



Community Guide to Reviewing and Commenting on the Supplemental Environmental Assessment

The greater Sioux Falls community, commuters, and visitors are invited to review and comment on the South Veterans Parkway Supplemental Environmental Assessment between **Nov. 17 and Dec. 16, 2022.**

Comments are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 16, 2022.
See reverse for project overview and schedule information.

Environmental Assessment (EA) Overview

The purpose of the current Supplemental EA is to verify that the selected design (also called the Preferred Alternative) still accomplishes the purpose and need of South Veterans Parkway, as well as to reevaluate impacts because of changes to regulation, guidance, and the environment that have occurred since 2012. The project team reevaluated land use, visual, archeological and historic resources, noise, wetlands/streams, floodplains, threatened and endangered species, Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources, and regulated materials along the 8.7-mile route.

Where to View the Supplemental EA

The Supplemental EA is posted on the South Veterans Parkway website at www.southveteransparkway.com.

Print copies for onsite and in person viewing are available at:



SDDOT Sioux Falls Area Office
5316 W. 60th St. N # A
Sioux Falls, SD 57107

City of Sioux Falls City Center
231 North Dakota Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

What is in the Supplemental EA?

SECTION 1

Provides the project description, history, and a summary of the changes to environmental resources and regulation that have occurred since 2012.

SECTION 2

Outlines the purpose and need of the project.

SECTION 3

Describes the selected design (Preferred Alternative).

SECTION 4

Describes the affected environment and environmental consequences within the project area. It also outlines changes in the existing conditions and regulations governing these resources since 2012.

SECTION 5

Describes the agency coordination and public involvement efforts to date, as well as lists future actions/recommendations (e.g., environmental commitments).

How to Comment on the Supplemental EA

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

www.southveteransparkway.com

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Connect@southveteransparkway.com

Shannon Ausen, City of Sioux Falls
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101 S. Phillips Ave., Suite 401
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Steve Hoff, HDR Engineering, Inc.
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What Should Public Comments Include

By law, federally funded transportation projects like South Veterans Parkway are required to assess the environmental effects of the project before making decisions. The stringent processes outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act have two goals: to allow for public participation and to generate better informed decisions. Public comments on the current Supplemental EA are welcome and encouraged during the comment period from Nov. 17 to Dec. 16, 2022. Here are some tips for developing and submitting comments to the project team:

- The tone of the comments should be polite and respectful.
- Commenting is not a form of "voting". For example, the number of negative comments received does not prevent the project from moving forward. Instead, comments help the project team fully understand and act on an issue or concern.
- Identify any problems you have with the document and provide clear reasons why you believe there is an error or insufficiency.
- Comments that provide specific examples are more helpful than those that generally support or oppose the project.
- Submit constructive solutions with documentation (data) or sources to support your recommendations.
- Substantive comments do one or more of the following:
 - ▶ Reasonably question the accuracy of information.
 - ▶ Reasonably question the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis.
 - ▶ Present new information relevant to the analysis.

What Happens with Public Comments



Our project team will acknowledge all comments so the community has confidence that their submittals were received and recorded. Numerous comments that repeat the same basic message of support or opposition will be responded to collectively. Substantive public comments are considered in the project decision-making and approval process.