## HCR 3027



Transportation

House Transportation Committee
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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm Chad M. Orn, Director of Project Development for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to provide information related to HCR 3027.

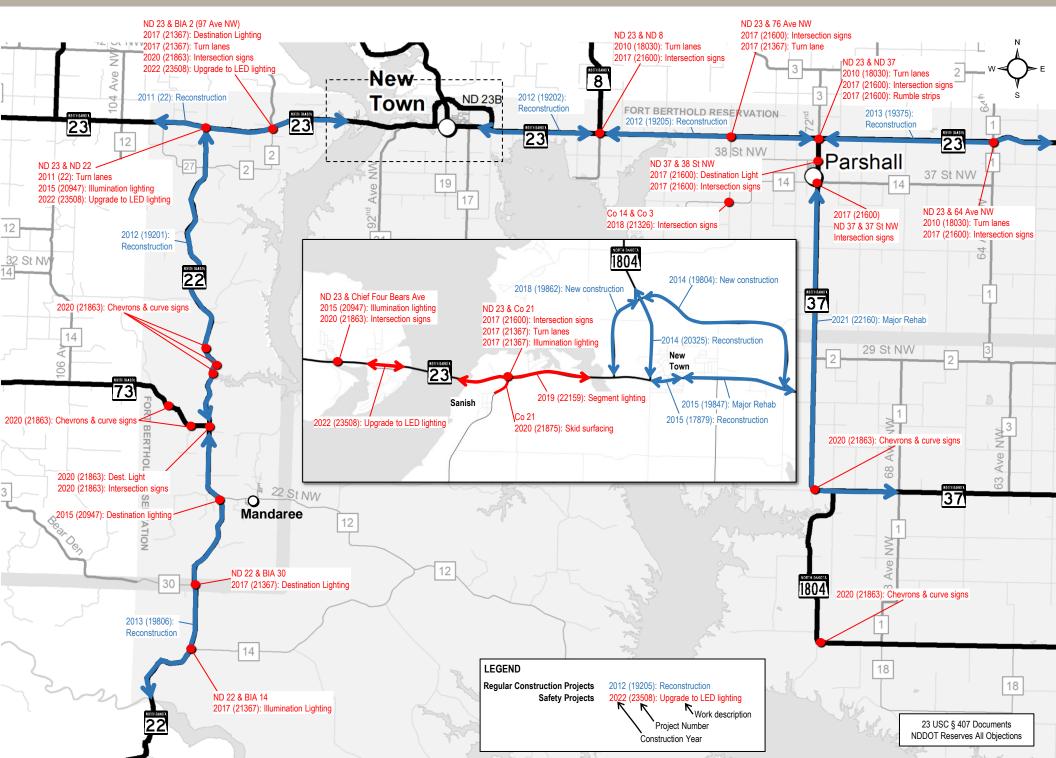
HCR 3027 includes requests to study several highway locations within the Fort Berthold Reservation. The NDDOT and FHWA meet with tribal entities annually during the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process to discuss upcoming programmed projects, needs, or concerns. The NDDOT also works closely with the MHA Nation throughout the year to coordinate studies of locations that either the tribe or the NDDOT identify as problematic. When a concern is raised to the NDDOT district office, the district coordinates with central office, usually our Traffic Operations Section. Traffic Operations studies provide recommendations for traffic control, need for turn lanes, lighting, signals, beacons, and other safety improvements. The results of the studies are shared with the NDDOT district office and the tribal entity. To advance the recommendations from the study to a project, the NDDOT district and tribal entity work together and submit a request during the STIP development process, during the annual Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation process, or through other applicable NDDOT funding programs.

This process has resulted in over \$210 million in projects from 2011-2022 within the Fort Berthold Reservation and another \$50 million in projects programmed for the future. Please see attached maps. We believe the process is effective and therefore do not see a need for HCR 3027. We are always open to input and would be happy to meet with any of our tribal or local public agency partners.

We sincerely appreciate MHA Nation's dedication to and support of Vision Zero. They've been a good partner. This concludes my testimony. Thank You.

## **Fort Berthold Reservation Transportation Projects 2011-2022**





## **Fort Berthold Reservation Transportation Projects 2023-2026**



