

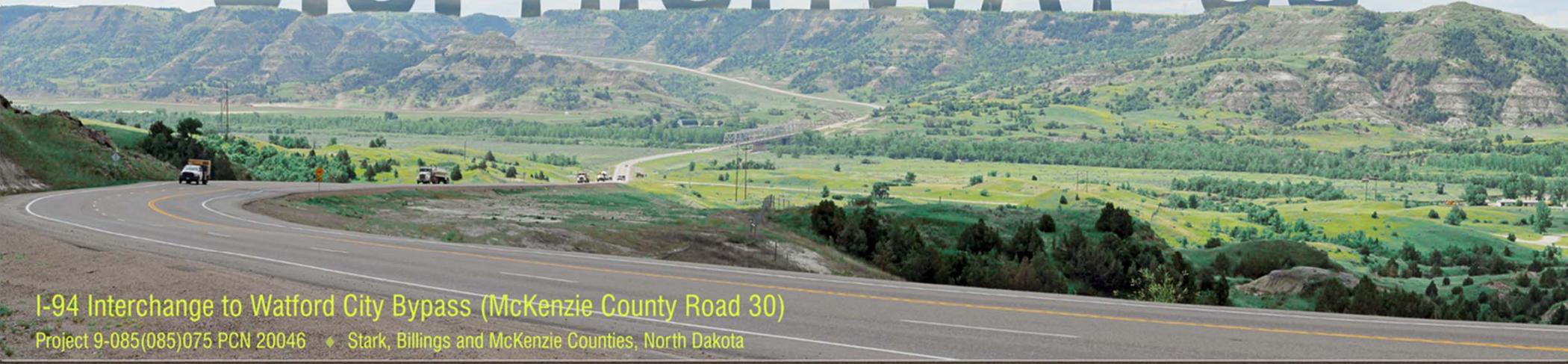


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5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

November 9:
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U.S. HIGHWAY 85



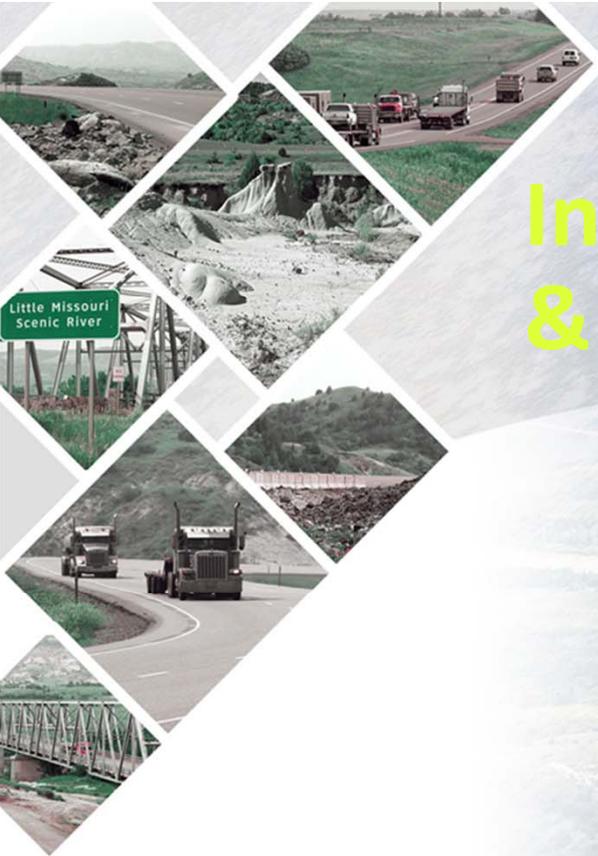
I-94 Interchange to Watford City Bypass (McKenzie County Road 30)

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



Public Scoping Meeting

Introductions & Housekeeping Items



Public Participation Survey

- › Optional anonymous survey
- › Used by FHWA and NDDOT to ensure all demographics are served
- › Can leave completed surveys in box on sign-in table
- › Can be placed in mail

NDDOT TITLE VI PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY
North Dakota Department of Transportation, Civil Rights
SFN 90149 (2-2013)

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PLEASE USE DARK INK AND PRINT CLEARLY

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related nondiscrimination authorities require the North Dakota Department of Transportation to ensure everyone has the opportunity to comment on the transportation programs and activities that may affect their community.

To help with that, we ask that you respond to the following questions. You are not required to disclose the information requested in order to participate. Any information provided to the NDDOT will be retained solely for the purpose of collecting statistical data to ensure inclusion of all segments of the population affected by transportation programs and activities.

Sex: Female Male **Disability:** Yes No

Age: 18-35 36-55 over 55

Race:
 American Indian/Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
 Asian White
 Black Other
 Hispanic

Language most frequently spoken in your home:
 Arabic Nepali Spanish Other
 Bosnian Russian Swahili
 Croatian Serbian Turkish
 English Somali Vietnamese

Do you receive public assistance? Yes No

Indicate how you heard about the event:
 Internet Mailing NDDOT Contact Newspaper
 Radio Social Service Agency Television
 Advocacy Group (which group) _____
 Other _____

For Office Use

Event Date: 06 / 12 / 2013 City: 002 County: 18

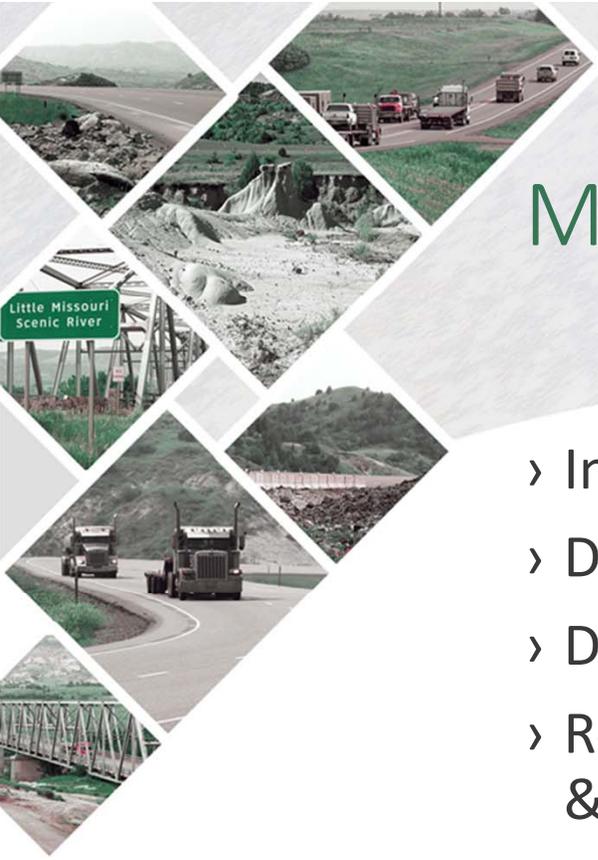
Div/Dist Number: 23 PCN: 18768 ROW: Negotiation Relocation Consultant: 0052

MPO: Bismarck-Mandan Fargo-Moorhead Metro CO Grand Forks-East Grand Fo

Subrecipient: Yes No

After you have completed this form, please place it in the designated location.

