

SD DOT Wants Your Input on

As all of you know, townships are in need of money for road maintenance and a resolution of support for increases in highway funding was adopted by the membership at the SDATAT Annual Meeting in December 2009. Under the bill SB1 as introduced, townships would receive an additional \$2.9 million per year effective in 2010 and additional increase of \$2.5 million per year effective 2012 for a total increase of \$5.4 million per year.

But because many residents aren't able to share their thoughts at the Capitol, the state has set up a way for you to log online and tell the state what you think.

Now the Department of Transportation wants your input. It's set up a way you can let officials know what you think of the highway system. Start at the DOT's Web site and click on **Long Range STP-Survey** or use this direct link to the survey: http://www.sddot.com/lrtp_survey_mod.aspx The survey asks for your opinion of highways, bridges, public transportation and even fuel prices.

You can rate how "satisfied" you are with highways and public transportation.

Farther down, you can weigh in on how much transportation funding should be spent in different areas. If you controlled the budget, how many dollars would you put into maintaining highways and bridges? What about building new ones?

The comment box at the bottom of the page is another way you can voice any last concerns or thoughts before submitting the survey.

I encourage all of you to take the time to complete this survey and make our voices known about the conditions of our roads and other transportation issues. At the very end of the survey is a general comment area where you can add specific comments- ie: Does the funding formula need to be adjusted to allow more funding to townships?

Sincerely,

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