



I-29 Exit 86 Renner/Crooks Planning Study

Public Involvement Meeting Summary

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

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1.0 Outreach

Examples or copies of all promotional materials are included in the appendix.

Direct Mailers

Thirty-eight postcards were mailed to properties in the project area. The total parcels were provided to the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) in advance of the public meeting open house.

Legal Ads

The first public notice was issued three weeks in advance of the public meeting open house on Dec. 27, 2024 and again on Jan. 3, 2025 in *The Argus Leader*, *The Minnehaha Messenger*, and *The Dakota Scout*. All meeting materials shown at the public meeting were posted to the website in advance of the first public notice.

Press Release

The SDDOT issued a press release on Jan. 10, 2025, advertising the public meeting open house.

Social Media

The City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, and the SDDOT all utilized their respective social media platforms to share posts advertising the public meeting.

2.0 Public Meeting Overview

The public meeting open house was an informal, open house style gathering on Jan. 15, 2025. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the study and present the recommended build scenario for the project. The public meeting open house consisted of both an informational board tour, one-on-one discussion with project team members, and a recorded presentation.

Public Meeting Open House

- Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025; 5:30-7 p.m.
- Jefferson High School (1600 N. Marion Rd., Sioux Falls, SD)
- In-person attendance: 60 attendees plus advisory team

Virtual (Online) Comment Period:

- Dec. 27, 2024 – Jan. 29, 2025

Study Website:

- <https://www.i29exit86.com>

Public Meeting Presentation Recording

- [I-29 Exit 86 Planning Study - Public Open House #2](#)

Study website users (Dec. 20, 2024 – Jan. 29, 2025)

- 561 total users

Devices used to access website

- 59.2% mobile
- 35.8% desktop
- 5% tablet

Virtual public meeting presentation views (Dec. 25, 2024 – Jan. 29, 2025)

- 18 total views

2.1 Summary of Public Input and Themes

Interchange & Roadway Design:

Some participants favored a Single-Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) design, referencing the Tea, SD interchange. There was some opposition to widening 258th Street to four lanes or adding a restrictive boulevard since they don't see a lot of crashes there. Several suggested to add an off ramp or an exit at 259th Street and I-29 for the Foundation Park traffic. There were some drainage concerns along the south side of 258th St., east of the interchange, with the proposed roadway layouts. There were also some general questions regarding the construction schedule and phasing/staging for the interchange project.

Access & Traffic Flow:

Participants were generally okay with U-Turns for vehicles and small trucks, had concerns over left-turn movements for semi-trucks needing a larger turn radius. Suggestions made at the public meeting included adjusting medians and/or better positioning the intersections.

Overall, participants had positive reactions to the build alternatives.

3.0 Written Comments and Study Team Responses

Written comments were provided to the study team through public meeting open house comment cards and a comment form on the study website. To protect the privacy of those who submitted comments, the report does not include names, email addresses, phone numbers or specific information about the commenter's property or business. Each comment, in its entirety, was provided directly to the SDDOT.

3.1 Summary of Written Comments

In summary, the written comments echoed what the overall input from the public expressed. Participants are concerned about the adequacy of the eastbound left-turn from 258th Street onto 472nd Ave for large trucks, including issues of turn radius, queue space, and an "unnecessary" median. Some also would rather have a

new exit/interchange at 259th Street and I-29 to accommodate 259th Street and I-29 to accommodate the Foundation Park traffic.

3.2 Submitted Comments and Study Team Responses

Date	Method	Comment	Response
01/14/2025	Website	I would like to the SPUI option. Look at the Tea interchange. It works well and I see more traffic at this interchange, especially with the Amazon center.	
01/15/25	Website	I know that improvements to the I-29 exit are probably needed but I am not of the opinion that 258 th Street needs to be changed to a four lane highway or the need to have a boulevard to limit our access to get in and out of property. For business owners who pull trailers daily, it would be a huge problem dealing with a no left turn option to get on the interstate. I have seen no accidents on that stretch of 258 th Street that would warrant widening the highway.	Thank you for attending the public meeting and for providing feedback on the interchange study. The purpose of this project is to address structural deficiencies at the I-29 & 258th St (Exit 86) interchange to meet current SDDOT design standards to extend the life of the interchange. This includes reviewing the future traffic needs at the interchange as well as the 258th St corridor to make sure the future traffic flows can be accommodated with the proposed interchange improvements. With the anticipated growth in this area, this interchange along with portions of 258th St are predicted to need additional traffic lanes to accommodate the future traffic flows. The proposed alternatives figures presented at the public meeting include additional lanes to accommodate the future traffic needs as well as the construction of raised medians to provide access control that will allow the interchange to function acceptably. The

