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NDDOT Requesting Business Input for the North Dakota State Rail Plan

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is requesting input from organizations or businesses on potential rail related projects between now and the year 2040, for possible inclusion in the North Dakota State Rail Plan. The NDDOT is seeking input to the plan in a variety of areas, including safety and community impacts, the movement of freight by rail, and passenger rail service in the state as part of the process for updating the state's rail plan.

The overall goal of the plan is to provide an assessment of the rail system and offer recommendations for policies, programs, processes, and projects that will improve rail-related safety and service. An important element of the rail plan is a comprehensive understanding of rail related projects that may be pursued in the foreseeable future. If your jurisdiction, organization, or business is planning to pursue a rail related project between now and 2040 please contact Ben Ehreth at 701-328-2013 by September 2, 2016.

For more information on the update of the North Dakota State Rail Plan, including an on-line survey to gather inputs on North Dakota's rail system and service, please visit the project website at the following link: www.railplan.dot.nd.gov .

The state rail plan is a collaborative effort by NDDOT, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, North Dakota Department of Commerce, the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services, the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.