

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING TRANSCRIPT

ND Highway 13 E City Limits of Wishek – East to Jct 30

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ND Highway 13 – Wishek to Lehr

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Topic: Proposed improvements on ND Highway 13 from Wishek east to Lehr

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2009

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. CDT

Location: Wishek Civic Center

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Public input meeting announcements were advertised according to the following schedule:

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October 29, 2009
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Public Input Meeting to be held on October 29, 2009 to discuss Proposed Improvements to ND Highway 13 from Wishek to Lehr)

A Public Input Meeting will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on October 29, 2009 at the Wishek City Civic Center. The Public Input Meeting will utilize an open house format with a formal presentation at 5:30 pm.

The purpose of the Public Input Meeting is to discuss proposed improvements for ND 13 from the east city limits of Wishek to Lehr. The Public Input Meeting will provide opportunity for public input.

Representatives from the ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and Brosz Engineering Inc. will be available to answer any questions.

If unable to attend the Public Input Meeting, written statements or comments must be mailed by November 13th, to Gary Brennan, Project Engineer, Brosz Engineering, Inc., PO Box 357, Bowman, ND 58623. Email: garyb@broszengineering.com with "Public Input Meeting" in the email subject heading.

Another meeting regarding proposed improvements within the Wishek City Limits will be held at a later date.

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EXPLANATION OF PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

PURPOSE

Public input meetings, in regard to highway projects, are held to provide the public with an opportunity to provide comments to the proposed highway improvements and to make known to the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) the views of interested parties.

Input meetings, or acceptable substitute procedures, are required by federal law in most cases involving the expenditure of federal funds for highway improvements. In addition, they are in accordance with the policy of the NDDOT to ensure that proper consideration is given to all social, economic and environmental factors before final decisions are reached.

PROPOSED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed highway improvements have resulted only after careful study and consideration of all known pertinent factors. Engineering and economic factors, traffic behavior and desires, and also safety have, out of necessity, played an important part in the development of this project. However, the present and future environmental, and economic and social needs of the individual and the community and state have also been considered. The Project Concept Report covers the alternates considered and is available for examination or copying.

INPUT MEETING PROCEDURE

The public input meeting was an open-house format with a formal presentation by Brosz Engineering, Inc. Information was also provided by a handout with project information, the Project Concept Report and exhibits of proposed features. The public was invited to make comments, ask questions and express their views. Representatives from the NDDOT and Brosz Engineering, Inc. were available to answer any questions throughout the input meeting.

THE RECORD

Summary of the Presentation

Gary Brennan, P.E. of Brosz Engineering, Inc. gave a formal presentation describing the extent of the project. The following items were presented during the public input meeting:

1. Scope of Work

This project will consist of widening and resurfacing on ND Highway 13 from Wishek to Lehr and regrading in areas where the vertical or horizontal alignment does not meet the current design standards.

2. Project Limits

The project will begin at the intersection of ND 13 and 40th Avenue SE on the east side of Wishek and will terminate at the Junction with ND 30 in Lehr. It is scheduled to begin during the 2011 construction season.

A separate surfacing project is being planned within the city limits of Wishek. The improvements are not part of this project; however, they will be discussed with the City of Wishek at a later date and the construction of those improvements may take place in conjunction with this project or may follow in the following construction season.

3. Design Speed

The design speed for this project will be 65 mph in exception of the west end of the project where the highway approaches the urban section in Wishek.

4. Horizontal & Vertical Alignment

There is one horizontal curve that will be flattened to meet the current design standards as part of this project.

There are fourteen (14) crest vertical curves that will be lowered to correct sight distance and twelve (12) sag vertical curves that will be raised to provide a better comfort ride.

These improvements will be done to make the road compliant with the 65 mph design speed.

5. Typical Sections

The existing roadway consists of a 24' wide top. The new roadway will be constructed to a 36' wide top, consisting of 12' wide driving lanes and 6' wide shoulders. The surfacing will consist of 15 inches of base material and 4.5 inches of hot bituminous pavement.

