



January 4, 2024

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker and
Members of the Legislature
State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4848

Dear Members of the Legislature:

According to the provision of *Section 39-1392, R.R.S 1998*, NDOT is submitting the One-Year and Five-Year Programs of anticipated design, construction, maintenance, and improvements for our State's recreation roads. This includes exterior access roads as well as interior service roads.

Section 39-1392, R.R.S. 1998 provides that only projects that are certified by the Game and Parks Commission may be included in the Recreation Road One-Year and Five-Year Programs. The attached program and projects do comply with that provision.

The following documents are attached for your review:

- 1) One (1) Year Program (for calendar year 2024): This report includes both certified (capital improvement) and maintenance (resurfacing and restoration) projects anticipated for the next calendar year.
- 2) Five (5) Year Certified Program (for calendar years 2025 through 2028): This is a report of anticipated resurfacing and restoration projects/capital improvement projects which have been identified and certified by the Game and Parks Commission. Many of these projects have not yet been programmed.
- 3) Certified Recreation Road Construction Plan: This is a long-term listing of capital improvement priorities, as identified by the Game and Parks Commission.
- 4) Financial Status of the Recreation Road Fund – Fund Number 2672: This report shows the current and future financial status of the State Recreation Road Fund, as reported by our Controller Division.
- 5) Project Letting Lists for 2021, 2022 and 2023: This report includes recreation road projects let to contract during the current year, as well as the two previous calendar years. It includes both certified and maintenance projects.

Vicki Kramer, Director

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As you can see, the estimated cost for the projects shown in the Five (5) Year Certified Program alone greatly exceeds the anticipated fund accrual during the same period, based upon approximately \$4 million per year accruing into the Recreation Road Fund. This capital improvement plan will change as maintenance needs arise and the priorities of the Game and Parks Commission shift. We work diligently to balance these capital improvement goals with the maintenance needs of our existing recreation roads.

The Department of Transportation wishes to acknowledge excellent cooperation from the Game and Parks Commission during the planning, design, and construction of these important projects.

If additional details or explanation of stewardship of the State Recreation Road Program is desired, we will be please to provide it upon request. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jodi Gibson
Local Assistance Division

Attachments

cc: Jeffrey Fields, Game and Parks Commission
Bill Oligmueller, Game and Parks Commission



Jim Pillen, Governor

January 3, 2024

The Honorable Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Pillen:

According to the provision of *Section 39-1392*, NDOT is submitting the One-Year and Five-Year Programs of anticipated design, construction, maintenance, and improvements for our State's recreation roads. This includes exterior access roads as well as interior service roads. *Section 39-1390* requires the Governor's approval of the plan prior to sending to the Legislature.

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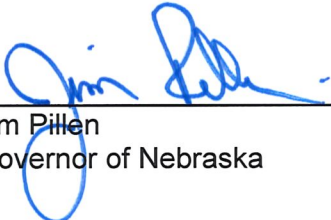


Vicki Kramer
Director

Attachments

cc: Jeffrey Fields, Game and Parks Commission
Bill Oligmueller, Game and Parks Commission

I hereby approve the Nebraska Game & Parks 2024 submittal of the One-Year and Five-Year Program of anticipated design, construction, maintenance, and improvements for the State's recreation roads.



Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska

Date 1/3/24

One (1) Year Program
 Nebraska Department of Transportation
 State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Resurfacing & Restoration Needs
 for Calendar Year 2024

Project No.	Type	Project Name	County	Length	PE/NEPA	Construction	Total Estimate
FL-HSIP-SRR-58(10)	N/24	Calamus SRA Phase 1	Loup/Garfield	14.4		\$9,203,452.00	\$9,203,452.00
SRR-62(13)	M/24	Bridgeport	Morrill	0.4		\$228,250.00	\$228,250.00
SRR-51(26)	M/24	NE Region Crack Seal	N/A			\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
SRR-23(38)	M/24	Box Butte	Box Butte			\$439,111.00	\$439,111.00
SRR-16(44)	N/24	Smith Falls SP	Cherry	3.4	\$375,000.00		\$375,000.00
SRR-1(65)	N/24	McConaughy SRA	Keith		\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00

N = New Project

M = Maintenance Project

Notes:

(1) Does not include minor maintenance work, such as crack seal and patching.