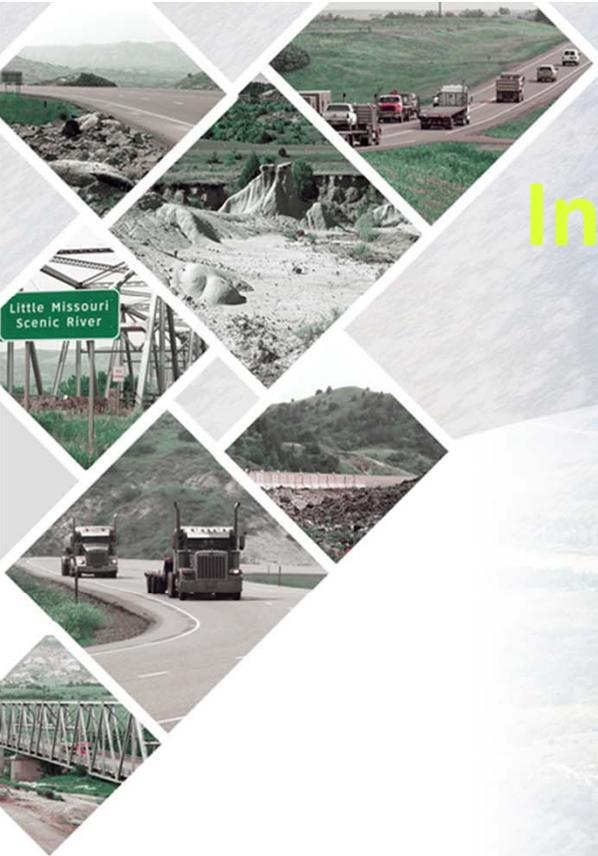




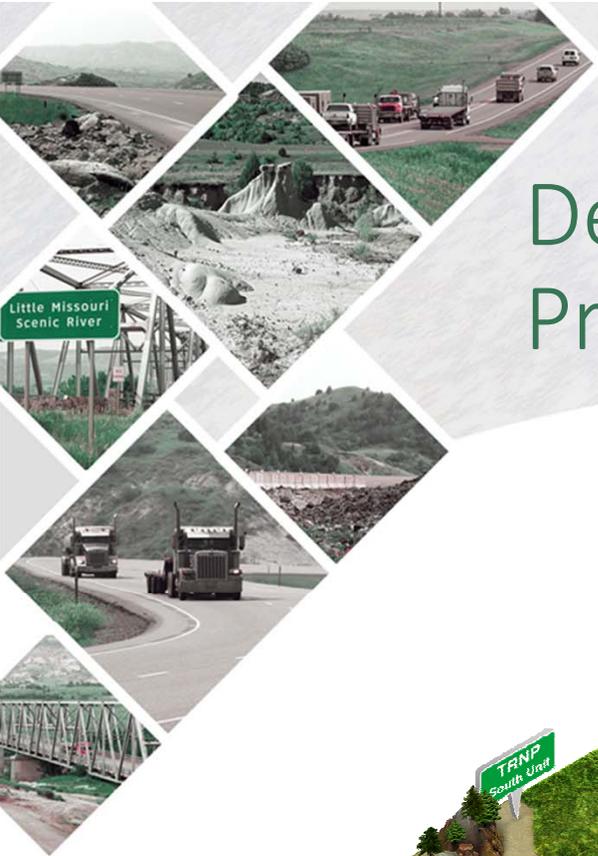
Meeting Objectives

- › Introduce the proposed project
- › Discuss roles of lead, cooperating & participating agencies
- › Discuss the EIS process
- › Receive input regarding the development of the purpose & need
- › Receive input on preliminary concerns, issues & benefits

Introduce the Proposed Project



Description of the Proposed Project



› EIS

- Lead agencies: FHWA & NDDOT

Project Description

- › Expand US Highway 85 to four lanes (with flexible design options to avoid or minimize impacts)
- › Rehabilitate or replace the historic Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River
- › NOI published on 10/6/15



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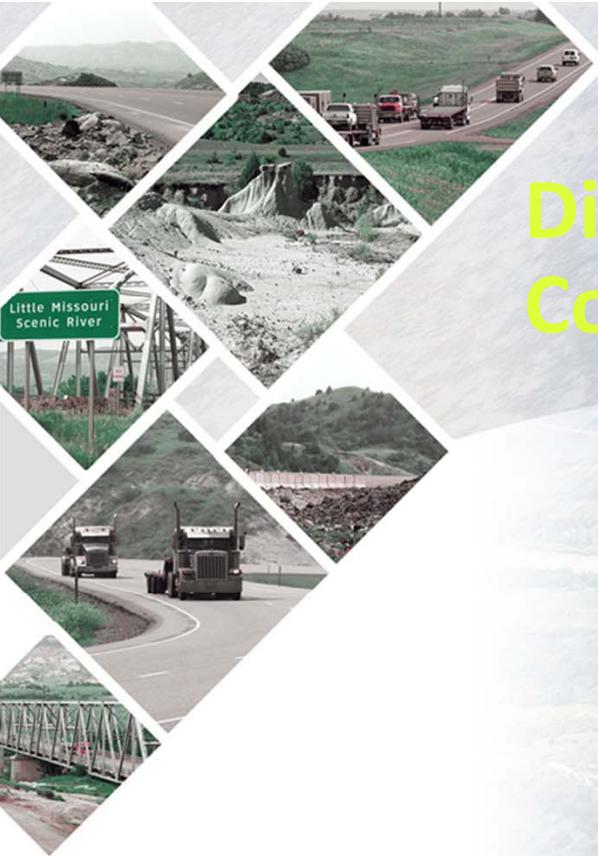