			County currently has no future plans at this time for changes on 258th St. As traffic patterns change in the future it is anticipated that additional lanes will be needed along the 258th St. corridor to provide a safe and reliable transportation network.
01/15/2025	In-Person	Future expansion – 258 th St. median Dawson to Marion. For those who live on 258 th St. having to drive west to turn around to go east would be difficult when pulling a construction trailer. Is a median needed?	Thank you for attending the public meeting and for providing feedback on the interchange study. The purpose of this project is to address structural deficiencies at the I-29 & 258th St (Exit 86) interchange to meet current SDDOT design standards to extend the life of the interchange. This includes reviewing the future traffic needs at the interchange as well as the 258th St corridor to make sure the future traffic flows can be accommodated with the proposed interchange improvements. With the anticipated growth in this area, this interchange along with portions of 258th St are predicted to need additional traffic lanes to accommodate the future traffic flows. The proposed alternatives figures presented at the public meeting include additional lanes to accommodate the future traffic needs as well as the construction of raised medians to provide access control that will allow the interchange to function acceptably. The





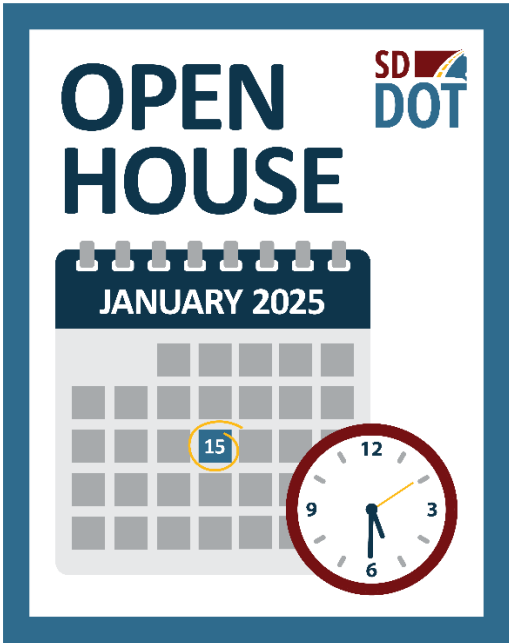
			County currently has no future plans at this time for changes on 258th St. As traffic patterns change in the future it is anticipated that additional lanes will be needed along the 258th St. corridor to provide a safe and reliable transportation network.
01/15/2025	In-Person	Put off ramp on 259 th & I29.	<p>Thanks for attending the public meeting and providing feedback.</p> <p>At this point there are no plans to look at constructing a new I-29 exit at 259th St.</p>
01/15/2025	In-Person	Build exit off 259 th St. and I-29.	<p>Thanks for attending the public meeting and providing feedback.</p> <p>At this point there are no plans to look at constructing a new I-29 exit at 259th St.</p>
01/22/2025	Website	I approve and support the recommended build alternative for SDDOT's I-29 Exit 86 Renner/Crooks Planning Study because the build alternative will improve safety by replacing the existing bridge on 258 th Street over I-29 that is safer and up to current design standards.	No response needed
1/29/2025	Website	<p>Major concerns with all three alternatives regarding the eastbound left-turn movement onto 472nd Ave from 258th Street as well as the southbound left-turn movement onto 258th Street from 472nd Ave.</p> <p>A nearby company owns and operates numerous large semi trucks that haul heavy equipment with lowboy</p>	<p>Thank you for providing your feedback on the interchange study.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to address structural deficiencies at the I-29 & 258th St (Exit 86) interchange to meet current SDDOT design standards to extend the life of the interchange. This includes</p>

