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North Dakota Department of Transportation Darcy Rosendahl, Operations Office Director

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I'm Darcy Rosendahl, Operations Office Director at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). Today we will discuss transportation issues in Indian country.

The Department has always had good relationships with the tribes in North Dakota and wants to continue to work in partnership with them to improve the state roads on the reservations.

The DOT and state government have invested millions of dollars in federal funds and state matching funds for various road projects within the Indian Reservations through the years.

Planning of Projects

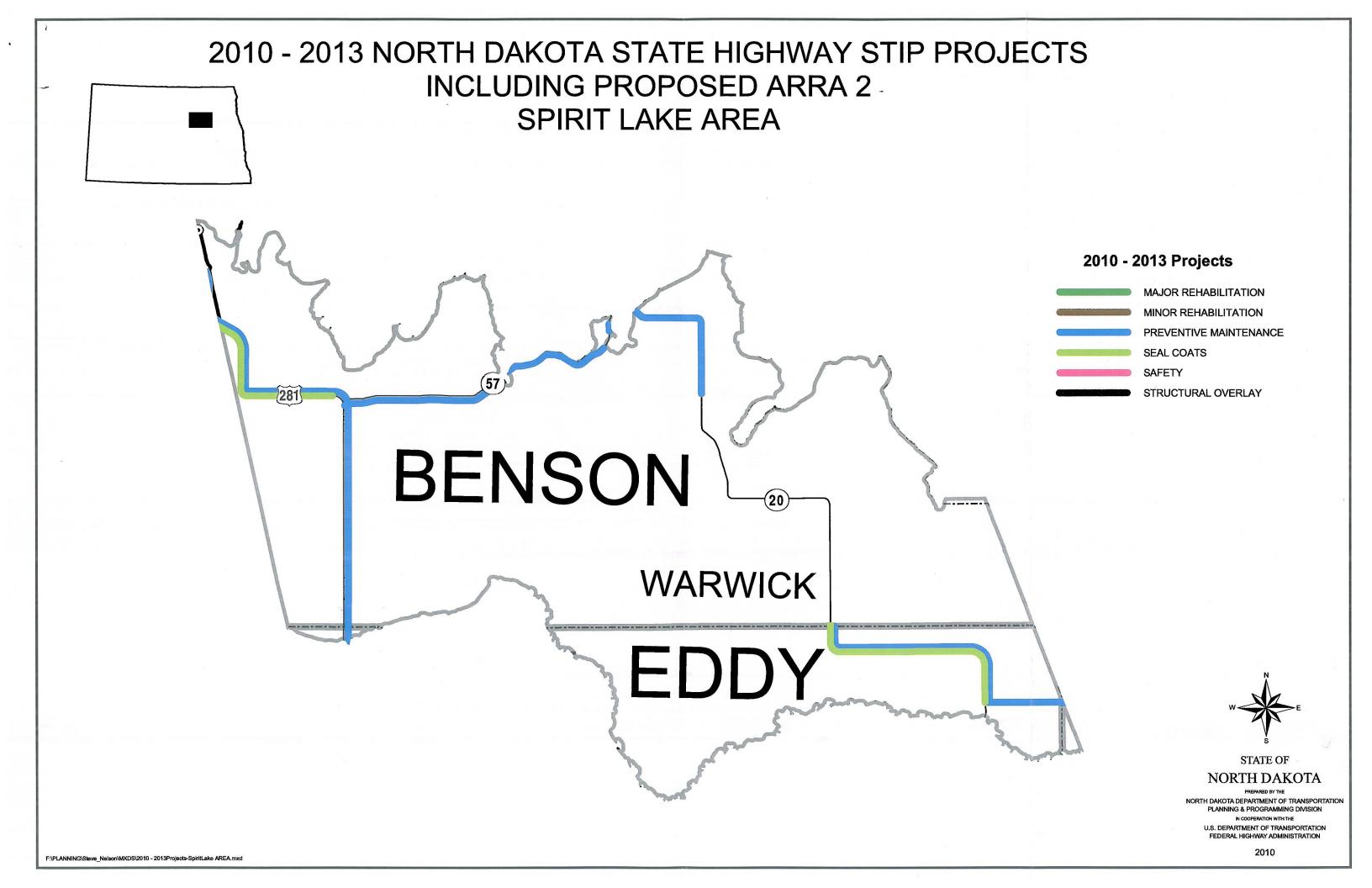
 The Department plans for projects years in advance to meet transportation needs through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP covers four years of Federal Highway and Federal Transit funded projected road and bridge construction projects. The DOT meets yearly with each of the tribal planners prior to STIP development to discuss transportation needs and coordination.

