

Construction Program Moving Forward

The North Dakota Department of Transportation is working on the largest road construction program in state history. Work includes approximately \$878 million in projects during 2013 and approximately \$817 million of road construction in 2014. [Click here for a list of projects](#)

Construction Costs Have Increased

Construction project costs have increased, what cost \$1.00 in 2001, cost \$2.61 for North Dakota construction in 2013. The chart below illustrates the difference in project costs when comparing projects in western and eastern North Dakota.

Project Type	West	East	% Difference
Concrete Overlay	\$ 1,066,879.04	\$ 660,465.00	61.5%
Mine & Blend	\$ 1,870,656.85	\$ 854,075.36	119.0%
Structural Overlay	\$ 655,166.24	N/A	N/A
Minor Rehab	\$ 509,033.32	\$ 292,557.86	74.0%
Mill & Overlay (4 Lane)	N/A	\$ 250,160.16	N/A
Mill & Overlay (2 Lane)	\$ 762,279.55	\$ 224,328.68	239.8%
Thin Lift Overlay	\$ 188,057.82	\$ 156,991.53	19.8%

Federal Funding Update

The two-year federal funding bill called MAP 21 was signed into law in 2012. North Dakota's funding apportionment has been:

- \$241.2 million in 2012
- \$240.0 million in 2013
- \$239.6 million in 2014

The Appropriations Bill was recently passed by Congress; obligational authority for 2014 should be approximately \$229 million. U.S. DOT is reporting that the Federal Highway Trust Fund will be short of resources this summer.

Driver's Licenses And Photo ID Cards To Receive Security Enhancements

The North Dakota Driver's License and Photo ID Card will be updated with security enhancements as they are issued this spring. The look of the driver's license or ID card will change slightly as it will appear to be more of a tan or beige color.

It will also have a number added to the back and other security enhancements to help prevent identity theft and fraud. New equipment is currently being installed to implement the new technology as the initial rollout of the enhanced card will start in the Bismarck Driver's License office.



Leftwich To Serve As Transportation Liaison In Western ND

Dave Leftwich has been named to serve as liaison for western North Dakota transportation development. Leftwich, a Bismarck resident, will work with city and county officials in western North Dakota to help meet the transportation needs in the state's oil and gas region. Leftwich retired in November 2013 from NDDOT after working there for 39 years.



He has several years of experience and worked closely with city and county officials as Director of the Local Government Division for 22 years. "Serving the NDDOT and western North Dakota as a transportation liaison in western North Dakota is a great role for me," stated Leftwich. He will work part-time from an office in Watford City and will travel throughout western North Dakota to get a better understanding of the transportation challenges many communities in the area are facing.