Major Milestones





Discuss the Roles of the Lead, Cooperating & Participating Agencies





Lead & Invited Cooperating Agencies

Lead Agencies

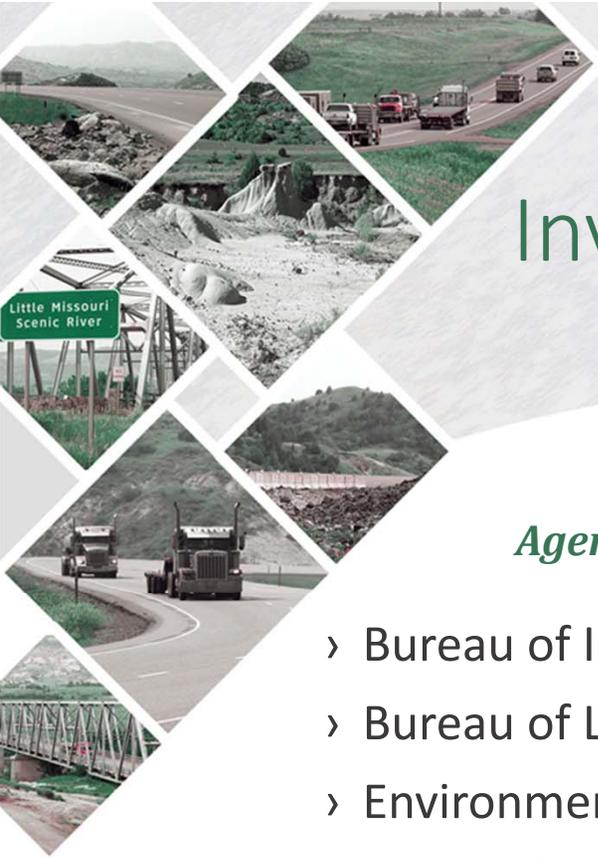


Invited Cooperating Agencies



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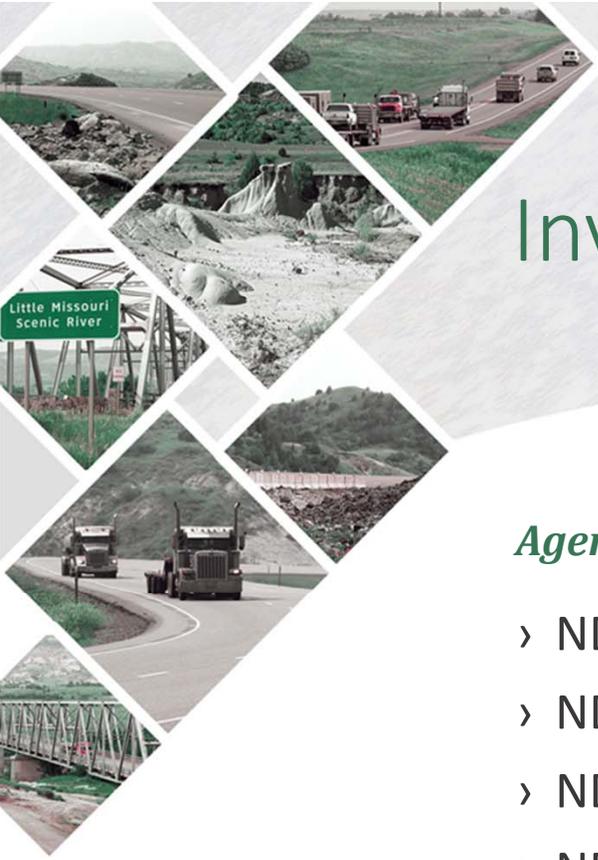




Invited Participating Agencies

Agencies

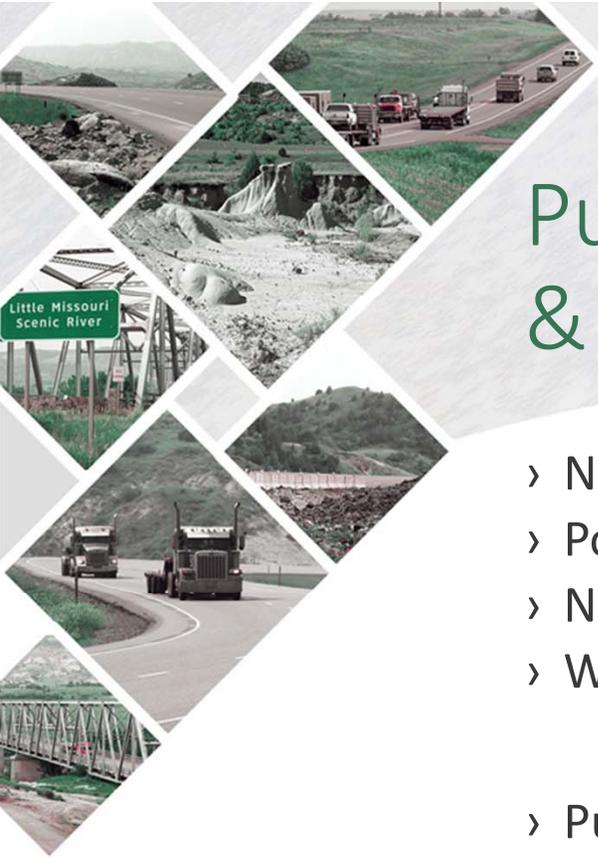
- › Bureau of Indian Affairs
- › Bureau of Land Management
- › Environmental Protection Agency
- › US Fish & Wildlife Service
- › Natural Resources Conservation Service
- › Western Area Power Administration
- › ND Dept. of Commerce
- › ND Dept. of Emergency Services
- › ND Dept. of Health
- › ND Dept. of Tourism
- › ND Highway Patrol
- › ND Dept. of Mineral Resources
- › ND Parks & Recreation



Invited Participating Agencies

Agencies

- › ND Public Service Commission
- › ND State Historic Preservation Office
- › ND State Water Commission
- › ND Dept. of Trust Lands
- › Tribal Consultation Committee
- › City of Belfield
- › City of Watford City
- › Billings County
- › McKenzie County
- › Stark County



Public Involvement Opportunities & Methods

- › Newspaper advertisements & PSAs
- › Postcards
- › Newsletters
- › Website
 - www.nddotwilliston.com/85-project-watford-city-i94/
- › Public meetings
 - Public Scoping
 - Alternatives Public Workshops
 - Public Hearings
- › DEIS comment Period



PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

WHY?
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is initiating the environmental review process as required by SAFETEA-LU 6002 for an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed US Highway 85 project. The project limits are from the I-94 interchange to the Watford City Bypass (McKenzie County Road 30) in Stark, Billings and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota. The project length is approximately 62 miles. The proposed project would expand 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.

