

Greetings, Chair and members of the Committee. I'm Matt Linneman, Deputy Director for Engineering for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to introduce and provide supportive testimony related to SB 2063.

SB 2063 would amend section 24-02-20 of the North Dakota Century Code to provide the NDDOT with greater flexibility in conducting highway construction bid openings. Under the current requirements, if the NDDOT needs to delay a project bid opening after it has been advertised and offered for bid, the NDDOT must readvertise for the full 21-day period mandated by section 24-02-19.

While such situations are rare, they are often time-sensitive when they do occur. Granting the NDDOT the ability to adjust the bid date after the initial advertisement, without the need for a full 21-day readvertisement, would enhance efficiency and improve the NDDOT's ability to manage project timelines effectively.

The NDDOT recommends a "do pass" on SB 2063. This concludes my testimony. Thank you.