

Information Sheet for Public Information Open House
I-229 Exit 5 (26th Street) Crossroad Corridor Study
 July 17th, 2012



Study Questions

Question: *What is the purpose of the study?*

Answer: The I-229 Exit 5 (26th Street) Crossroad Corridor Study is being completed to determine ways to improve the I-229 Exit 5 Interchange's area of influence by addressing safety, east/west arterial capacity, driver delay, and out of date design standards within the study area. The study area is shown on the back side of this handout.

Question: *Why is the study taking place now?*

Answer: The SDDOT initiated this study in response to their 2010 Decennial Interstate Corridor Study identifying the I-229 Exit 5 interchange as the third priority interchange in the state in need for improvements. Several other studies have been completed that also support the need for our corridor study. In 2002, the City of Sioux Falls completed a joint benefit study with the BNSF on several of the rail crossings that existed in Sioux Falls. The study indicated that 26th Street was a priority for grade separation and should be studied further. More recently, the 2035 MPO Long Range Plan included a significant market study that surveyed over 1000 residents in Lincoln and Minnehaha County. The survey identified that improvements to the arterial street network and improving east/west connectivity in Sioux Falls were a high priority for the public. The 26th Street Corridor was ranked 3rd following only the 41st Street and Minnesota Avenue Corridors. All the above factors led to the decision to launch this important study. All previous studies mentioned above are linked to our website at www.26thstreetcorridorstudy.com under the events and documents page.

Question: *What improvements are planned for the 26th Street Corridor including Exit 5?*

Answer: Different types of interchange configurations will be reviewed during this study. Previous studies have identified options to start with but the study team anticipates developing several more alternatives. The same can be said for improvements along the 26th Street Corridor; several alternatives will be created and reviewed. The study team will begin working on alternatives after we have been able to obtain and review

all the public comments gained at our July 17th, 2012 Open House.

Question: *What can I do to help?*

Answer: Please fill out your comment sheet to let the study team know your concerns and improvement ideas and either leave it with a member of the study team tonight, or mail it to the address on the comment sheet. You can also provide your comments online at the study's website, www.26thstreetcorridorstudy.com. Also on the website is an online travel survey. Completing the online survey will also help alert the study team to what the daily commuters, adjacent landowners, business owners, and Big Sioux Greenway Trail users see taking place on a daily basis and what is important for us as study leaders to know! Please log on to the study website and participate in the short travel survey.



Next Steps

- Early August (invites to be sent the week of July 23rd)*
 Meet with business/landowner groups
- August 1st, 2012*
 Public meeting comments due
- August to December 2012*
 Develop and analyze improvement options
- January 2013*
 Public meeting #2
 Meet with business/landowner groups
- February to April 2013*
 Prepare draft corridor study
- May / June 2013*
 Public meeting #3
- July 2013*
 Prepare final corridor study

More Questions?

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