## Public Input Meetings Participant Responses

**Transaction State Conference** 

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#### Overview

What's in the report?

How the report was compiled

Regional Influences

Statewide Issues



### What's in the report?

#### Introduction and Program design

Purpose & Procedure

#### General Findings

- Significant statewide issues (pg. 3)
- HPCS recommendations (pg. 7)
- Region summaries (pg. 8)
- Detailed comments (pg. 25)



#### At each regional meeting

- 33 to 75 attendees
- 4 to 8 round tables
- 1 hr 45 minutes of discussion
  - 6 questions (appendix III)
- Breakout reports
- Table reporters



- All recorded comments transcribed
- Comments sorted
  - region
  - topic/issue
  - Highways/segments identified



- Collaborative writing/editing process
  - UGPTI
  - NDDOT



- Statewide issues evident early
  - Issues at nearly every location
  - Confirmed by transcription
- Regional issues impacting roads
  - Issues at nearly every table



## Jamestown Region Summary

75 participants – 8 discussion tables

- Moving high volumes of agricultural commodities
- High water levels and flooding
- Development of wind farms
- Reverting paved roads to gravel



## Devils Lake Region Summary

64 participants – 8 discussion tables

- High water levels and flooding
- Emergency relief funding
- Railroad branch line abandonment



## Grand Forks Region Summary

33 participants – 4 discussion tables

- Moving high volumes of agricultural commodities
- Complexities of urban development
- Providing transit services



## Dickinson Region Summary

60 participants - 6 discussion tables

- Increased truck traffic associated with energy development
- Level of energy impact funding available to local jurisdictions
- HPCS classification of roads serving energy development



## Williston Region Summary

56 participants – 6 discussion tables

- Increased truck traffic associated with energy development
- Level of energy impact funding available to local jurisdictions
- HPCS classification of roads serving energy development



## Minot Region Summary

36 participants – 4 discussion tables

- Development of wind farms
- People living in rural areas and subdivisions and commuting to their jobs in cities and the Minot Air Force Base



## Bismarck Region Summary

57 participants - 6 discussion tables

- People living in rural areas and subdivisions and commuting to cities
- Coordination of governmental services and across jurisdictions and boundaries
- Recovery from effects of 2009 flooding
- Complexities of urban development
- Providing transit services



## Fargo Region Summary

45 participants – 4 discussion tables

- Complexities of urban development
- Providing transit services
- Recovering from effects of 2009 flooding
- High water levels
- Moving high volumes of agricultural and manufacturing production



## Significant Statewide Issues

- Safely moving people and goods
- Planning and developing an integrated roadway system
- Preserving and maintaining the existing roadway system
- Enhancing the roadway system



#### Safely Moving People and Goods

- Safety is expected
- Reduction of safety standards is unacceptable
- Underlying theme in discussion of other roadway characteristics/issues

(pavement condition, shoulders, width, speed, traffic, etc.)



## Planning and Developing an Integrated Roadway System

- Integrated planning and local roadway classification
- Corridor continuity and connectivity
- Coordination Taking into account surrounding jurisdictions
  - Township to township, county to county, state to state, state to province.
  - Example: statewide permitting system



## Preserving and Maintaining the Existing Roadway System

- Continued economic growth will result in additional truck traffic on roads
- Maintain roadway standards
- Bridges
- Oversize and overweight movements and load restrictions



## Preserving and Maintaining the Existing Roadway System (cont.)

- Inadequate funding for roads
- Quality, availability, and cost of gravel
- Flooding and high water levels
- Cost of meeting state and federal regulations
- Truck traffic



#### Enhancing the roadway system

 Expected level of service will continue to grow



# Did we get it right?



#### Additional comments or suggestions?

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#### Thank you

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Pull-down menu: Events – workshops

