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Public Hearing held and comments sought on Williston Northwest Bypass Environmental Assessment

A Public Hearing to discuss the Environmental Assessment document regarding the Williston Northwest Bypass was held on December 18th at the Williston High School auditorium. Public comments about the project are being sought and written statements or comments can be mailed in by January 3, 2014.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Environmental Assessment that analyzes the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the proposed project to construct the bypass located west and north of the City of Williston. The project consists of a four-lane limited access highway extending from the intersection of County Highway 6 and US Highway 2/85 north of Williston to the intersection of 52nd Street W and County Highway 4 (141st Ave NW) west of Williston. From there, the project will be connected to US Highway 2/85 (four mile corner), by way of two additional miles of four-lane limited access highway between the intersection of 52nd Street NW and 141st Avenue NW and the intersection of US Highways 2 and 85 (four mile corner) which received previous environmental clearance.

The project is designed to provide capacity to alleviate congestion on West Dakota Parkway, provide future system linkage with direct arterial around the City of Williston, meet forecast traffic demand, support movement of goods and economic development and improve traffic flow through the City of Williston and areas west of Williston. Additional information about the project can be found on the NDDOT website at: <https://www.dot.nd.gov/projects/western-nd/truck-routes/williston-truck-bypass.htm>.

After the conclusion of the Environmental Assessment comment period, the Federal Highway Administration and NDDOT will consider all information presented in the Environmental Assessment and the public comments and prepare a Final Environmental Document. Project construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2014, with project completion by the end of 2014.

Public comments are still being sought. Written statements or comments must be mailed by January 3, 2014 to Richard Lane, SRF Consulting Group, Case Plaza, Suite 226, One North Second Street, Fargo, ND 58102, or e-mail rlane@srfconsulting.com with "Public Hearing" in the e-mail subject heading.