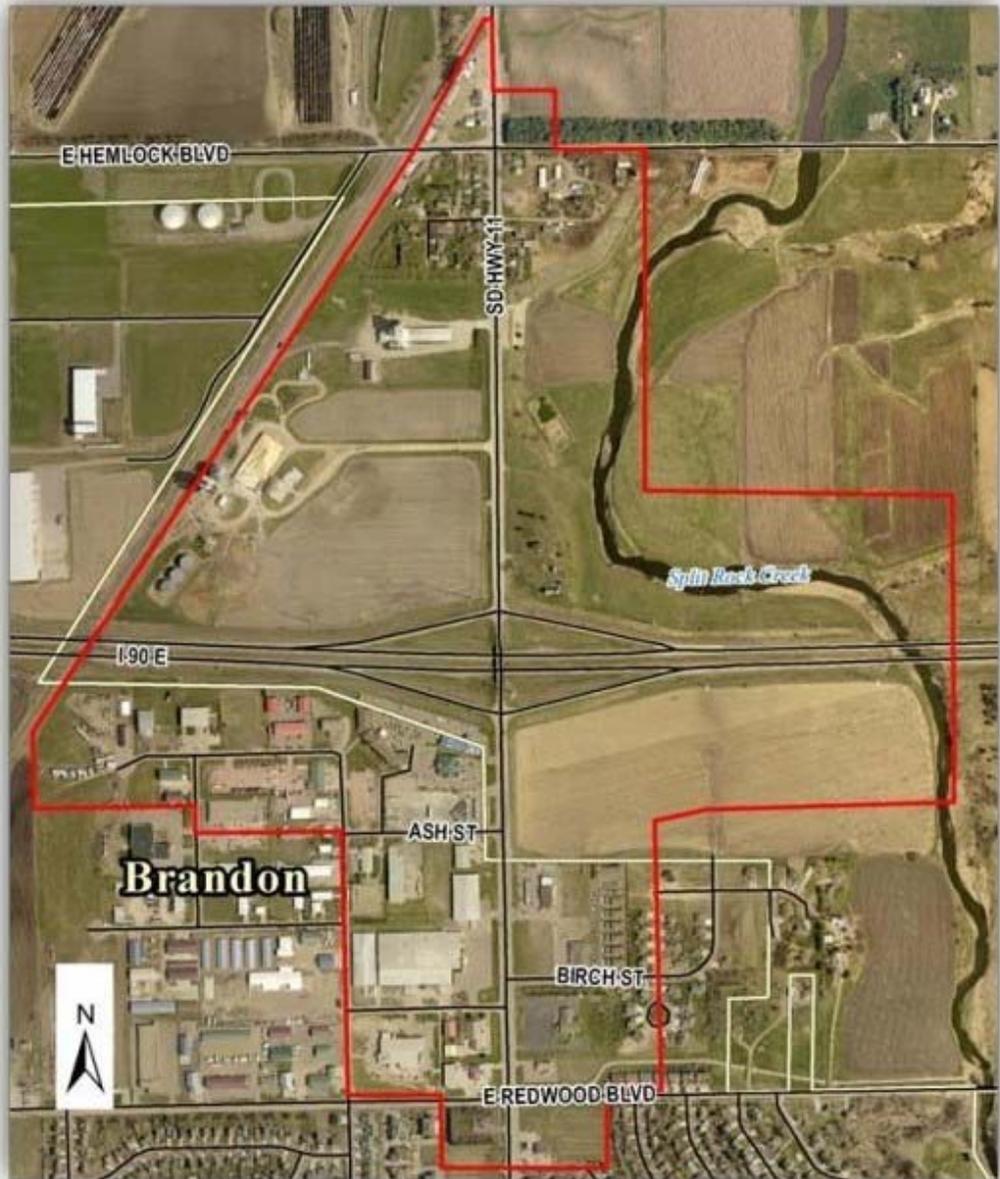


I-90 Exit 406 (SD11/Splitrock Boulevard) Interchange Modification Justification Report and Environmental Assessment

A public meeting for the I-90 Exit 406 Interchange Modification Study and Environmental Assessment will be held on **Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Brandon Holiday Inn Express Convention Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

This final meeting for the study will be used to present the preferred alternative for interchange and corridor configuration at the Exit 406 interchange and SD11 corridor. Findings from the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be presented, as this meeting occurs during the public comment period for the document. The recommendations are consistent with those from the Interchange Modification Justification Report (IMJR), which was approved in September 2018. Both documents, the EA and the IMJR, are available for viewing on the project website www.sehinc.com/online/406.



