



15th Annual International Legislators Forum

Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota

June 24 -26, 2015
Deadwood, South Dakota

Memorandum of Agreement and Resolution

On this date and in this location, legislative representatives of the above identified states and Province convened in a spirit of non-partisan, collegial interest to receive and review information, discuss issues relevant to their respective jurisdictions and identify the options and potentialities of inter-jurisdictional collaboration and partnership to proactively address such issues.

Of primary focus was infrastructure; specifically highway infrastructure. Following due and thoughtful consideration and discussion, the delegates resolved that:

WHEREAS a sound, safe and modern highway infrastructure represents a primary mode of trade and commercial transport for goods and services on a local, state/provincial, regional, national and international basis;

WHEREAS a sound, safe and modern highway infrastructure is a crucial component of economic development and the sustainability of commerce within and between the partner jurisdictions and beyond;

WHEREAS a sound, safe and modern highway infrastructure supports and is vital to the social network and relationships of the respective constituencies and their citizens;

WHEREAS the current general and specific condition of the highway infrastructure throughout the region requires the immediate and long-term attention of citizens and policymakers; and

WHEREAS achieving the goal of a sound, safe and modern highway infrastructure represents a significant investment of financial and human resources, requires immediate attention, ongoing planning, and the long-term commitment and cooperation on the part of all of the partners and stakeholders - at all levels of government.

NOW, THEREFORE THE DELEGATES AGREE AND REQUEST THAT the Federal representatives of the afore identified jurisdictions be encouraged and supported in their efforts to expeditiously draft and pass legislation that establishes and provides for the long-term fiscal support (10-years) of highway infrastructure development, repair, expansion and maintenance that maximizes planning and economic considerations and, ultimately leads to the goal of a sound, safe, and modern highway infrastructure that serves the needs and best interests of their respective jurisdictions (jointly and severally) and the citizens of their constituencies.