WHEN?
November 9 and 10, 2015
Formal Presentation: 9:30 a.m.
Open House: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE?
November 9, 2015: 6:30 a.m. MDT, Ballfield City Hall, 107 2nd Avenue NE, Ballfield, ND
November 10, 2015: 6:30 a.m. CDT, Watford City Hall, 213 2nd Street NE, Watford City, ND

OPEN HOUSE CONDUCTED BY NDDOT

This meeting is designed to allow for public input required for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 and National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Representatives from the NDDOT and KJL will be hard to answer your questions and discuss your concerns.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS or comments about this project must be mailed by December 15, 2015, to:
Matt Liveman, Program Manager
Environmental & Transportation Services
NDDOT
808 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0700
Email: mliveman@nd.gov
Note: "Public Scoping Meeting" in email subject heading.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide:

- an accessible meeting facility or other

US 85/Watford City to I-94

Project Description
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is initiating the environmental review process for a proposed project to four lanes US Highway 85, approximately 62 miles, from the Interstate-94 interchange to the Watford City Bypass (McKenzie County Road 30) in Stark, Billings and McKenzie Counties. The proposed project will also consider rehabilitation or replacement of the historic Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River.

Project Map

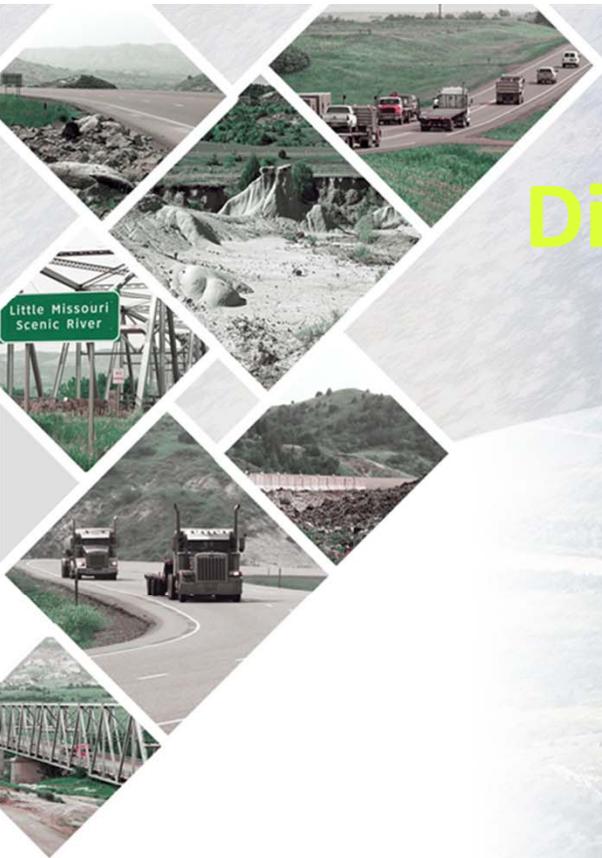
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You are invited

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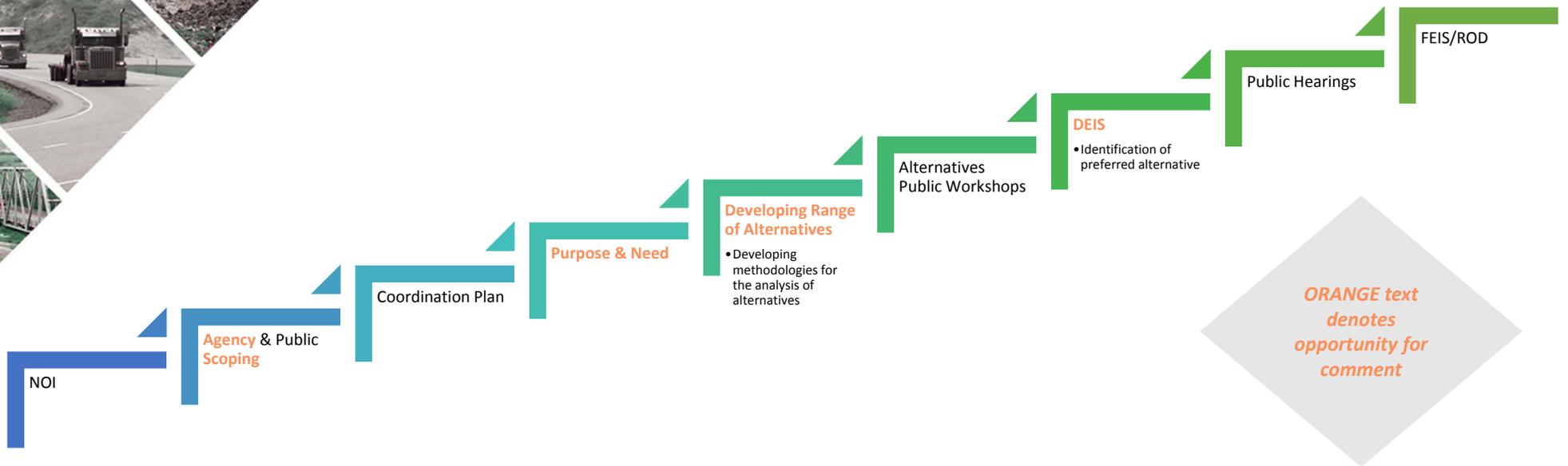
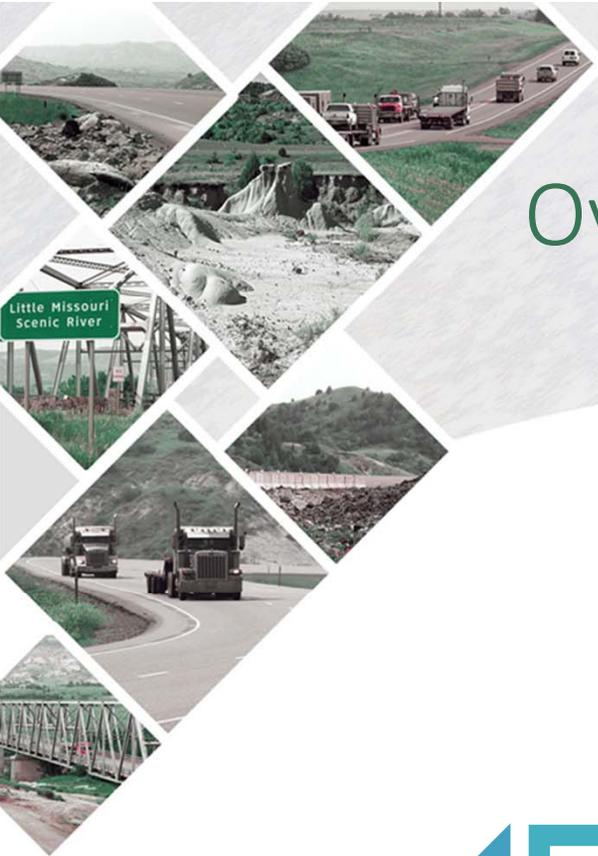
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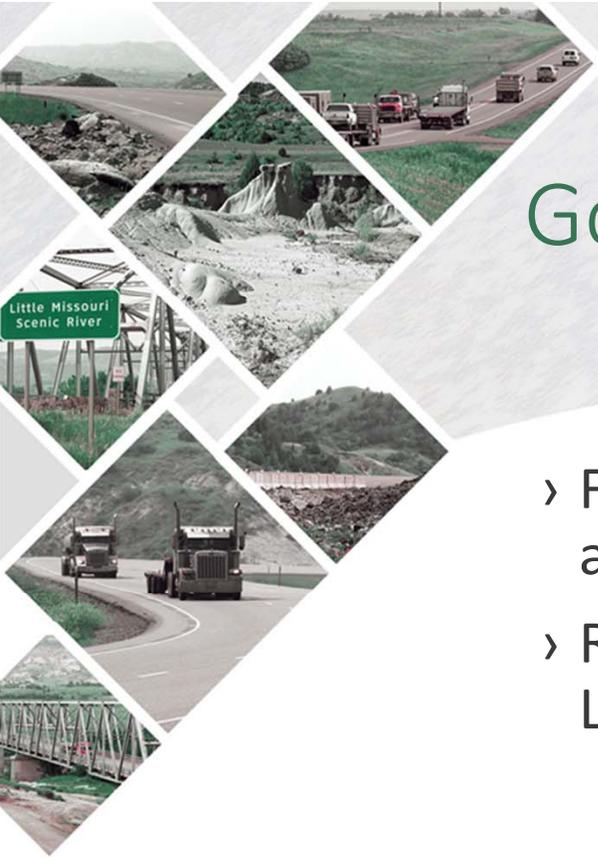


