

- Highway 34 is a Key Regional Corridor in Eastern South Dakota!
- Improved highways lead to expansion or diversification of the area's economic base while bringing higher wages for workers and more income for businesses.
- Madison is the only city in South Dakota with a university and not a 4-lane highway.
- 20,000 semi-trucks enter and exit Dakota Ethanol each year—all on a 2-lane highway. Lined up, those trucks (40,000/year) bumper to bumper would stretch from the Minnesota border to the Wyoming border.
- A formal request has been made to the South Dakota Department of Transportation for the Highway 34 project to be included in the 8 year Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.
- The First District Association of Local Governments completed a comprehensive study titled "An Analysis of Safety and Economic Information in Regard to the 14-mile Corridor Expansion/Upgrade of the Current Highway 34 Corridor East of Madison." A benefit-cost ratio of \$4.27:1 on total taxable sales was determined.
- **Safety is Being Compromised!** Highway 34 carries more traffic than many 4-lane highways in the state. The South Dakota Department of Transportation predicts more of the same in the future.

		2014 Daily <u>Traffic Count</u>	2033 Projected Daily Traffic Count
Huron to I-90 (SD 37)	4-lane	2,525	3,170
Aberdeen to Huron (US 281)	2/4-lane	2,575	3,240
Aberdeen to I-29 (US 12)	4-lane	3,530	4,600
Pierre to I-90 (US 83)	4-lane	2,245	3,670
SD 34 near Wentworth	2-lane	3,600	4,100



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