

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. For the record, I'm Scott Zainhofsky, Planning/Asset Management Division Engineer 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 UGPTI to assist in conducting research and special studies in areas such as traffic modeling, preparing needs analyses, determining economic impacts, and providing analysis on various transportation related topics. Additionally, using actual NDDOT design projects, UGPTI trains future transportation engineers with real-world experience for NDDOT, our local government partners, and the private sector alike. The services UGPTI provides are invaluable to the state's transportation system and its users.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my submitted testimony.