NEPA Process Options (Classes of Action)



Overview of EIS Process

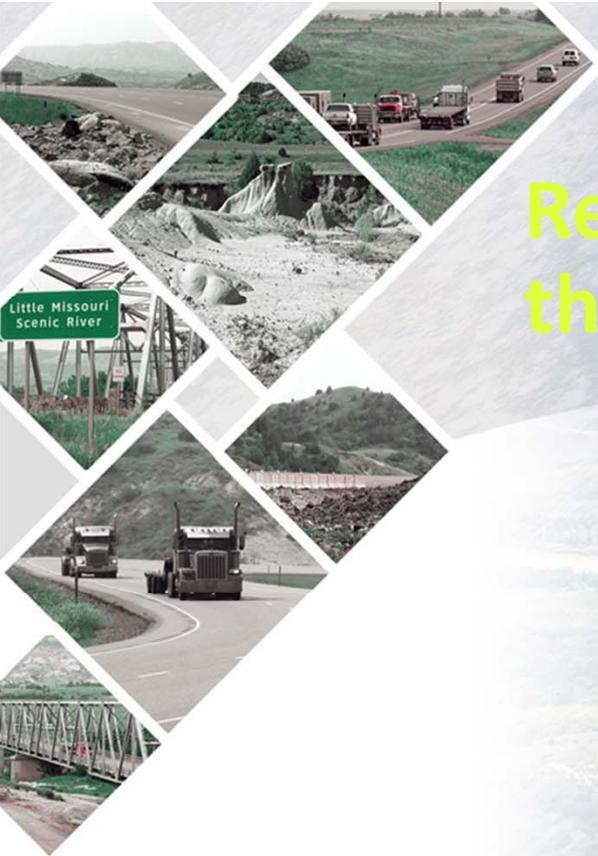


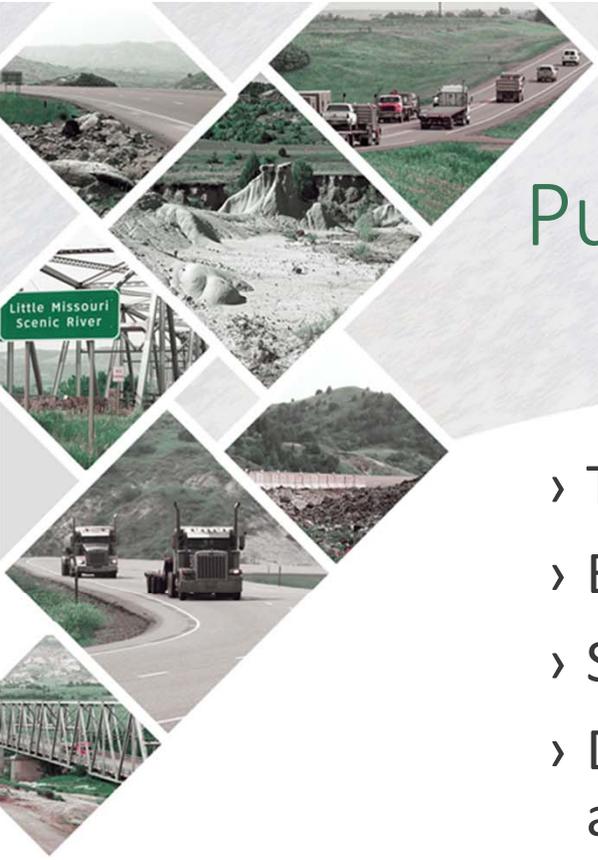


Goals of the Proposed Project

- › Four-lane divided roadway, with flexible design options to avoid or minimize impacts
- › Rehabilitate or replace the historic Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River
 - Preliminary discussions with NDSHPO indicate rehabilitating the historic Long X Bridge for an increase in height and width would be an *adverse* effect.
- › FEIS/ROD – Fall 2017

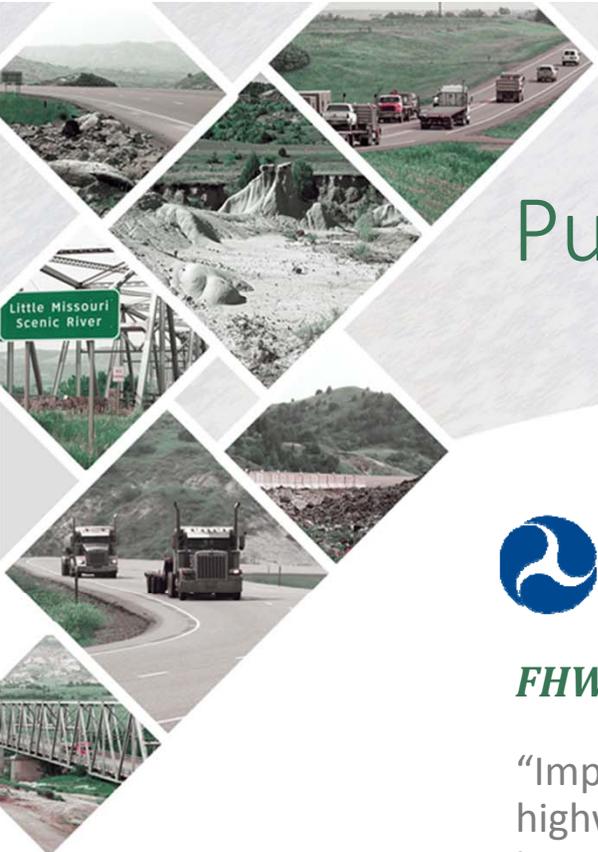
Receive Input on the Development of the Purpose & Need