(2) Does not include Administration cost

Five (5) Year Program
Nebraska Department of Transportation
State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Resurfacing & Restoration Needs/Capital Improvements
for Calendar Years 2025 – 2028

Calendar Year 2025							
Project No.	Type	Project Name	County	Length	PE/NEPA	Construction	Total Estimate
SRR-1(65)	M/25	McConaughy SRA	Keith	2		\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
		Pavement Preservation				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00

Calendar Year 2026							
Project No.	Type	Project Name	County	Length	PE/NEPA	Construction	Total Estimate
SRR-16(40)	N/24	Merritt SRA	Cherry	4		\$8,228,026.00	\$8,228,026.00
		Pavement Preservation				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00

Calendar Year 2027							
Project No.	Type	Project Name	County	Length	PE/NEPA	Construction	Total Estimate
SRR-16(44)	M/27	Smith Falls SP	Cherry	3.8		\$6,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
		Pavement Preservation				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00

Calendar Year 2028							
Project No.	Type	Project Name	County	Length	PE/NEPA	Construction	Total Estimate
SRR-51(62)	N/28	Lake Ogallala	Keith	4		3,948,447.00	3,948,447.00
		Pavement Preservation				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00

N = New Project

M = Maintenance Project

Notes: (1) Does not include minor maintenance work, such as crack seal and patching.

Project Letting List for 2021-2023
 Nebraska Department of Transportation
 State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Projects Let to Construction
 Contract for Calendar Year 2021-2023

<u>Recreation Area and County</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Length (miles)</u>	<u>Estimated Rec. Roads Funds</u>
Chadron State Park Dawes County (2021)	SRR-23(37)	5.0	\$1,321,431
Fort Robinson SP Sioux County (2021)	SRR-83(23)	3.4	\$781,668
Lake McConaughy Keith County (2021)	SRR-51(63)	0.7	\$3,563,626
Wagon Train SRA Lancaster County (2021)	SRR-55(185)	4	\$834,444
Fort Atkinson Washington County (2022)	SRR-89(32)	.02	\$150,444
Burchard Lake Pawnee County (2022)	SRR-67(12)	3.1	\$769,663
Mahoney State Park Cass County (2022)	SRR-13(46)	0.0	\$2,547,113
Fremont SRA/Two Rivers Douglas/Dodge Co. (2023)	SRR-27(69)	0.2	\$817,005
Schramm SRA Sarpy Co (2023)	SRR77(66)	.2	\$831,137
Calamus SRA Loup/Garfield Co. (2023)	FL-HSIP-SRR-58(10)	9.5	\$9,203,452
	Totals:	17.6	\$20,819,983

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE RECREATION ROAD FUND FUND NUMBER 2672

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

RESOURCES

Fund Balance January 1, 2024	10,445,715	
Estimated Motor Vehicle Registration Revenue	4,148,000	
Total Resources	14,593,715	

OBLIGATIONS/EXPENDITURES

Required for Certified Program/Resurfacing & Restoration	(10,020,387)	
Required for Emergency Maintenance & Contingencies	0	
Anticipated Administration Costs	(186,000)	
Total Obligations/Expenditures	(10,206,387)	

Anticipated Fund Balance December 31, 2024		\$ <u><u>4,387,328</u></u>
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CALENDAR YEAR 2025

RESOURCES

Anticipated Fund Balance January 1, 2025	4,387,328	
Estimated Motor Vehicle Registration Revenue	4,209,000	
Total Resources	8,596,328	

OBLIGATIONS/EXPENDITURES

Planned Program/Resurfacing & Restoration	(3,000,000)	
Required for Emergency Maintenance & Contingencies	0	
Anticipated Administration Costs	(56,000)	
Total Obligations/Expenditures	(3,056,000)	