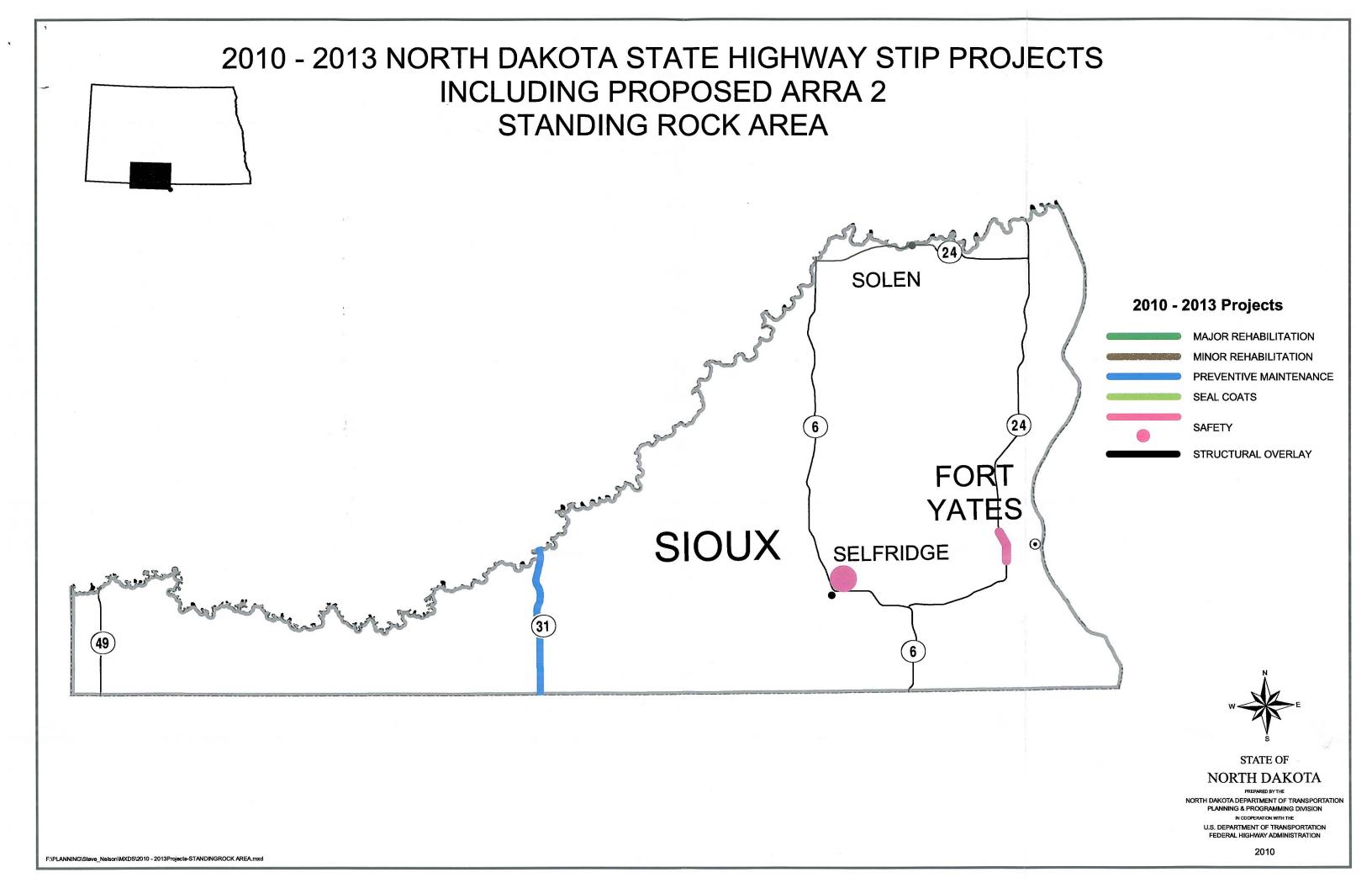
Cultural Resources

- The DOT developed a Programmatic agreement that was designed to address tribal interests in regard to cultural resource issues and impacts on NDDOT projects in a way that benefits everyone involved.
- It is the first Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) agreement negotiated with multiple tribes resulting in a cohesive group approach to consultation requirements.
- The agreement involves tribes from North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Minnesota.
- The agreement is being looked at as a model for future agreements with other states and
 with other federal agencies. The DOT received the 2008 FHWA Exemplary Human
 Environment Initiatives award for developing a Tribal Consultation Committee and
 empowering tribes in North Dakota to protect the cultural resources while participating in
 transportation decision making.

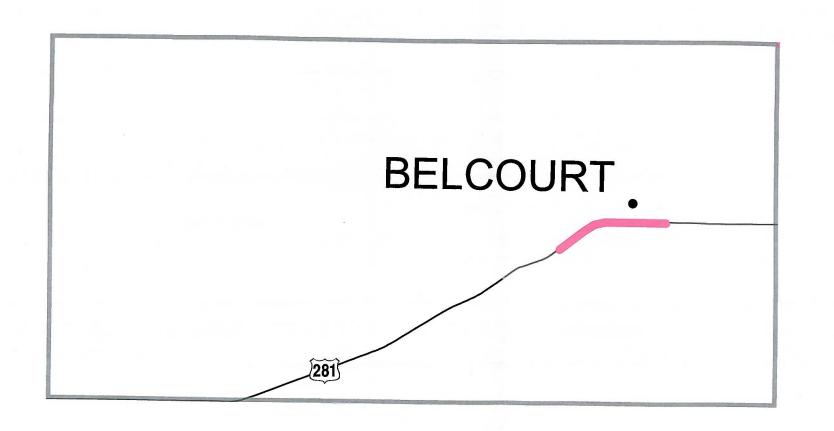
Federal Funding and STIP Projects planned for 2010-2013

No progress has been made on federal transportation funding and it is uncertain when the
regular funding bill will be passed. Congress is currently trying to determine where to
get additional funding due to the short fall in the Federal Highway Trust Fund.





2010 - 2013 NORTH DAKOTA STATE HIGHWAY STIP PROJECTS **INCLUDING PROPOSED ARRA 2** TURTLE MOUNTAIN AREA



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