

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm Chad M. Orn, Director of Project Development for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). This submitted testimony is in support of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute's (UGPTI) section of House Bill 1020.

The NDDOT utilizes the expertise of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) to assist in conducting research and special studies in areas such as traffic modeling, preparing needs analysis, determining economic impacts, and providing analysis on various transportation related topics. The services UGPTI provides are valuable to the state's transportation industry.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my submitted testimony.