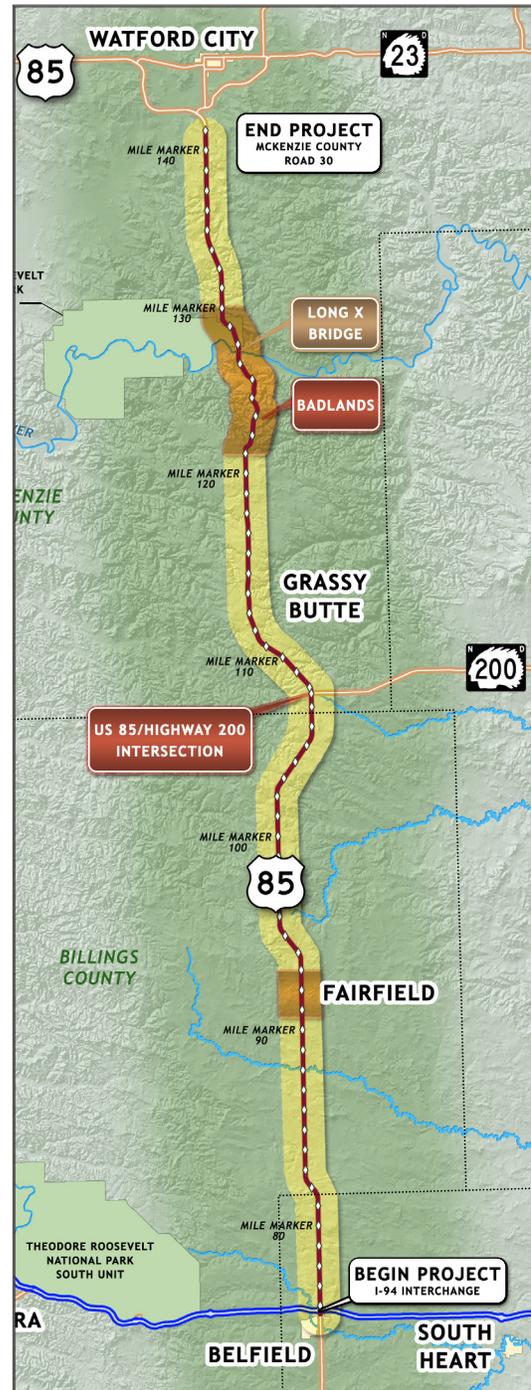


figure 1. I-94 Interchange Geometry



figure 2. 4-Lane Divided—Flush Median (varies 4'–20')

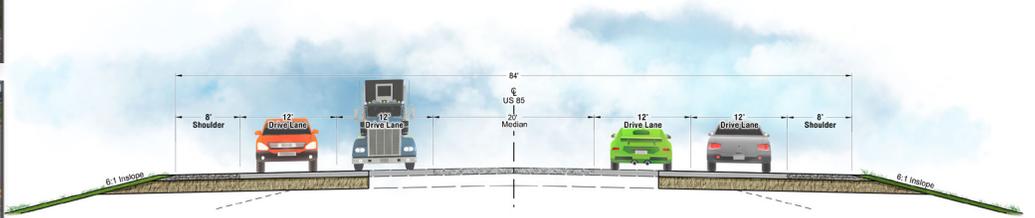
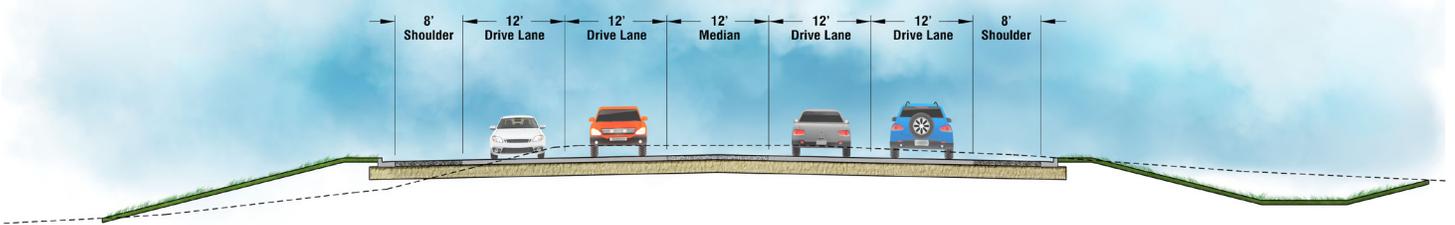


figure 3. 4-Lane—Urban Section

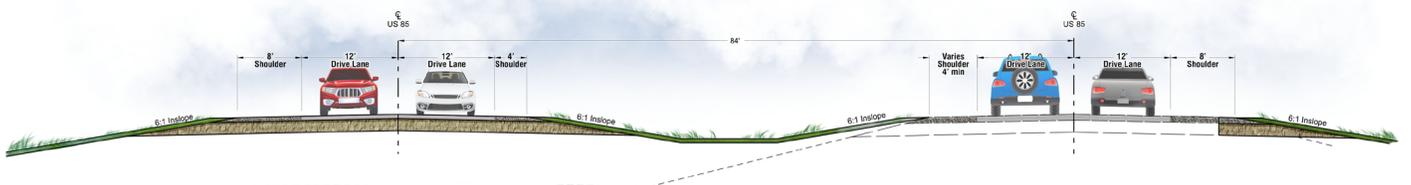


### Bypass Alternatives

- » refer to figure 5. Fairfield Bypass Alternatives on page 4
- » The typical section of the bypass alternatives would match the typical section of the selected roadway alternative for the overall project corridor (figure 4 & figure 2). Two alternatives are currently under consideration for the majority of the project corridor. These alternatives include a 4-lane divided roadway with a depressed median (figure 4) and a 4-lane divided roadway with a flush median (figure 2).