Purpose & Need

- › The most important chapter in EIS
- › Establishes who wants to do what and where and when
- › Summarizes the need for the project
- › Drives the process for alternatives consideration, in-depth analysis and ultimate selection of an alternative
- › Living document – may need to be updated and evolve through the project



Purpose & Need



FHWA's mission

“Improve mobility on our Nation’s highways through national leadership, innovation and program delivery”



NDDOT's mission

“Safely move people and goods”

Purpose & Need



NPS' mission

“The NPS preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the NPS system for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations...”



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USACE's mission

“The Regulatory Program is committed to protecting the Nation’s aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions.”



USFS' mission

“Caring for the land and serving people.”

Needs

- Describe project history, including any actions taken to date

Project Status



- Connecting link, how does it fit into transportation system

System Linkage



- Is capacity of the present facility adequate for today and future traffic?

Capacity



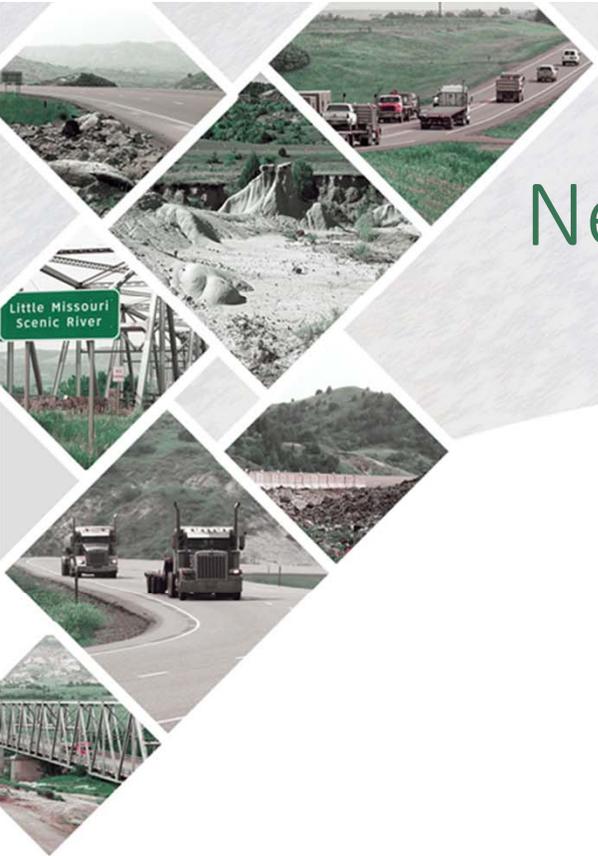
- Relationship to any statewide plan

Transportation Demand



- Federal, state or local mandate

Legislation



Needs

- New employment, land use, recreation, etc.
- Economic development/land use changes

Social Demands/
Economic
Development



- How will proposed facility interface & complement airports, rail, port, mass transit, etc.

Modal
Interrelationships



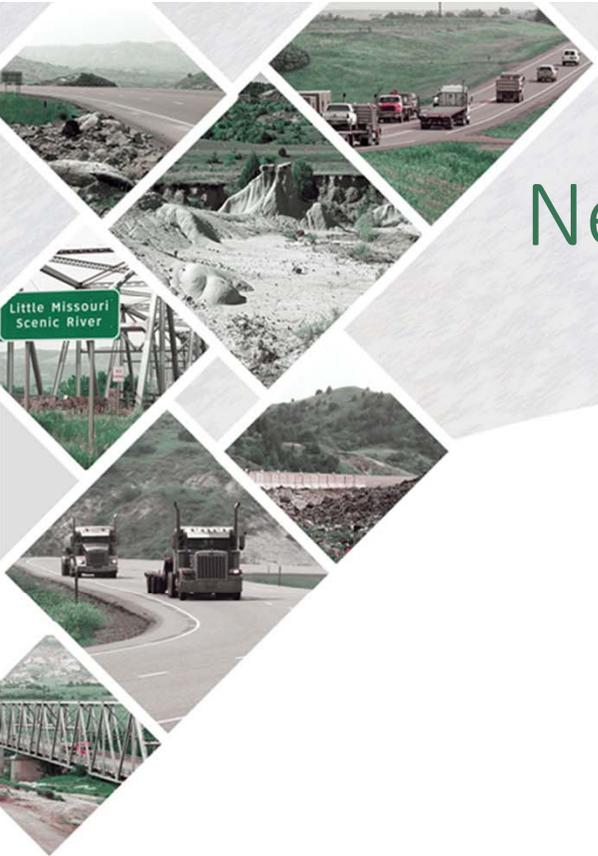
- Necessary to correct an existing or potential safety hazard
- Accident rate excessively high

Safety



- Necessary to correct deficiencies
- How will it be improved

Roadway/Bridge
Deficiencies



What We Know

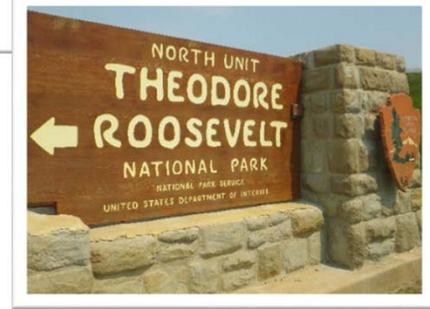
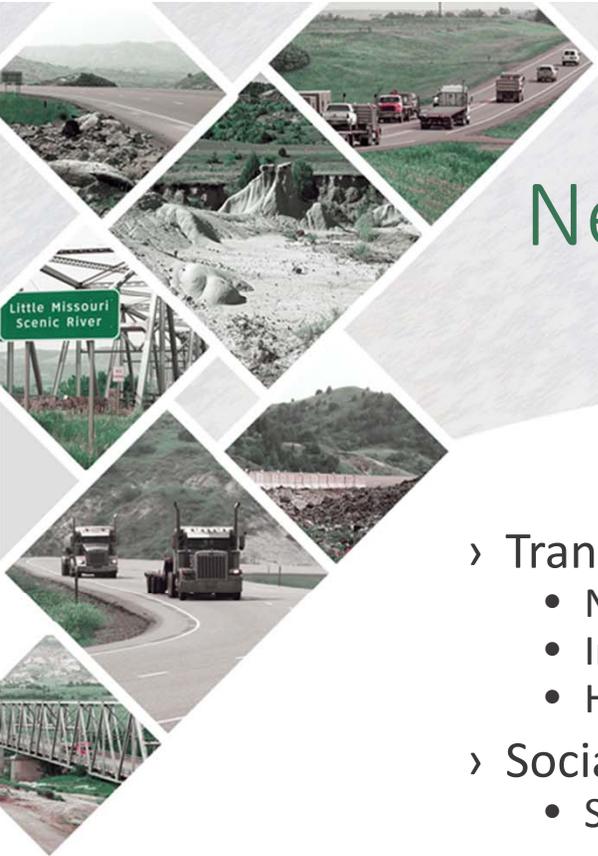
› System Linkage