I-90 Exit 406 Environmental Assessment Study Area

Our previous public meeting was held in January 2017. Since that time, various project events lead to delays in completion of the IMJR and EA. Among them, a major land development project was proposed in the immediate study area that could have had an impact on project design and decision-making. Studies of the proposed development were conducted and coordination with the City of Brandon occurred before the IMJR could be finalized, with a recommended alternative. During this time, consultant team staff turnover occurred, with a change in project manager. SDDOT also determined to include replacement of both I-90 bridges over the BNSF railroad tracks west of the Exit 406 interchange

as part of this project. This change led to additional agency coordination regarding the environmental impacts of the added project elements.

Based on the findings of the IMJR and review of the environmental impacts, SDDOT has determined its proposed action to be construction of a diverging diamond interchange. As part of the proposed action, the SD11/Splitrock Blvd corridor will generally retain its existing lane configuration north and south of the interchange area, though some changes to access will occur as part of the project. Most notably, a median barrier will be added to SD11/Splitrock Blvd between 400 feet north of the westbound ramp intersection and Ash Street. Images of the proposed action are available in the EA and will be on hand at the public meeting.

The public comment period associated with availability of the EA is open until October 4th. SDDOT will accept comments from the public at the meeting and in other written forms, including email and use of the comment feature on the project web site, during this timeframe. Written comments are encouraged, as those can be incorporated into project documentation and aid in the Federal Highway Administration's determination of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give a call or send an email to the contact people identified below. Please do not respond to this email, as the inbox is not monitored.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CITY OF BRANDON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE / INFORMATION MEETING**

Environmental Assessment for the
I-90 EXIT 406 (SD11 / SPLITROCK BLVD) INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION STUDY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

IM-NH 0909(46)406, PCN 4433
NH 0011(118)80, PCN 062V

Date: September 18th, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Place: Holiday Inn Express Conv. Center
1103 N Splitrock Blvd
Brandon, SD 57005

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), City of Brandon, and the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold the third public information meeting / open house to receive public input on the I-90 Exit 406 Interchange Modification Study and Environmental Assessment (EA). The purpose of the meeting is to present and collect comments on the EA for the project and the preferred alternative for improvements to the interchange and associated SD11 / Splitrock Blvd corridor.

The study advisory team and engineering consultants have prepared the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to develop and evaluate the type and location alternatives for a new interchange and corridor improvements. Due to the importance of the interchange for local traffic, the new project must be built with limited disruption to traffic operations during construction.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) document is available for public review on the study website and at the following locations:

Website: www.sehinc.com/online/406

SDDOT Sioux Falls Area Office
5316 W. 60th Street North; Sioux Falls, SD

Brandon City Hall
304 Main Avenue; Brandon, SD

A brief presentation will take place at approximately 6:05 pm. SDDOT, City of Brandon, and consultant staff will be available with displays before and after the presentation to discuss the study and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

In addition to the EA, the website contains information about the interchange modification study and also offers an opportunity to provide comments. After the meeting, the website will contain the meeting's presentation and electronic copies of all materials presented. Input from area commuters, concerned citizens, adjacent landowners and business owners regarding their use of the interchange and corridor is appreciated. **The comment period regarding the EA will close on October 4, 2019.**

Notice is further given to all individuals with disabilities that this open house / informational 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 / information meeting should submit a request to the departments ADA coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunications Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request accommodations no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

For further information regarding this meeting, contact Ben White, Project Manager with HR Green at (605) 221-2651, Tim Thoreen with HR Green at (651) 659-7777, or Steve Gramm, with the SDDOT at (605) 773-6641.