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State and local officials celebrate completion of Killdeer Truck Bypass project

Today, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Director Grant Levi, State Senator Rich Wardner, Killdeer Mayor Chuck Muscha and Dunn County Commissioner Reinhard Hauck along with other state and local officials celebrated the completion of the Killdeer Truck Bypass at a ribbon cutting event.

The bypass is to the west of Killdeer and is approximately 3.9 miles long. Construction began in July 2015 at an approximate cost of \$30 million of state funding.

“Killdeer has felt the impacts of growth over the years with nearly 10,000 vehicles per day traveling through the city,” says Grant Levi, NDDOT Director. “The completion of the bypass will help to restore the quality of life for residents and enhance the ability for children to walk to and from the school safely.”

The design of the bypass includes two roundabouts. One on ND 200 at the south end of the bypass and the other on ND 22 at the north end of the project. Roundabouts are an important part of the design of the new roadway requiring traffic control without stopping. The roundabout portion of the project provides many benefits to travelers including:

- The elimination of high speed crashes
- Improved flow of traffic
- Increased traffic capacity
- Ability to accommodate vehicles and trucks of all sizes
- Increased safety for all travelers

The NDDOT has worked with local officials in western North Dakota to complete bypass routes around the communities of Killdeer, Williston, Watford City, Alexander, New Town and Dickinson. In total, the state has invested approximately \$420 million on the construction of these truck bypasses and truck routes.

Since 2011, the state has invested \$2.3 billion in one-time state funding for state highways. This has allowed the NDDOT to expand existing roadways, build new bridges, construct bypass routes, and improve safety for the traveling public.