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SDDOT Expands Work Plan For 2016

BY BOB MERCER
 State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The state Transportation Commission agreed Friday to add 10 highway projects totaling \$42 million to South Dakota's 2016 work plan.

Seven of those projects originally were scheduled for 2017 or 2018.

The accelerated pace is possible because the South Dakota Department of Transportation is receiving additional money.

An estimated \$15 million more is coming next year from the federal government, state Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist said.

President Barack Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act into federal law Dec. 4.

The legislation increases federal funding for transportation projects by 11 percent over five years.

The additional federal aid to South Dakota comes after the Legislature approved state tax increases on fuel and vehicles in March.

Bergquist said his department will get about \$65 million more in state funding annually for highway projects.

Moving seven projects forward to 2016 came at the department staff's suggestion.

The action will have "a domino effect" that opens slots in the 2017 and 2018 plans,

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Officer-Involved Shooting

Suspect Pleads Guilty

Angel Pleads To Aggravated Assault Charges

From P&D Staff Reports

The man charged in a Sept. 1 incident in Yankton that included an officer-involved shooting pleaded guilty to three of the charges against him at a court hearing Friday morning.

Trae Angel, 19, Yankton, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated assault against law enforcement and one count of aggravated assault.

Angel had originally been charged with four charges of attempted murder in the first degree, four charges of aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer and one charge of aggravated assault.

Under the plea deal, the other charges would be dropped. The aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer charges each carry a 25-year maximum with up to \$50,000 in fines

each while the separate aggravated assault charge carries a 15-year maximum sentence with up to \$30,000 in fines.

Deputy States Attorney Erich Johnke had no recommendation for length of sentence, but asked that there be substantial penitentiary time and restitution paid to the victims and prosecution.

First Circuit Judge Glen Eng ordered a re-sentence investigation and set Jan. 22, 2016, at 1:15 p.m. as the date for sentencing.

Ready For The World



National Field Archery Association president Bruce Cull, left, answers questions from the media while Yankton Mayor Dave Carda, center, and Yankton County Commission Chairman Todd Woods listen during a press conference held Friday at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex. It was officially announced that Yankton would host a pair of world archery championships, one in 2018 and the other in 2020.

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Yankton Prepares To Host Two More World Championships

BY JEREMY HOECK
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Momentum has landed Yankton two more prestigious international archery tournaments.

That was the message shared at a Friday afternoon press conference to officially announce Yankton as the host for two World Archery events: The 2018 Indoor Championships and the 2020 Field Championships.

The reception and reaction received by Yankton after its hosting of this summer's World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) played a direct role in the international organization — the governing body of the sport — awarding two future events to the town of 14,000 residents.

"Several factors played into us getting these new tournaments," said Bruce Cull, president of the local committee and president of the National Field Archery Association.

"But what we did at the Youth World was, by far, the

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■ To see video from Friday's press conference, got to www.yankton.net

biggest selling point for us."

Another top selling point for Yankton?

Its facilities at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex, Cull said during Friday's press conference that featured 12 members of the local committee.

The indoor 90-meter range is one of the few of its kind in the world, and the complex also boasts two outdoor FITA ranges and three outdoor field courses.

"I never set a goal to have these tournaments, however the facility evolved to the point where we're able to get there," Cull said. "My love of Yankton and of South Dakota is obviously the reason this facility is sitting here."

"I never imagined that a community could come together to enable this."

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City Given Access To Properties For Highway 50 Project

BY ROB NIELSEN
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As the state prepares to take on the Highway 50 reconstruction project, the City of Yankton is also taking steps to help facilitate its part of the work.

During its regular meeting Monday, the Yankton City Commission voted to pass a resolution of necessity which indicated the city would need 30 feet of right-of-way along the south side of Fourth Street along the south side

between the Chamber of Commerce building and Vishay to help facilitate utility work.

Friday morning, the South Dakota Department of Transportation voted to give the city condemnation authority on the properties.

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* that, of the nine slated properties along the route, four have been acquired so far while negotiations are ongoing for the remaining five.

"When you pass the resolution of necessity, you're indicating that you need a portion of land for a public project," Nelson said. "In this case, the public part is the public utilities that will be within that right of way. How the process starts out is, we work with the state, because they're our partners in that project, to negotiate with the landowners and come up with a fair market value purchase price and negotiate that with them. In some of those cases, we've reached an agreement with property owners. Other



Nelson

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Beloved MMC Pastor Says Farewell To Yankton

BY REILLY BIEL
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Bittersweet farewells are the hardest goodbyes of all.

This Sunday, Mount Marty College (MMC) chaplain Father Thomas Wordekemper will give his final mass at 10 a.m. in Bishop Marty Chapel. After more than six years at MMC, he is headed back to North Dakota to serve as pastor at three small-town parishes.

A new priest, Father Valerian Odermann, will begin at MMC next month.

Wordekemper admitted he was disappointed when informed of his impending transfer.

"I love working here with what I do and who I do it

with," he said. "But I knew the day would come when I'd be asked to come back (to North Dakota)."

In his new parish of three small churches (the largest being in a town of 600), Wordekemper will do what he can to make himself visible to the communities by visiting nursing homes and attending athletic and drama events.

"In many ways, smaller communities need more help and presence than larger communities," he said.

Wordekemper had been offered this job assignment 15 years ago.

"I wasn't ready at that time



REILLY BIEL/P&D

Father Thomas Wordekemper spends time with students during his final days at Mount Marty College. On Monday, Dec. 21, Wordekemper will travel to North Dakota to begin his new position as pastor to a parish of three churches.

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