

Department of Transportation Seeks Public Input into the I-229 Exit 9 (Benson Road) Interchange Study

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), in collaboration with the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the City of Sioux Falls, will hold a public open house from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 25th at the Sioux Falls Water Reclamation Facility, (4500 North Sycamore Avenue) to inform area residents of the beginning of the study and introduce and begin receiving public input on the environmental study for the I-229 Exit 9 (Benson Road - Sioux Falls) Interchange.

The open house will be informal allowing for one on one discussion with the study team. The purpose for the open house is to inform the public of the study's intent, to record any concerns the public may have along the study's corridor, and to remind the public of the ideas for the I-229 Major Investment Study for the corridor along Benson Road between Lewis Avenue and Hall Avenue, including improvement options to the Exit 9 Interchange at I-229. A short presentation will be given at approximately 5:35 pm. Area residents, business owners, and daily commuters are encouraged to attend and participate in the study. The Environmental process for the project will also be introduced at the public information meeting. The opportunity to present written comments will be provided. Written comments will be accepted until November 8, 2018. For those than cannot attend in person, the meeting will be livestreamed for your convenience and participation, you will be able to enter questions and watch live at www.facebook.com/CitySiouxFalls.

For those who cannot attend the open house, participate in the livestream, or desire additional information on the overall study, information is available online at www.bensonroadproject.com. The presentations and displays shown at the open house will be available online within a few days after the open house meeting. The website also allows for online comments to be submitted. The study team would appreciate hearing from the area commuters, concerned citizens, and adjacent landowners and business owners throughout the study period.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this open house/public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place, Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the open house/public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

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