

**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CITIES OF PIERRE AND FORT PIERRE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE / INFORMATION MEETING
US14/US83/SD34 MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STUDY**

Date: July 1, 2014

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM (CDT)

Place: Ramkota Conference Center
920 West Sioux Avenue
Pierre, SD



The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), City of Pierre, and City of Fort Pierre will hold a public information meeting / open house to receive public input on the US14/US83/SD34 Missouri River (Lt. Commander John C. Waldron) Bridge Replacement Study. The purpose of the meeting is present the study's

progress and garner public feedback regarding the bridge location and conceptual architectural features. The open house will be informal and will allow for one-on-one discussion with the study team. We encourage everyone's participation, as public input is an essential ingredient in ensuring a future replacement bridge will best serve all users.

The study advisory team and engineering consultants are conducting this study in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to develop and evaluate the type and location alternatives for a replacement bridge. As opportunities to cross the Missouri River in central South Dakota are limited, the new structure concepts will be required to be built with limited disruption to existing traffic and will need to perform over a 100 year service life. Opportunities for the public to provide feedback are a valuable and essential ingredient in ensuring a future replacement bridge will best serve all users.

A brief presentation will take place at 6:00 pm (CDT). SDDOT, City of Pierre, City of Fort Pierre 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.

A website, www.US14MissouriRiverBridge.com, has been established for the project. This website contains information about the bridge replacement study, upcoming meetings and regular project updates and also provides an opportunity to provide comments. After the meeting, the website will contain a video recording of the meeting's presentation and graphics of all displays shown at the public meeting. The study team would appreciate input from area commuters, concerned citizens, outdoor enthusiasts (river, trail and riverfront users), adjacent landowners and business owners regarding their use of the bridge and desires related to potential bridge improvements.

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 Greg Brown, Project Manager with URS at (612) 373-6479, or Steve Gramm, with the SDDOT at (605) 773-6641.