6. Traffic Control

Traffic will be maintained on the highway by use of flaggers and pilot cars during construction operations. Construction limitations will be included in the plan notes restricting the length of regrade sections that can have the surfacing removed to reduce delays to the traveling public.

7. Roadway Flooding Issue

There is a location approximately 2 miles east of Wishek where there is a roadway flooding issue where the water has overtopped the highway. The grade will be raised in this area to address the issue.

8. Wetlands

There are numerous wetlands adjacent to the highway as well as a Waterfowl Production Area that is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The majority of the impacts to wetlands will be confined to the right of way and will be mitigated on site.

9. Right of Way

Additional right-of-way and temporary construction easements will be needed at various locations for the construction of this project.

The temporary construction easements will be needed for construction staging activities, stockpiling topsoil and salvaged material, placing rip-rap at culvert ends and placing rip-rap for slope stability.

10. Encroachments

An inventory of all right-of-way encroachments will need to be done, including all trees and other obstructions within the right-of-way. A letter documenting right-of-way encroachments will be mailed to the respective property owners. Mailboxes will be reset on breakaway supports.

After the formal presentation, the floor was opened up for a question and answer session. The ensuing dialogue is documented below.

Q: (James Raile) Have you decided where you are going to stockpile your materials as needed?

A: (Gary Brennan) We have put together some preliminary temporary easement locations but until we get done with the design those locations are not final at this point in time. This will be part of the right-of-way negotiations. When we come out to get right-of-way we will also be talking to people about easements.

Q: (Milton Wiest) So the road won't change, it will stay the same, it will just be built up?

A: (Gary Brennan) The horizontal alignment of the roadway won't change much in exception of the one curve that will be flattened so its not quite as sharp. Overall, it will look a lot different because there are a number of hills that will be knocked down, the vertical alignment is going to change considerably. The look and feel of the roadway is going to be much different from what it is now. Several of the hills do not meet a 65 mph design speed. They will be regraded and some could have up to 15 feet of cut.

- Q: (Sandy Werth) Are you going to be widening all the approaches?
- A: (Gary Brennan) If the approaches are not wide enough now, they will be widened to what the Valley City District uses. All the approaches will be reconstructed to provide adequate turning radiuses. This could be discussed during the right-of-way negotiations.
- Q: (Cleo Boschee) There is an approach by our corrals and you can't get in and out of there with a semi truck.
- A: (Gary Brennan) There are a lot of other highways that were built many years ago and the approaches weren't made to handle the size of trucks that are being used today. The approaches on this project will be reconstructed with adequate turning radiuses.
- Q: (Delmar Zimmerman) Are there any plans to widen Highway 13 east to Kulm?
- A: (John Thompson) Right now we don't have any plans for that project but we need to prepare priorities for the Statewide Improvement Plan. Please continue to send letters and make your desires known.
- Q: (Cleo Boschee) What about Highway 30 north of Lehr?
- A: (John Thompson) Highway 30 from the north edge of Lehr to the junction of Hwy 46 is scheduled for a 2 inch overlay next year. We also plan to go through the city of Lehr as a part of that project as well.

With no further questions, the formal discussion was ended and the floor was returned to an open house format.

Comment sheets were attached to the public hearing handout and were available for any written comments. A representative of Brosz Engineering, Inc. was also made available with a tape recorder to document and comments that were wished to be expressed verbally. This Public Input Meeting Transcript is available to any interested party and will be used in reviewing the points brought forth at the input meeting.

POST INPUT MEETING

Following the input meeting, state and federal highway officials will review the proposals under consideration on the basis of what has been expressed at the input meeting. When all factors affecting design features have been satisfactorily reconciled, the NDDOT will make final design decisions and requires approval from the Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) before proceeding with the preparation of final plans.

Public Input Meeting

ND Highway 13 from Wishek east to Jct ND 30 in Lehr
 NDDOT Project Number NH-2-013(027)233

Thursday, October 29, 2009 ~ 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CDT
 Wishek Civic Center

Welcome

Welcome and thank you for attending. Your input is appreciated. There are a couple of different stations that have exhibits on display. The public is invited to make comments, ask questions and express their views. Representatives from the NDDOT and Brosz Engineering, Inc. are available to answer questions.

Purpose of Public Input Meeting...

The purpose of this public input meeting is to get people acquainted with the proposed project and to generate discussion on any points of interest.

Need for Project.....

The purpose of the project is to reconstruct ND Highway 13 to bring horizontal and vertical alignments up to the current design standards, widen the roadway and to maintain the load carrying capacity.

Traffic Data		
Segment	Current (ADT)	Future (ADT)
ND Highway 13	660	810



Proposed Improvements.....

Proposed improvements for ND 13 from Wishek to Lehr will consist of regrading horizontal and vertical curves to meet the current design standards, shoulder widening and resurfacing.

The typical section is proposed to consist of 15" of base course and 4.5" of hot bituminous pavement. The base course will consist of new aggregate blended with recycled asphalt material.

Project NH-2-013(027)233 will also consist of culvert replacements and a site specific grade raise to address an existing roadway flooding issue.