- I-94 to US Highway 2
 - Four Lane Facilities
- US Highway 85
 - Watford City to Williston (Junction of US Hwy 2)
 - Alexander Bypass
 - Watford City Bypass
 - NW Williston Bypass



Needs

- › Transportation Demand
 - National Highway System
 - Interregional system roadway
 - High Priority Corridor by US Congress
- › Social Demand/Economic Development
 - Safely accommodate the mix of traffic
 - Passing opportunities are limited
 - Major corridor for oil & gas development and moving goods, services and oil service-related equipment and maintenance
 - Three paved highways running north from I-94: US 85 & ND 22, ND 16



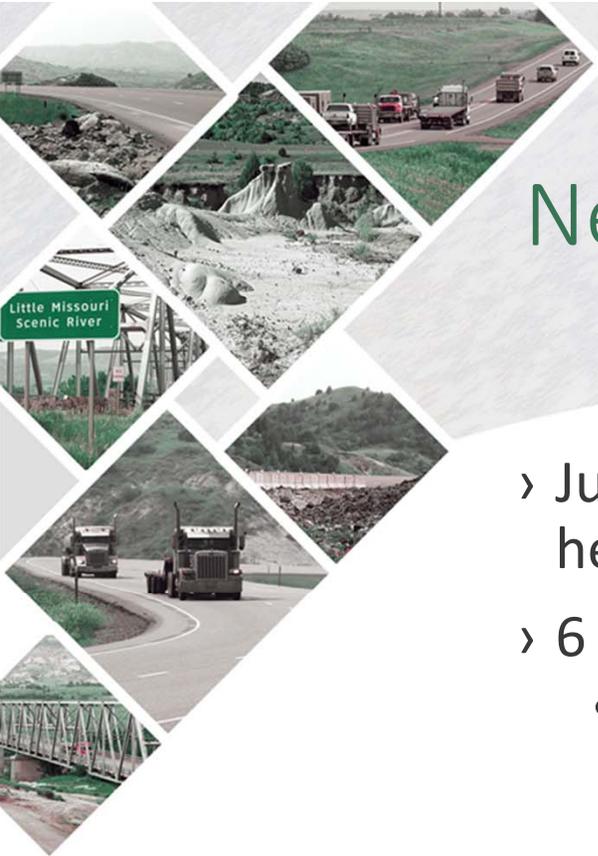
Needs

- › Two bridges cross the Little Missouri River
 - Long X Bridge – US Highway 85
 - Lost Bridge – ND Highway 22
- › Long X Bridge – Existing
 - Horizontal – 30 feet
 - Vertical – 16 feet
- › Long X Bridge – Need for Rehab
 - Ability to accommodate oversize loads

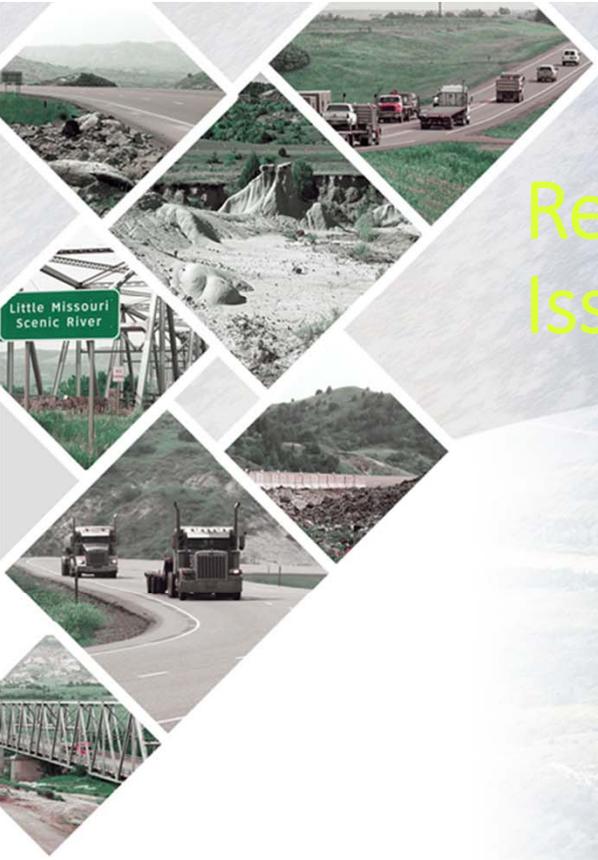


Needs

- › July 2013 to July 2015: 260 over height permits denied
- › 6 major bridge hits since 2011
 - Approximately 40 non-continuous days of bridge closure for repair and analysis
 - Up to 78 additional highway miles travelled one way for detours

