

RECORD OF MEETING

Williston Comprehensive & Transportation Plan Update

Freight Focus Group Meeting

September 23, 2008 1:00 PM

Williston City Hall

Name of Meeting Participant:	Representing:
Jim Jarland	Basin Trucking
Jeff Rodacker	Ackerman-Estvold Engineering
Cindy Gray	SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
Rick Lane	SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
Kent Jarcik	City of Williston, Planning Department

Rick Lane thanked Jim for attending the meeting, and explained that the city is in the process of updating their Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan, and that freight hauling is particularly an issue for the Transportation Plan, but also has land use implications that could be addressed in the land use planning element of the Comprehensive Plan.

The following points were made during the meeting:

- Basin Trucking hauls rental equipment, tanks, oil pipe, etc.
- The company primarily uses the Hwy 2 west bypass and East Dakota Parkway. He said the problem with a more remote bypass of the highway is that everyone who's currently trucking in and around Williston is based in or adjacent to the existing city limits, so trips into and out of town are going to happen anyway.
- Red River Supply currently uses 2nd Avenue. They have about 30 trucks.
- Perception is that E. Dakota Parkway was built for Haliburton. East Dakota Parkway was not built heavy enough for trucks.
- 134th east of the Little Muddy River isn't really built as a truck by-pass or a truck route. It's very hilly, with some curves. Not many options for getting across the river. It's not a great alternative to East Dakota Parkway.

- Basin Trucking is located along the north side of Hwy 2 west of town.
- 1804 is not a preferred route to the east. It's curvy from here to the Red Mike Golf Course area, and is not a good road. It's difficult to pass slower moving vehicles and is getting rougher in certain areas. Seismograph activity being is being tested between Stanley and New Town (to determine possible presence of oil).
- 2nd Street S - just got redone. Was in bad condition.
- Hwy 2 & bypass are in good condition.
- 2nd Ave/2nd St S. - Geometrics aren't good for trucks. There are turn lanes but trucks can't use them due to intersection geometrics.
- Recommend improving 2nd Street S geometrically as a truck route.
- E. Dakota Parkway - if trucks are prohibited, this will be a problem.
- There are not sufficient truck service areas. There's a Conoco on the west side and a Conoco on the north side, but they're not really laid out to accommodate high truck volumes.
- Lots of trucks use Kum & Go on E. Dakota Parkway, but there's usually a long wait. They have a truck wash bay.
- Truck mechanic spots
 - Dakota Diesel (Broadway E.)
 - Hwy 2 next to Wal-Mart
 - By UBC lumberyard - in old Dakota Electric Building - 26th Street & University Avenue
- Midwest Motors - only main hauler left.
- Bob's Delivery out of Glendive & Sydney also does delivery to Williston and the west coast.
- Wagoneers provides some services thru town.