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**OPINION**

## Highway Funding: Clouded Planning

Officials from South Dakota's Department of Transportation (DOT) were in Yankton last week discussing some of the projects they have in the pipeline for this part of the state. But there was a nagging sense that it all seemed more like a wish list than a definitive timetable.

In some ways, that's an inaccurate description. Some projects, such as the Highway 50 work on the east side of Yankton, are certainly set to move forward.

But several other items — including a much-needed reworking of Highway 46 west of Irene — are basically being held hostage by forces beyond local control.

Officials admitted that their planning is hampered by the uncertainty tied to federal highway funding. The Highway Trust Fund, from which most states get about half of their funding in order to do road-work repairs, is predicted to run out of money sometime next month, and work on a new Highway Bill in Congress has been agonizingly slow — despite the fact that crumbling infrastructure is a growing and dangerous problem around the country.

That leaves state highway officials everywhere sitting in limbo. "We're supposed to sit here and try to create a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) over the next four to eight years based on unknown funding amounts . . ." said David Voeltz of the DOT. "We hope to get the same amount. If we don't, we'll probably have to go back to the STIP and defer a lot of projects. That will have a snowball effect. Our crystal ball right now is pretty cloudy as far as what is going to happen."

But the need is desperately clear, although current conditions in South Dakota, for instance, might not suggest as such. Sen. Jean Huhoff (R-Yankton) wrote in the Press & Dakotan last month that 89 percent of state highways currently rate at either good to excellent condition.

However, those numbers are changing quickly — it's estimated that 25 percent of state roads will be rated in poor condition in 10 years — and planning (and budgeting) to keep those roads up must begin years in advance.

At the county level, things are even more uncertain. A recent hearing in Yankton revealed that some officials in area counties plan to convert more roads from paved to gravel. And bridges are a growing problem; an issue with any one bridge in any location can have a ripple effect on producers for miles around.

The situation is pressing enough that state officials are even talking about raising the gasoline tax to help fund new projects, although that prospect doesn't seem to be well received by taxpayers who, by the way, also rely on good roads to do business and to move about freely.

None of this is news. These facts have been obvious for years, and still our federal lawmakers have found little desire to vigorously address the issue. The 2009 stimulus package, which was arguably too small to begin with given the size of the economy it was trying to jump-start, did provide some funding for highway projects, and states did put them to good use. But it didn't reach far enough given the scope of the issues we face. A second stimulus proposal to more specifically target highway spending went nowhere. And now, the slow dance on the Highway Bill has states wondering what's going to happen next.

Our roadways are probably the most important system of infrastructure in this country. It allows goods to flow from coast to coast quickly, and it allows Americans to travel at an aggressive pace. A deterioration of that infrastructure is simply unacceptable from an economic perspective, as well as a social one. This is an urgent matter, and next month could tell us a lot about how connected our Washington lawmakers really are with the needs of this nation. The crystal ball needs to clear up fast before real headaches start befalling us.

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**ON THIS DATE**

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, July 15, the 196th day of 2014. There are 169 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On July 15, 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

**On this date:** In 1799, French soldiers in Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.

In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover announced he was slashing his own salary by 20 percent, from \$75,000 to \$60,000 a year; he also cut Cabinet members' salaries by 15 percent, from \$15,000 to \$12,750 a year.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1954, a prototype of the Boeing 707, the model 367-80, made its maiden flight from Renton Field south of Seattle.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon delivered a televised address in which he announced that he had accepted an invitation to visit the People's Republic of China.

In 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, California, by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed.)

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America.

In 1983, eight people were killed when a suitcase bomb planted by Armenian extremists exploded at the Turkish Airlines counter at Orly Airport in Paris.

In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 2010, after 85 days, BP stopped the flow of oil from a blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico using a 75-ton cap lowered onto the wellhead earlier in the week.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush signed into law a measure imposing mandatory prison terms for criminals who used identity theft in committing terrorist acts and other offenses. The Senate approved a plan

to pay tobacco farmers \$12 billion to give up federal quotas propping up their prices. Retired Air Force Gen. Charles W. Sweeney, who'd piloted the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki in the final days of World War II, died in Boston at age 84.

**Five years ago:** A Russian-made Iranian jetliner carrying 168 people crashed after taking off from Tehran, killing everyone aboard. After more than a month's delay, space shuttle Endeavour and seven astronauts thundered into orbit on a flight to the international space station.

**One year ago:** Two days after a Florida jury acquitted George Zimmerman in the death of Trayvon Martin, Attorney General Eric Holder called the killing a "tragic, unnecessary shooting," and said the Justice Department would follow "the facts and the law" as it reviewed evidence to see whether federal criminal charges were warranted. (Federal authorities have yet to reach a decision in the case.)

Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, the notoriously brutal leader of the feared Zetas drug cartel, was captured in the first major blow against an organized crime leader by Mexican officials.

**Today's Birthdays:** Author Clive Cussler is 83. Actor Ken Kercheval is 79. Former Sen. George V. Voinovich, R-Ohio, is 78. Actor Patrick Wayne is 75. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 70. Rock singer-musician Peter Lewis (Moby Grape) is 69. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 68. Rock musician Artimus Pyle is 66. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 62. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 58. Country singer-songwriter Mac McAnally is 57. Model Kim Alexis is 54. Actor Willie Aames is 54. Actor-director Forest Whitaker is 53. Actress Lolita Davidovich is 53. Actress Brigitte Nielsen is 51. Rock musician Jason Bonham is 48. Actress Amanda Foreman is 48. Actor Kristoff St. John is 48. Rock musician Phillip Fisher is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stokley Carmichael is 47. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin is 46. Actor Stan Kirsch is 46. Actor Reggie Hayes is 45. Actor-screenwriter Jim Rash is 43. Rock musician John Dolmayan is 42. Actor Scott Foley is 42. Actor Brian Austin Green is 41. Rapper Jim Jones is 38. Actress Diane Kruger is 38. Actress Lana Parrilla is 37. Rock musician Ray Toro (My Chemical Romance) is 37. Actress Laura Benanti is 35. Actor Travis Fimmel is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kia Thonrton (Divine) is 33. Actor Tristan Wilds is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "Advice is a free gift that can become expensive for the one who gets it." — Armenian proverb.