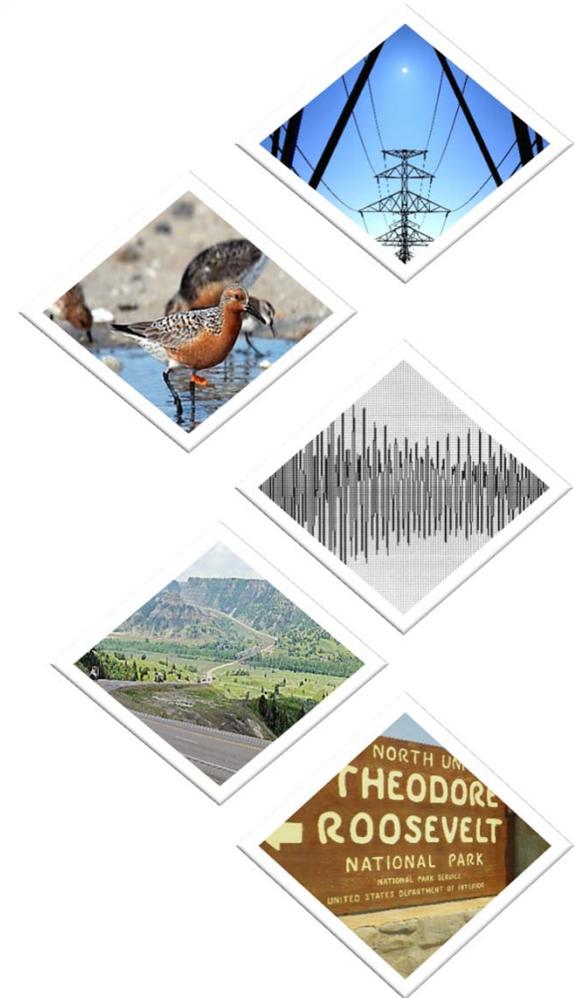
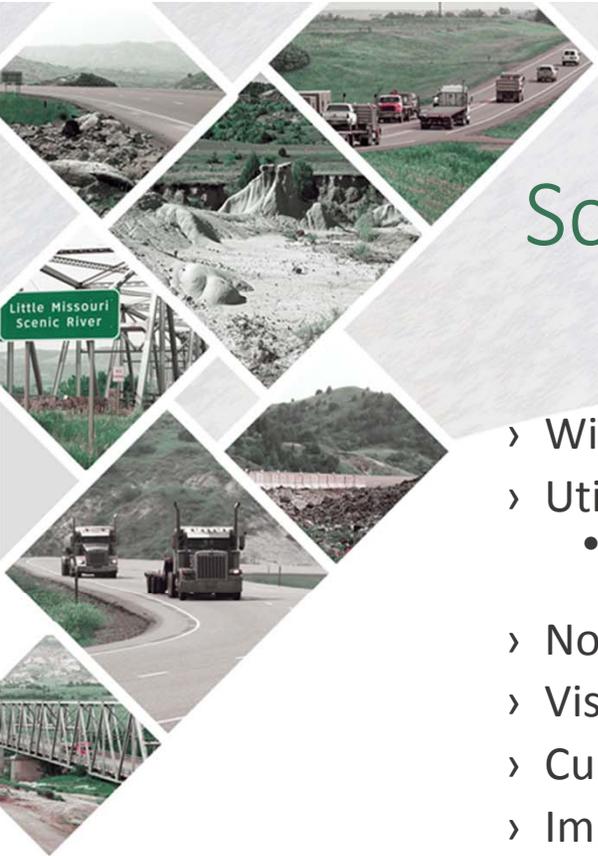


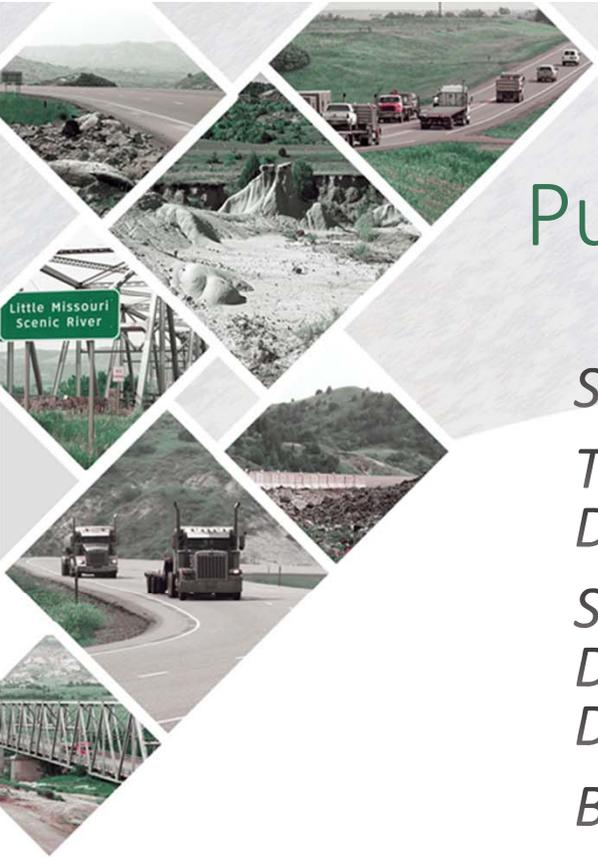
Receive input on Preliminary Concerns,
Issues & Benefits



Scoping

- › Wildlife
- › Utilities
 - Very important to let NDDOT know of planned or newly constructed utilities.
- › Noise
- › Visual
- › Cultural Resources
- › Impacts to Theodore Roosevelt NP
 - Visitor experience
- › Roadless Areas, DPG-MAs
- › Other issues, concerns, benefits



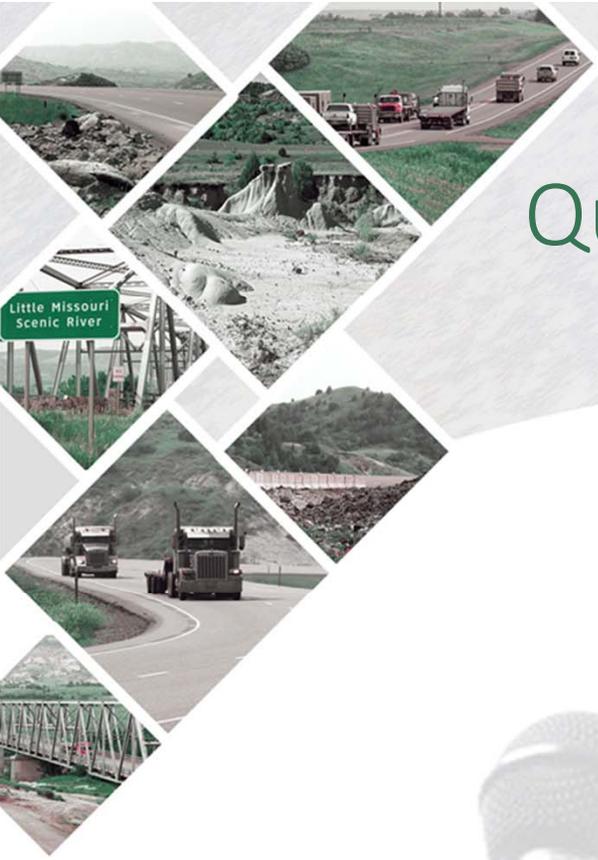


Purpose & Need

System Linkage
Transportation
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Demands/Economic
Development
Bridge Deficiencies

Scoping

Wildlife
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Noise
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Theodore Roosevelt
National Park
Roadless Areas, DPG
MAs



Questions & Comments

› Speaker Guidelines

- State name
- Describe issue or ask question
- Be concise

Thank you for attending!