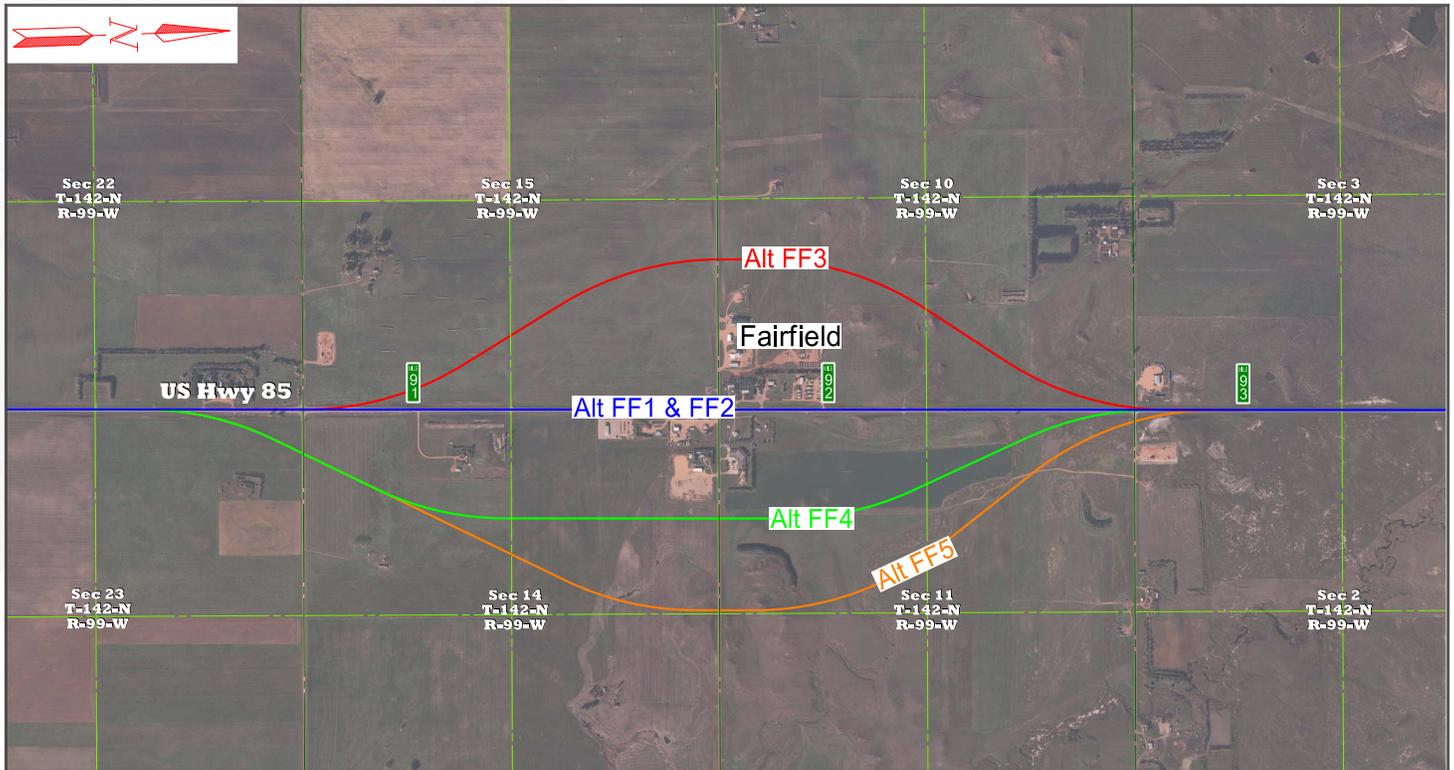


figure 4. 4-Lane Divided—Depressed Median



In addition, the No Action Alternative will be carried through the alternatives screening process and will be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The No Action Alternative serves as a baseline against which the impacts of potential build alternatives can be evaluated.

figure 5. Fairfield Bypass Alternatives



### How can I submit comments after the meeting?

Written comments can be submitted by mail, email or via the project website. It is requested that all comments be submitted by **December 31, 2016**.

#### Mail

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*Note "Fairfield Stakeholder Meeting" in email subject heading.*

#### Project Website

<http://www.nddotwilliston.com/85-project-watford-city-i94/>

### Will there be additional opportunities to provide comments on the project?

Yes, the Draft EIS will be made available for public review and comment. In addition, comments on the project can also be provided at the Public Hearing. For information about project status and updates, please visit the website at:

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