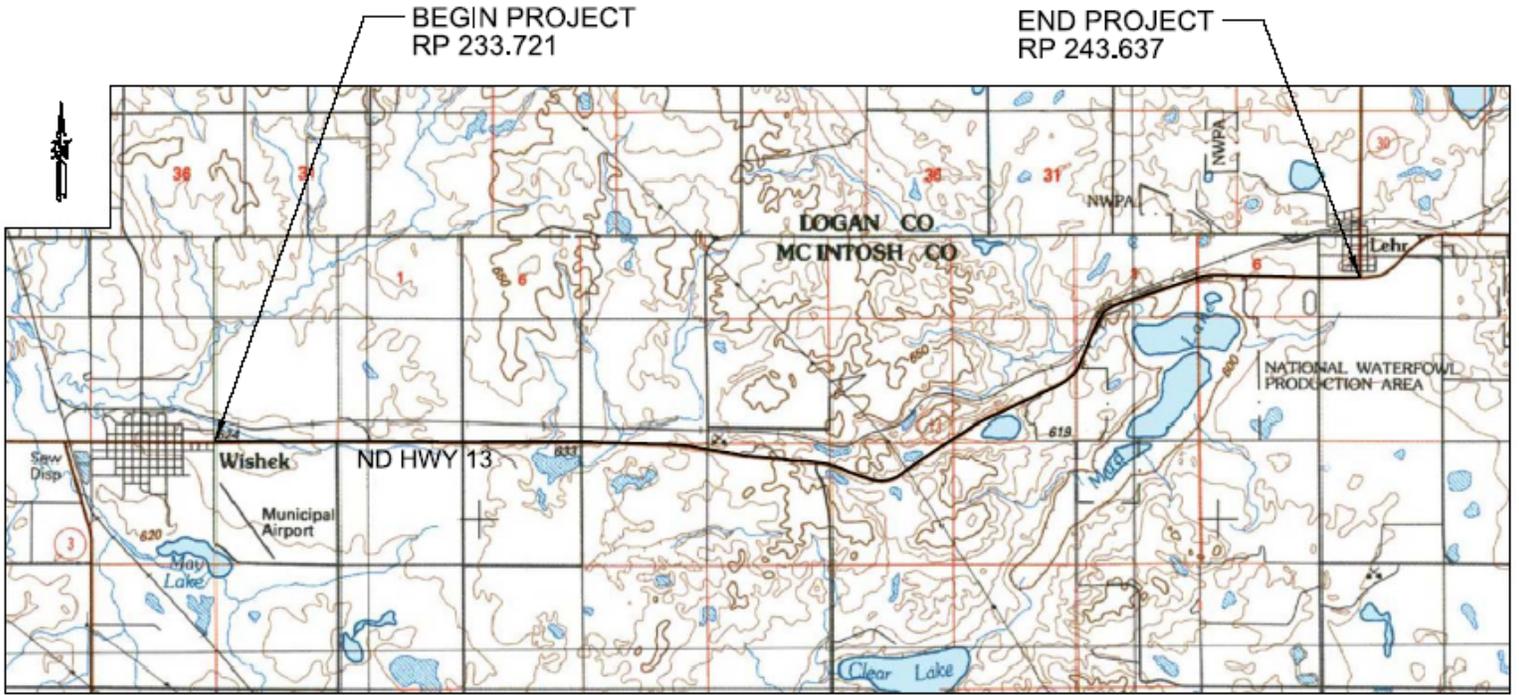


Cost/Funding.....

The cost for improvements on ND 13 from Wishek to Lehr is approximately \$10.3 million.

Funding for this project will be 80% federal, 20% state.

Project Location Map.....



Construction

The construction of the improvements on ND 13 from Wishek east to Jct ND 30 in Lehr is scheduled to begin in the 2011 construction season.

Comment Period.....

Comments received will be incorporated into the project development process.

Comments for the record will be received until November 13, 2009.

Statements not submitted at the public input meeting should be sent to:

Gary Brennan, Project Engineer
Brosz Engineering, Inc.
PO Box 357
Bowman, ND 58623-0357

Phone # 701-523-3340

Fax # 701-523-5243

E-mail to: garyb@broszengineering.com - note "public input meeting" in e-mail subject heading.



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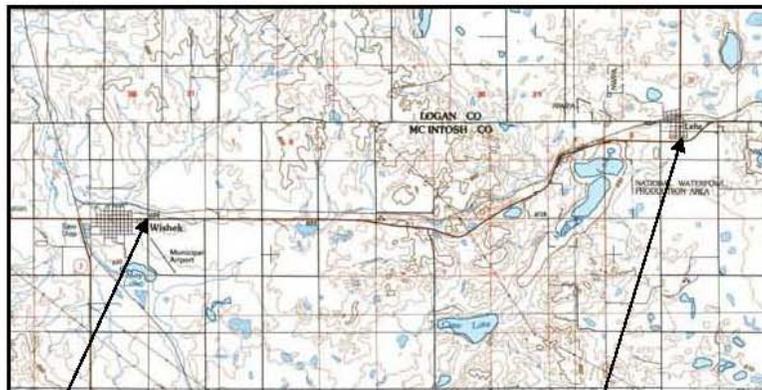
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Location Map



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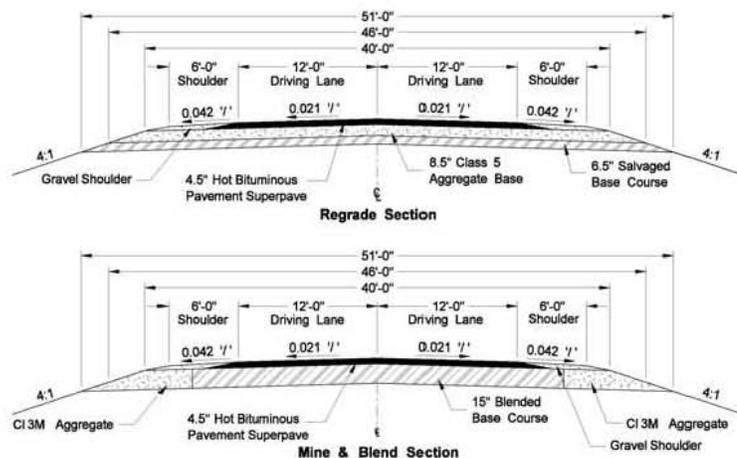
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Proposed Typical Sections