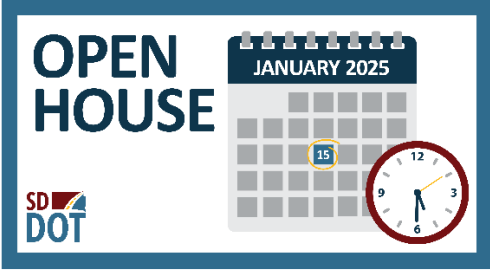
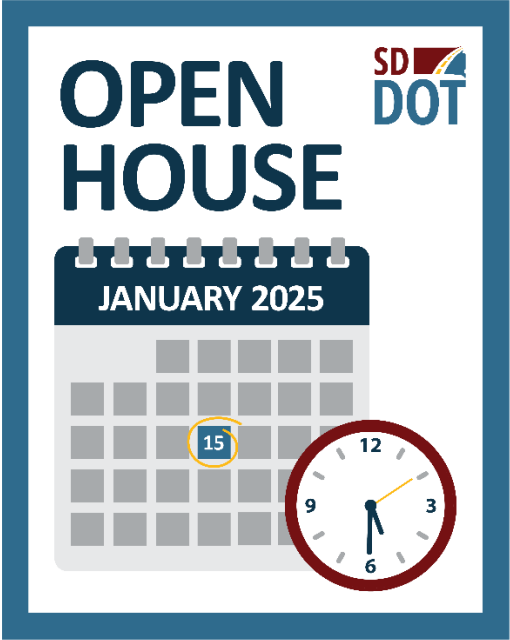
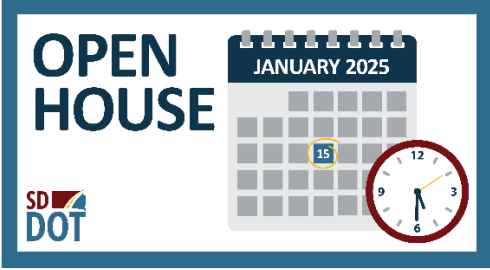
	<p>trailers as well as double side dump trailers for hauling aggregates. To put it into perspective, a semi/lowboy setup is 97' long total and our semi/double side dump setup is 103' long total. In order to access that property from the interstate (which happens numerous times a day between March and December of each year), they need to have an adequate amount of room to accomplish the eastbound left-turn movement onto 472nd Ave for semi/lowboy trailers and semi/double side dump trailers.</p> <p>Each alternative appears to have a different layout for the eastbound left-turn movement onto 472nd Ave as far as queue space, turn radius allowed, and median placement. It sounds like Alternative 1 is currently the recommended alternative. Can the medians be pushed back from the turn lane in order to allow a larger turn radius for long truck/trailers to accomplish the left-turn without the back wheels of the trailer jumping the curb and knocking over any median traffic signs? Perhaps more queue space can be made by shifting the 472nd Ave & 258th St intersection further to the east as it is shown in Alternative 2.</p> <p>The southbound left-turn movement onto 258th Street is also a necessity for that business (not only for our trucks, but every day traffic as well). Can there be a solution to making that southbound left-turn movement possible? Concerned of the potential of a lot of unwanted westbound u-turns on the west side of the interstate near Cottonwood Avenue not just</p>	<p>reviewing the future traffic needs at the interchange as well as the 258th St corridor to make sure the future traffic flows can be accommodated with the proposed interchange improvements. With the anticipated growth in this area, this interchange along with portions of 258th St are predicted to need additional traffic lanes to accommodate the future traffic flows. The proposed alternatives figures presented at the public meeting include additional lanes to accommodate the future traffic needs as well as the construction of raised medians to provide access control that will allow the interchange to function acceptably. The current design shown on the figures presented at the public meeting for the eastbound 258th St to northbound 472nd Ave left turn will accommodate the turning movement for a WB-67 semi-truck.</p> <p><i>This can be further reviewed during final design to see if larger vehicles can be accommodated.</i></p>
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Appendix A: Promotional Materials

