

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm Matt Linneman, Deputy Director for Engineering of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to provide support for House Bill 1246.

House Bill 1246 would require the department to consult with a city when removing a traffic signal within 1000 ft of a school. This language is in line with the current procedures used by the NDDOT. The department is committed to engaging with our local public agency partners, the public, and other interested stakeholders. In the specific case of a traffic signal improvement, replacement, or removal, the NDDOT would always consult with the city on the specific needs of the community and take that into consideration during the project development and decision-making process.

This concludes my testimony. Thank You.