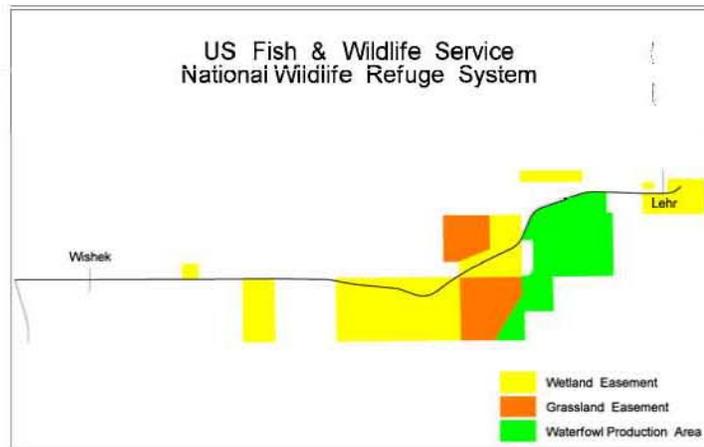
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Roadway Flooding Area



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National Wildlife Refuge System Lands





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END SLIDE SHOW

EXHIBITS

Five exhibits were displayed during the public input meeting. They are listed below.

- 1) 36" x 66" banner showing the existing alignment and topography for the project
- 2) 11" x 17" sheet showing the proposed typical sections
- 3) 11" x 17" sheet showing the typical ditch sections
- 4) 11" x 17" map showing the layout of the National Wildlife Refuge System
- 5) Copies of the Project Concept Report



Public Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Project Description: Widening and Reconstruction of ND Highway 13
 Project Location: Wishek east to Jct ND 30 in Lehr
 Project Number: NH-2-013(027)233 PCN 16824
 Meeting Date: October 29, 2009
 Meeting Location: Wishek Civic Center

Please Print

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James R. Baird	907 7th Ave S. Wishek	701-452-2807	DCBA BERT@BEKTEL.COM



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Table with 4 columns: NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL. Contains handwritten entries for Eyle Nantt and CRAIG SPERLING.

Comment Sheet
Public Input Meeting held October 29, 2009
ND Highway 13 from Wishek east to Jct ND 30 in Lehr
NDDOT Project Number NH-2-013(027)233

Name (Please Print) MARLOW & SANDY WERTH
Address (Please Print) 4905 Hwy. 13 SE
LEHR, ND 58460 701-378-2388

I wish to offer the following comments: widening of approaches along Sec 6-132-69
We reside 44 mile west of Lehr along Hwy. 13. Please (North & South)
call us so that we can arrange a time to meet with
you. These ~~approaches~~ approaches are very dangerous when
entering and exiting.
Thanks!

Please submit comments by November 13, 2009 to: Gary Brennan, Project Engineer
Brosz Engineering, Inc.
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Bowman, ND 58623
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Fax # 701-523-5243
E-mail to: garyb@broszengineering.com



109 S. Main, Box 357
Bowman, ND 58623
Phone: 701-523-3340
Fax: 701-523-5243

November 25, 2009

Marlow and Sandy Werth
4905 Hwy 13 SE
Lehr, ND 58460

Project No. NH-2-013(027)233
Location: ND Highway 13, Wishek to Lehr

This letter is written in response to your comments received following the October 29, 2009 Public Meeting about the above mentioned project. Addressing your comments;

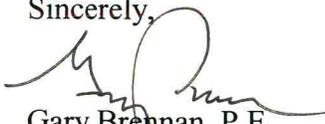
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) typically does not allow more than five approaches per mile per side. The approaches are graded to meet current NDDOT standards. However, if the approaches can be moved to the property line and if it were to become a shared approach or dependent upon use, there would be justification to provide a wider approach. Additionally, with a new 6 foot wide shoulder on the highway and a larger turning radius that will be provided with the approach, the maneuverability in and out of the approaches will be greatly improved.

The approaches will be examined in further detail during the upcoming design phase of the project. If any changes to the access to your property are intended, you will be contacted and given the opportunity to provide additional comments regarding the proposed improvements.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your comments regarding the reconstruction of ND Highway 13 from Wishek to Lehr. Your comments and input is much appreciated and is valuable to us as we begin designing the highway. You can expect to be contacted again concerning the approaches sometime in the fall of 2010.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 701-523-3340.

Sincerely,



Gary Brennan, P.E.
Brosz Engineering, Inc.

