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SUBJECT: NDDOT 2027 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

As in years past, I would like to provide important information regarding funding for the North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT) 2027 construction program. The estimated bid for the 2027 construction program is \$580 to \$640 million, a decrease from the \$812 million bid in 2026.

The decrease of the construction program in 2027 is mainly due to not as many large federal discretionary grant projects as the 2026 construction program. There will be one federal discretionary grant for another segment of reconstruction on I-94 east of Bismarck.

The estimated 2027 construction program includes our core federal funding and state funded projects. The federal transportation bill (IIJA/BIL) ended on September 30, 2026, and we are currently under a short-term bill extension and a short-term continuing resolution (CR) until December 11, 2026. It is uncertain what will happen after December 11, 2026, and we will await congressional action. The total 2027 construction program estimate above is based on assuming no major changes in funding from IIJA.

Due to the expiration of IIJA advanced appropriations, there is no current federal dedicated bridge funding above the core federal funding for 2027. The current CR does not include them. The bridge funding may be revisited as Congress works on further action.

Please note that, as in the past, the Flexible Transportation Fund (FTF) dollars provided by the Legislature for Local Public Agency (LPA) projects through direct allocation or grants through the NDDOT are generally not bid through the NDDOT and are therefore not shown in the construction program.

Currently, the projected NDDOT 2027 construction program includes:

- 80 miles of concrete pavement repair (~4000 SY concrete)
- 20 miles of concrete reconstruction (~375,000 SY concrete)
- 425 miles of asphalt roadway reconstruction/rehabilitation (~1.2M tons HMA)
- 575 miles of seal coats
- 6 box culvert rehabilitations or replacements
- 7 bridge removals, rehabilitations or replacements

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These projections reflect the projects currently anticipated to be bid for the upcoming construction season and include projects that may extend into additional construction seasons.

Individual projects can be found in the "Bid Opening Dates with Projects" link on the NDDOT website under Construction & Planning → Construction and Contractor Resources → Construction Bid Opportunities.

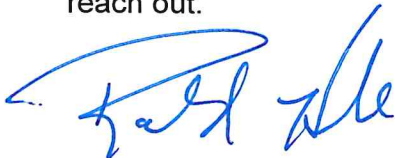
I also want to highlight a new feature that has been added to same above webpage. By selecting the "Preliminary Plans" link, you can access completed design plans for projects currently scheduled to be advertised for bid within the next year.

These plans will be clearly identified with a preliminary plans watermark. While these plans are not intended for bidding, they provide a valuable opportunity to review the project scope and become familiar with the work well in advance of the bid advertisement.

Below is a recap of the major projects planned for the 2027 construction season.

- Reconstruction of I-29 southbound from near Blanchard to the junction of ND 200
- Fargo Main Avenue reconstruction between 25th St and University Dr
- Reconstruction of I-94 eastbound from east of Menoken to Sterling
- Reconstruction of US 52 in Jamestown from 4th Ave SW to 7th Ave SW

The information provided is a projection based on the information available and is subject to change. We appreciate your understanding and continued partnership. Should you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to reach out.



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