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LITTLE MISSOURI

# River Crossing EIS

## Newsletter

Project # FHO-02-04(001) PCN #16970

## General Project Information

### What is the proposed project?

An EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) has been initiated for a proposed crossing of the Little Missouri River in conjunction with upgrading existing roadways and/or creating new roadways to connect the transportation network on the east side of the Little Missouri River to the transportation network on the west side of the Little Missouri River, from ND Highway 16 to US Highway 85, within the study area.

## Project Updates

### What is new since the last newsletter?

A range of reasonable alternatives have been developed and alternatives have been selected to be carried forward in the EIS. Alternatives Public Workshops will now be in held in Medora and Bismarck to present these alternatives to the public. In addition, field work studies have commenced for the three build alternatives.

### When and where will the Alternatives Public Workshops be held?

Alternatives Public Workshops have been scheduled for the proposed project. The workshops will include a formal presentation, with an open house following the presentation. The objective of the workshops is to provide information on the proposed project alternatives, progress on the project, and to solicit public comments regarding the alternatives. The dates, times, and locations of these workshops are:

Medora, ND
Thursday, July 17th
Open House: 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (MT)
Formal Presentation: 5:15 p.m.
ND Cowboy Hall of Fame
250 Main Street, Medora, ND

and

Bismarck, ND
Tuesday, July 22nd
Open House: 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (CST)
Formal Presentation: 5:15 p.m.
Best Western Doublewood Inn
1400 E. Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, ND

### What alternatives have been selected to be carried forward?

Four alternatives, including a no-build alternative, have been selected to be carried forward in the EIS. Two structure alternatives are also being evaluated: a bridge and a low-water crossing. These alternatives will be discussed in greater detail at the Alternatives Public Workshops.

### Will the purpose and need be discussed at the Alternatives Public Workshops?

Yes, the purpose and need will be discussed at the workshops. However, the focus of the workshops will be the proposed alternatives.

### What is the next step in the EIS process?

The next step in the process will be to complete the field work for the alternatives carried forward and conduct a full analysis of potential environmental and social impacts of the proposed alternatives. These impacts, purpose and need, and a detailed description of the alternatives, will be disclosed in the EIS.

## Comments/Concerns

### Where can I find additional information about the proposed project?

For more information and updates between newsletters, please visit the Little Missouri River Crossing project website at www.billingscountynd.gov.

### Who can I direct my concerns to?

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Written statements will be included in the official transcript if received by August 22, 2008.