Social Post Copy

Posting Date	Content	Graphics
Prior to Meeting once full website is launched (Facebook post)	<p> Public Open House Announcement!</p> <p>We want your input! Join us for a public open house meeting to share your thoughts and ideas as we develop conceptual design options.</p> <p>The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), City of Crooks, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will hold a public information meeting open house to receive public input on the Interchange Modification Study and Environmental Documentation required for the project. Area residents, business owners, and daily commuters are encouraged to attend and participate in the study.</p> <p> Time and Date: 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025</p> <p> Location: Jefferson High School 1600 N. Marion Rd. Sioux Falls, SD</p> <p> Can't make it? Learn more and share your comments online at https://www.i29exit86.com</p>	 The graphic is a blue-bordered poster for an 'OPEN HOUSE'. At the top right is the 'SD DOT' logo. The words 'OPEN HOUSE' are in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this is a calendar for 'JANUARY 2025' with the 15th highlighted in a blue circle. To the right of the calendar is a red clock face showing approximately 5:30.

<p>Prior to Meeting (Twitter/X post)</p>	<p>Join us from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at Jefferson High School (1600 N. Marion Rd.) for a public open house meeting for the Interstate 29 (I-29) Exit 86 Interchange Study. Your input is vital! Learn more at https://www.i29exit86.com</p>	
<p>Day of Meeting (Facebook post)</p>	<p>🚨 Today's the Day! 🚨</p> <p>Join us tonight for a public open house meeting for the Interstate 29 Exit 86 Interchange and Environmental Study! The purpose of the meeting is to review and present the recommended alternative for the interchange.</p> <p>📅 Date: Today! 🕒 Time: 5:30-7 p.m. 📍 Location: Jefferson High School 1600 N. Marion Rd. Sioux Falls, SD</p> <p>Learn more and share your ideas and feedback with the study team. Not able to attend? Share your thoughts online at www.1011viaductstudy.com</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you there!</p>	
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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (SDDOT) AND
CITY OF SIOUX FALLS NOTICE OF
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING OPEN HOUSE
Interchange and Environmental Study for
Interstate 29 (I-29) Exit 86 (Renner/Crooks)
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Date: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025

Time: 5:30 – 7 p.m. CT

Place: Jefferson High School

1600 N. Marion Rd.

Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Project Website: <https://www.i29exit86.com>

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), City of Crooks, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will hold a public meeting open house to receive input on the Interchange Modification Study and Environmental Documentation required for the project. Area residents, business owners, and daily commuters are encouraged to attend and participate in the study.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the following items:

- Review alternatives for the interchange
- Present the recommended alternative
- Review the environmental evaluation for the recommended alternative
- Review the next steps and schedule for the project

A prerecorded presentation is available on the project website and will be played on a loop during the public meeting. No formal presentation will be given at the public meeting. SDDOT, City of Crooks, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, Sioux Falls MPO, and consultant team staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer questions. During this time, participants will also have the opportunity to present written comments. Comments may be submitted at the public meeting, through the website, or by emailing one of the project contacts listed below until the comment period closes on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025.

Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), should contact the SDDOT ADA Coordinator (605-773-3540) two business days prior to the meeting to ensure accommodations are available. For any in-person meeting, notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that the meeting is being held in a physically accessible location.

For further information regarding this project, contact: Steve Gramm (SDDOT Planning Squad Leader) at 605-773-3281 or steve.gramm@state.sd.us; Alan Murra, (Project Engineer with SEH) at 605-330-7015 or amurra@sehinc.com.

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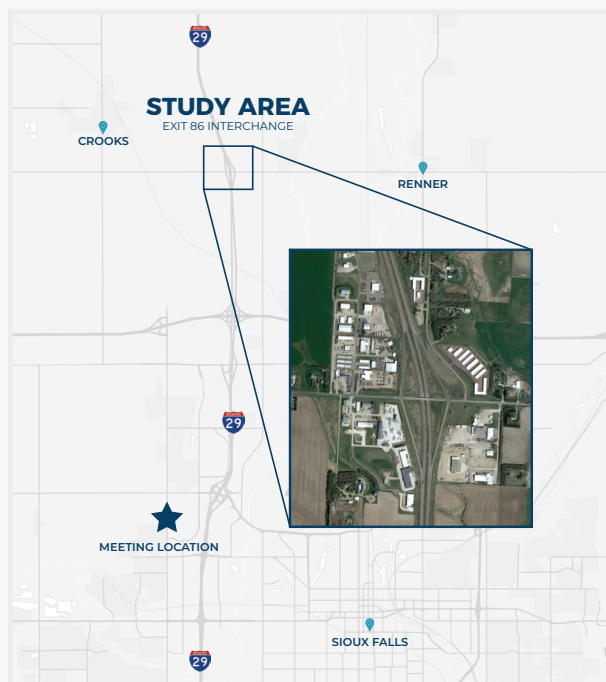
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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

C/O HDR
101 S Phillips Ave Ste 401,
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

YOU'RE INVITED!





SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

Interchange and Environmental Study for Interstate 29 (I-29) Exit 86 (Renner/Crooks)

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Representatives from SDDOT, City of Crooks, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, Sioux Falls MPO, FHWA, and the consultant team staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer questions. Participants will also have the opportunity to view a prerecorded presentation at multiple times throughout the night.

All meeting materials, including the prerecorded presentation, are available to view now through the project website. Written comments will be taken at the public meeting open house as well as online through the project website.



DATE:

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025



TIME:

5:30 - 7 p.m. CT



PLACE:

Jefferson High School
1600 N. Marion Rd. Sioux Falls, SD 57105

PROJECT WEBSITE:

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Appendix B: Website Analytics

I-29 Exit 86 Interchange Study

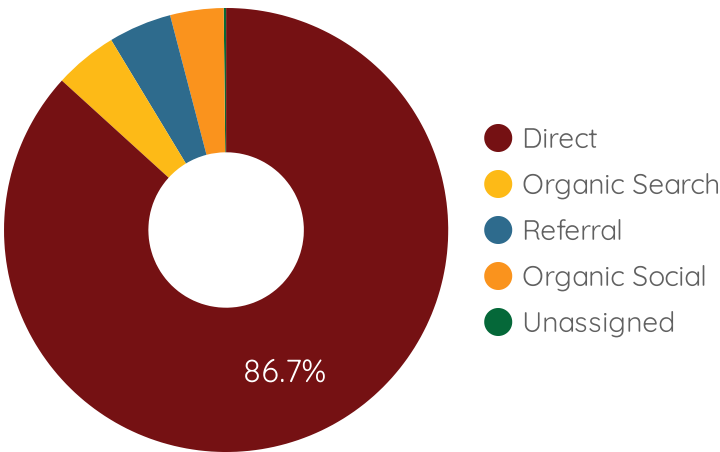
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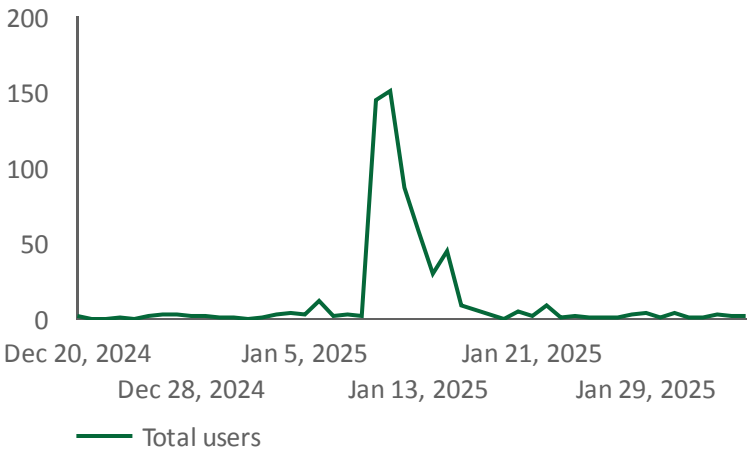
Website launched July 8, 2022.

Total users	New users	Engaged sessions	Views	Average Session Duration
561	559	414	711	00:01:08

Users by Acquisition Type



Users per Day



Referrals & Social Media Sources

Session source	Total users
1. dot.sd.gov	24
2. lm.facebook.com	7
3. m.facebook.com	7
4. t.co	4
5. facebook.com	3
6. siouxfallsmpto.org	2
7. l.facebook.com	1

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Users & Sessions by Regional Cities (SD)

City	Total users	Engaged se...
1. Sioux Falls	180	148
2. Garretson	30	28
3. Renner	12	9
4. Brandon	9	8
5. Hartford	10	7

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Users by Device Type

