

Davison County

MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Study Overview

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About the Study

Davison County, which began as a rail center, is one of only a few South Dakota counties that is retaining and attracting new opportunities. While growth is welcomed, it does bring challenges. One of them is creating a transportation system that integrates with existing and future land use plans and contributes to the area's growth. To create such a system Davison County, along with the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), is conducting a master transportation planning study.

The study will examine Davison County's transportation network and develop potential solutions to address safety, capacity, and multimodal needs. When complete, the plan will guide elected and appointed officials, developers, and residents as Davison County continues to expand economic and residential opportunities over the next 20 years. The plan will also evaluate available funding options to implement future transportation projects throughout Davison County.

Plan Objectives

The SDDOT and Davison County have identified a need to establish baseline conditions, prioritize roadway needs, and determine future system improvements for the County. Overall, the study is expected to:

- Complete a list of transportation issues and needs facing Davison County.
- Develop feasible solutions to address those issues and needs that meet current design standards and/or traffic level of service expectations under both the current and predicted future traffic conditions while promoting a livable community that will enhance the economic and social well-being of Davison County residents.
- Create final products for use by Davison County and the SDDOT which will provide guidance to implement recommended improvements and react to future development plans within the area.

Study Area

The Study Area for the Davison County Master Transportation Plan encompasses all of Davison County including the incorporated and unincorporated cities and townships of Davison County, South Dakota.

The Study will include all roadways within Davison County, primarily focusing on the County Highway System. The Study will evaluate multimodal—pedestrian, bicycles, transit, freight, and air travel—needs within Davison County.

A study area map is linked from the project website.

Study Timeline

The Davison County Master Transportation Plan will be conducted over a 10-month period and will consist of three main phases. The process and timeline provided on the project website provides milestones to completing the study.

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Study Team

The study team comprises representatives from Davison County, the City of Mitchell, and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). The SDDOT is responsible for oversight of the day-to-day activities of the consultant team.

HR Green, Inc. is the consultant hired to lead the study. HR Green is a professional engineering and technical consulting firm serving clients throughout the United States and beyond.

Get Involved

Public Meeting Dates

An important component of this master transportation planning study is your input. Our next public meeting is Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the Davison County Fairgrounds, Meeting Hall.

A second public information meeting will be held in the spring/summer of 2015 to present a draft plan for public review and comment.

Internet Survey

A survey is being conducted to learn about citizens' travel patterns, Davison County's transportation needs, and suggestions for improvements. To participate in our survey, click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DavisonCounty>

Participants in the survey will have the opportunity to take part in a drawing for "Mitchell Money."

Prizes include three "Mitchell Money" certificates; one valued at \$50.00 and the other two valued at \$25.00 each. Three winners will be identified on **Friday, December 19, 2014** by random selection and will be contacted by a project representative via phone and email. Attempts to contact winners will be made four times. If we are unable to reach you or you do not claim your prize by December 31, 2014, you will forfeit the gift card and another winner will be selected from the pool of eligible participants.

** Please note that employees and their family members of the following are not eligible to win: Federal Highway Administration, South Dakota Department of Transportation, Davison County and any of the consulting firms working on or affiliated with the Davison County Master Transportation Plan.*

Study Documents

During the study, the study team will be producing various documents. These documents will be housed on the study website as they become available.

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