

Energy Development and Transmission Committee
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I'm Francis Ziegler, Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). Today, I will provide you with an overall view of the Department's current construction program as well as a look at our plans for the future both statewide and in the Energy Development area.

I. 2011 Construction Program

- The 2011 construction program totaled \$596.8 million, with project completion at 85 percent.

II. \$228.6 Million for oil impact counties

- HB 1012 provided \$228.6 million (biennium total) for state highway projects in western North Dakota.
 - A total of \$84.5 million in projects are under contract at this time.
 - \$60 million in projects were completed in 2011.
- Projects for the remainder of the \$228.6 million are currently being designed and will be bid in 2012 with construction completion scheduled prior to July of 2013.

III. \$142 Million for county road projects

- HB 1012 provided for \$142 million (biennium total) to be spent by the counties on county roads in the oil producing area. That funding allocation was distributed, and at this time \$20 million has been spent on construction in 2011. The remainder is being designed and will be bid in 2012 and should be constructed prior to July 2013.

IV. 2012 Construction Season

- Projects for balance of the \$228.6 million for state work.
- Projects for the balance of the \$142 million for county work.
- Regular Federal Aid:
 - \$184 million of total regular Federal Funding statewide at this time.
 - SAFETEA-LU extension expires March 31, 2012.

- 2012 construction program totals approximately \$184 million unless Congress extends SAFETEA-LU beyond March 31.
- Federal Emergency Relief Funding:
 - \$517 million of Federal Aid Emergency Relief roadway damage occurred in 2011. Much of this will be constructed in 2012.
 - To date only \$5 million received from federal government (split between state and county.)

V. Future

- Meeting with cities and counties in western North Dakota.
- No Federal Bill at this time.
 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—MAP 21.
 - It appears that the funding will remain the same.
 - Current rate of inflation—see attached chart.
- Update NDDOT State Transportation Plan—addresses all mode of transportation.

The plan will focus on transportation needs in areas of:

- Energy Development
- Oil Country
- Roadway flooding
- Agriculture.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my testimony and I will be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

North Dakota's Overall Construction Cost Index