Anticipated Fund Balance December 31, 2025		\$ <u><u>5,540,328</u></u>
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December 14, 2023

Controller Division

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Game and Parks Commission
DECEMBER 2024 REPORT

CERTIFIED RECREATION ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLAN

Priority	Area	Project Number	Miles of Road		Type	Estimated Cost
			Interior	Exterior		
1	Lake McConaughy (Beach Access)	SRR-51(65)			New	\$2,500,000
2	Merritt SRA	SRR-16(40)	4.20		New/Main	\$6,000,000
3	Smith Falls SP	SRR16(44)	0.50	3.30	New	\$5,300,493
4	Lake Ogallala	SRR-51(62)	4.00		New	\$3,948,447
5	Summit Lake SRA	SRR-	3.00		New	\$2,400,000
6	Lake Maloney SRA	SRR-56(#)	2.40	1.00	New	\$1,800,000
7	No. Platte Hatchery/Buffalo Bill/SHP	SRR-56(#)			Main	\$675,000
8	Ft. Kearny SHP/SRA	SRR10(65)	3.30		Main	\$920,000
9	Wiegand/Burbach	SRR-	2.00		New/Main	\$900,000
10	Grove Lake WMA	SSR-02(#)	0.97	2.00	Main	\$750,000
11	Mahoney State Park	SRR-	0.72		Main	\$1,800,000
12	Lake McConaughy (Phase 3)	SSR			New	\$3,000,000
13	Fremont SRA	SRR-27(#)	4.53	3.11	New/Main	\$1,600,000
14	Louisville SRA	SRR-13(50)	2.90		New	\$550,000
15	Stagecoach SRA	SRR-	1.50		New	\$1,000,000
16	Wildcat Hills SRA	SRR-	1.75		New	\$1,700,000
17	Memphis SRA	SRR-78(#)	0.71	0.00	New	\$1,000,000
18	Conestoga SRA	SRR-55(#)	0.68	1.00	New	\$1,600,000
19	Alexandria SRA	SRR	1.00	1.00	New	\$1,000,000
20	Sherman SRA	SRR-		9.00	New/Main	\$265,000
21	Ponca State Park	SRR-	8.14	0.00	New	\$5,600,000
22	Swanson SRA	SRR-	6.00		New	\$4,000,000
23	Enders Reservoir SRA	SRR-	2.10		New	\$1,600,000
24	Olive Creek SRA	SRR-	1.00		New	\$880,000
25	Rockford SRA	SRR-	1.50		New	\$880,000
26	Box Butte SRA	SRR-	1.35	14.74	New/Main	\$1,600,000
27	Walgren Lake SRA	SRR-		3.30	New	\$3,000,000
28	Elwood WMA	SRR-	2.10		New	\$1,600,000
29	Victoria Springs SRA	SRR-	2.00		New	\$1,600,000
30	Indian Cave State Park	SRR-64(#)	10.78	0.00	Main	\$350,000
31	Keller SRA	SRR-	2.00		New	\$1,600,000
32	Arbor Lodge SHP	SRR-66(#)	1.11	0.00		\$294,150
33	Riverview Marina SRA	SRR-66(#)	0.77	0.00		\$204,050
34	Platte River State Park	SRR-13(#)	3.32	0.00	Main	\$879,800
35	Dead Timber SRA	SRR-27(#)	0.44	1.16		\$424,000
36	Ashfall SHP	SRR-35(#)	0.97	9.10		\$2,668,550
37	Niobrara State Park	SRR-40(#)	7.74	0.00		\$2,051,100
38	Fort Hartsuff SHP	SRR-88(#)	3.72	0.00		\$985,800
39	Branched Oak SRA	SRR-55(#)	9.00	17.62		\$7,054,300
40	Pawnee SRA	SRR-55(#)	3.50	6.30		\$2,597,000
41	Kildeer WMA	SRR-55(#)	0.33	1.60		\$511,450
42	Bluestem SRA	SRR-55(#)	0.44	3.26		\$980,500
43	Wagon Train SRA	SRR-55(#)	2.50	4.50		\$1,855,000
44	Big Indian	SRR-34(#)	1.30	2.50		\$1,007,000
45	Rock Creek Station SHP	SRR-48(#)	2.30	5.80		\$2,146,500
46	Sac-Wilcox WMA	SRR-69(#)	0.00	11.00		\$2,915,000
47	Windmill SRA	SRR-10(#)	7.20	0.00		\$1,908,000
48	Johnson Lake SRA	SRR-37(#)	0.00	10.06		\$2,665,900
49	Medicine Creek SRA	SRR-73(#)	2.30	10.00		\$3,259,500
50	Red Willow SRA	SRR32(#)	1.80	2.10		\$1,033,500
51	Chimney Rock	SRR-62(#)	0.00	1.30		\$344,500
52	Lake Minatare SRA	SRR-79(#)	3.20	3.00		\$1,643,000
53	Fort Robinson State Park	SRR-23(#)	4.80	0.00		\$1,272,000
54	Lake Babcock	SRR-71(#)	2.20	0.00		\$583,000
55	Willow Creek SRA	SRR-70(#)	0.00	1.00		\$265,000
56	Long Pine SRA	SRR-9(#)	0.20	0.95		\$304,750
57	Ash Hollow SHP	SRR-35(#)	2.20	0.00		\$583,000
TOTAL			132.47	129.70		\$101,855,290