Cleo C. and Joan J. Boschee

413 South 4th Street
Wishek, ND 58495
1-701-452-2247
jobosche@bektel.com

Comments regarding ND Highway 13 Construction in 2011

1. Fencing ~ Permanent and Temporary

We own 3-4 miles of fencing on both sides of Highway 13 and a corral. If this fencing and corral need to be moved, do we need to get a price from a contractor to complete this work? What about a temporary fence to keep our livestock confined to our pasture?

2. We have an approach on both sides of Highway 13; will they be widened enough so we can get a semi-load of cattle in and out of the pastures/corrals. Approaches are not adequate for our use presently.

3. Both underpasses for cattle can be eliminated. We no longer need or use these for our cattle.

4. We would be willing to lease an area of pasture for equipment storage and maintenance.

5. We would also be willing to provide fill from our land to help improve the new road. If gravel is available on the land, we would not be opposed to using our gravel.

6. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding my comments at 701-452-2247. Cleo C, Boschee, landowner, west of Lehr.

Cleo C. Boschee
10/29/09



109 S. Main, Box 357
Bowman, ND 58623
Phone: 701-523-3340
Fax: 701-523-5243

November 25, 2009

Cleo C. and Joan J. Boschee
413 South 4th Street
Wishek, ND 58495

Project No. NH-2-013(027)233
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This letter is written in response to your comments received following the October 29, 2009 Public Meeting about the above mentioned project. Addressing your comments;

1. There will be impacts to existing fencing as a result of this project. The extent of these impacts will be determined specifically during the upcoming design phase of the project. In most situations, the reason for impacting the fence is a result of widening the road and being able to construct an adequate ditch bottom and backslope. This will most likely result in the need for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) to purchase additional highway right-of-way. In the event that your fences or corral will be impacted, a right-of-way agent will contact you to discuss the impacts. The right-of-way agent will be prepared to offer you just compensation for your fence impacts. You would be compensated once for having the fence removed (while you retain possession of all the materials) and you would be compensated further for installing the new fence with new materials. These compensation prices include materials and labor and are estimated to be equal to what a fencing contractor would charge you to perform this work. If temporary fence is needed as a result of the construction process, compensation will be provided for that as well.
2. The approaches will be graded to meet current NDDOT standards. With the new 6 foot wide shoulder on the highway and a larger turning radius that will be provided with the approach, the maneuverability in and out of the approaches will be greatly improved.
3. The cattle underpasses will be looked at and their use will be discussed with the property owner at the time of right of way negotiations. If they are not in use and the landowners on either side of the highway consent to them being removed. If a culvert is needed for drainage purposes, the underpass will be replaced with an appropriately sized culvert to handle the storm water runoff.

4. Your willingness to provide a temporary easement or lease an area of pasture for equipment storage and maintenance has been noted and this topic will be addressed during right-of-way negotiations.
5. Borrow material will most likely be needed for this project. Again, your willingness to provide possible borrow sites has been noted and specific areas will be analyzed during the design phase of the project. The right-of-way negotiations will address this issue as well. Your information regarding the possible presence of gravel on your property will be reported to the NDDOT Materials and Research Division.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your comments regarding the reconstruction of ND Highway 13 from Wishek to Lehr. Your comments and input is much appreciated and is valuable to us as we begin designing the highway. You can expect to be contacted by the right-of-way agent for this project in the fall of 2010.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 701-523-3340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Brennan', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Gary Brennan, P.E.
Brosz Engineering, Inc.

**ASHLEY TRIBUNE
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF MCINTOSH

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Frances Lehr

 OFFICE MANAGER, FRANCES LEHR

(Seal) *Joan Wishek*

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 JOAN WISHEK
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Frances Lehr
OFFICE MANAGER,
FRANCES LEHR

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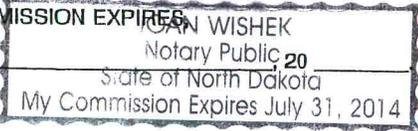
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