Oil and Gas Producing Counties Conference

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NDDOT partnership with LTAP

- Work together to provide additional technical assistance to the 17 oil producing counties by:
 - Provide operation assistance
 - Bring in additional resources
 - Enhance communication with local agencies



Total Construction Program

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



\$228.6 million for oil impact areas

- HB 1012 provided \$228.6 million (biennium total) for state highway projects in western ND.
 - 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 M are currently being designed and will be bid in 2012 with construction completion scheduled prior to July of 2013.

\$142 million for county/township road program

▶ HB 1012 provided for \$142 million (biennium total) to be spent by the counties/townships on 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.



Federal funding update

- \$184 million of total regular Federal Funding statewide at this time.
 - SAFETEA LU Extension until March 31
 - 2012 construction program approximately \$184 million unless Congress Extends SAFETEA LU beyond March 31, 2012.



Special Session Update

- Legislators amended HB 1012 to change sum of \$120 million to \$200 million for NDDOT to borrow from Bank of North Dakota for ER projects on state highways.
 - One time funding and not considered part of the DOT's 2013-15 budget.
 - Any federal funding received for ER projects utilizing the loan will be used to repay BND.

Special Session cont.

- Legislators also amended funding in appropriation for \$142 million for oil impact counties.
 - Amendment changes formula in which counties receive funding for gravel projects to 90% state funding and 10% local match funding.

Emergency Relief projects

- North Dakota received excessive amounts of snow and rain in 2011. Due to the wet spring, flooding and landslides, NDDOT has been working on a large number of ER projects.
- As of this date, ND has received approximately \$5 million in federal funding for ER for the 2011 emergency events.
 - \$517.1 million
 - \$350 million on state highways
 - \$167.1 million on county roadways



Safety

- Safety is our number one priority.
 - One fatality is too many. Goal is for zero deaths on roadways.
 - As of 11/28/11 there have been 129 fatalities on our roadways with 70 of those fatalities not wearing a seatbelt.
- Primary contributing factors to fatal crashes
 - Alcohol
 - Not using seatbelts
 - Speed
 - Lane departure

Questions