Nebraska State Highway Commission Policy SRR Funding for Garfield and Loup Road Resolution No. 2023-1

WHEREAS, The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGP) has authority to designate certain recreation area interior service roads and exterior access roads as eligible for roadway surfacing or resurfacing projects with State Recreation Road (SRR) Funding under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 39-1390.

WHEREAS, NGP has designated a route as eligible for SRR funding, and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has statutory authority to design and construct such roadway.

WHEREAS, the designated route is an existing paved county road beginning in Garfield County just east of the Virginia Smith Dam at the Calamus Reservoir and continuing west across the top of the dam and into Loup County for a couple miles.

WHEREAS, Although the designated route is eligible for SRR funding, NDOT believes the roadway would not meet the requirements of a major arterial, and as such NDOT recommends the roadway not be added to the State Highway System after the project.

WHEREAS, Section 39-1390 requires State Highway Commission action when NDOT recommends that a roadway eligible for SRR funding should not be added to the State Highway System.

WHEREAS, NDOT hereby requests a formal resolution of the Nebraska State Highway Commission agreeing with the recommendation of NDOT that the subject roadway will not be added to the State Highway System after completion of the SRR funded project.

WHEREAS, The State Highway Commission has authority under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 39-1390 to make this determination.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-1390, the Nebraska State Highway Commission hereby agrees with the recommendation of NDOT and determines that the roadway described above shall not be added to the State Highway System after completion of the proposed SRR project.

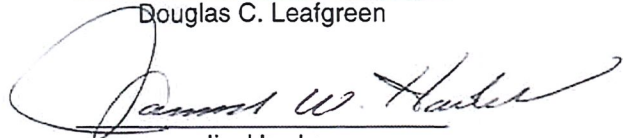


Moved and Adopted by the Commission this 8th day of December 2023.

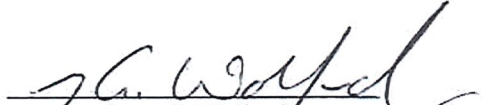

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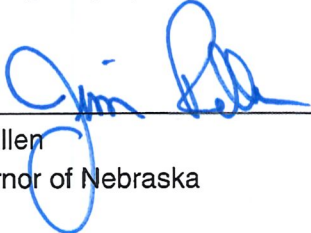

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In consideration of all applicable factors, including the request by NDOT and the advice of the Nebraska State Highway Commission, I hereby agree to not add the above stated road to the State Highway System after the completion of the SRR Project.



Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska

11/3, 2024

Date of Governor's Signature