**The Rez Of The Story**

## A Look At A 'Crisis'

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), The airwaves and the steady stream of newsprint have given much time of late to the issue of immigration in this country. For sure, immigration policy and much needed immigration reform will continue to be the central subject of debate as we approach another political year — 2016. The Migration Policy Institute defines immigrants as: "Persons with no U.S. Citizenship at birth. This includes naturalized citizens, lawful permanent residents, refugees and asylees, persons on certain temporary visas and the unauthorized."

I agree with and support what Jeff Bingaman (former Democratic U.S. senator from New Mexico) has been quoted as saying that he supports "concrete and progressive immigration reform based on three primary criteria: family reunification, economic contributions and humanitarian concerns."

Humanitarianism calls us all to recognize what Michael Scherer (in an article featured in a recent issue of Time) calls a "humanitarian crisis" involving migrant children from Mexico and Central America, numbering 50,000 since October 2013. Michael reports that these migrant children "have been captured at the U.S. border after crossing without adult caretakers. But the political crisis is just now emerging."

What is truly astounding is how these children, through no fault of their own, are being punished and made to suffer whatever circumstances have befallen them. Scherer's piece goes on to say, "Under current law, children from Central America are placed with relatives in the U.S. or other guardians while they await court dates that usually lead to deportation, a process that can take years. Mexican children, by contrast, are screened at the border for humanitarian concerns and can be immediately sent home if none are found. Obama now wants the power to deport all children soon after a screening. 'There isn't really a policy rationale for treating them differently,' a White House official says. Immigrant rights advocates, however, call this proposed change 'unconscionable,' saying it could lead to more



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children being put in dangerous situations."

Sen. Al Franken, a Democrat senator of "Saturday Night Live" fame from the state of Minnesota, has stated: "We owe an historic debt to American Indians. They have a unique set of concerns that haven't been addressed, and I'd like to stand with them. Also I'd like to get their views on immigration."

Since 1492, Native people have been faced with an "immigration crisis"; so what's going on at the southern borders of America is nothing new to Indian people.

However, there doesn't appear to be any coherent policy or position driven by tribal experiences in response to today's immigration issues. Having been pushed aside and therefore not included in the conversation by the dominant culture and distracted by chronic poverty issues, I would think it would be difficult to prioritize tribal agendas as they

might include immigration concerns. I think some Native Nations might have immediate concerns being in proximity to the Mexican border such as the Pueblo Indians, maybe the Zunis, Hopis and Dine, to name a few.

The Migration Policy Institute's definition of what constitutes an immigrant, which appears to be fairly clear; what is not clear is why these human beings, most of whom are obviously children, are being turned away without assessing their need for safety and other basic survival needs. Can these children not learn to be good citizens like 99.9 percent of the rest of American citizens who are all at one time merely immigrants or descendant from immigrants themselves? What kind of place are we sending them back to that would necessitate such mass exodus in the first place? If things are that bad, won't they just return but be more sophisticated the next time in terms of how they get here without being detected?

Whatever the future might dictate as far as U.S. immigration policy goes, I enjoin other Native people to express their concerns regarding this issue. This one has.

And now you know the rez of the story. Doksha (later) ...

**YOUR LETTERS**

**Spins And Lies**

**Roger Meyer, Yankton**  
Chairman, Yankton County Republican Central Committee

In response to the recent letter by Yankton County Democrat Co-Chairman Carol Williams ("Time For A Change," *Press & Dakotan*, July 8), let us first deal with the lie. President George Bush did not know in advance of the 9/11 attacks that they were planned or imminent. You can spin any information you have any way you want but that is a lie. It gives one some idea of the trust that can be placed in the words of the Democrat Party.

As to the economy, it is barely improving and is still in danger — six years into the Obama Administration — he was going to get it back on its feet in one short year. And it was not Republican obstructionism that prevented this — it was poorly thought out and expensive programs that did nothing but raise the national debt now standing in excess of \$17 trillion, double what it was when Obama took office. You can argue the merits of Obamacare but it appears the majority of American do not agree that it is the wonderful health care program that you do. It has raised the cost of insurance for most people who are not receiving government subsidies and contrary to the lie of the Administration, you cannot keep your policy if you like it. And it is likely you will not be able to keep your doctor or preferred medical facility when this program is totally implemented.

While attacking the Republicans for actions

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**Online Opinion**

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

**LATEST RESULTS:**

**Which social medium do you use most often?**  
Facebook . . . . . 55%  
None at all . . . . . 36%  
Twitter . . . . . 4%  
Instagram . . . . . 2%  
Other . . . . . 2%  
LinkedIn . . . . . 1%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST . . . . . 287**

*The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.*

**CURRENT QUESTION:**

**Do you support the placement of storm sirens in the Lewis and Clark Lake area?**

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at their convention, the writer fails to mention that the Democrat convention in addition to apologizing for the Republicans to President Obama (I am not sure you can apologize for someone else), expressed their opposition to the XL pipeline and the economic development it would bring, not to say improving the energy supply situation of the U.S. If anything needs changing it is the Senate leadership in Washington and the resident of the White House.

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**FROM THE BIBLE**

*From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be. James 3:10. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis*