

Resolution #16-26

A Resolution to Encourage the USDOT Under Secretary for Policy to Expand South Dakota's National Multimodal Freight Network

WHEREAS; The Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy (Under Secretary) is to establish a National Multimodal Freight Network (NMFN) to assist states and achieve freight policy goals;

WHEREAS; the routes should meet at least one of the many conditions like: being a rural principal arterial; access energy areas, grain elevators; agricultural, mining, forestry, or intermodal facilities; access significant freight facilities; or be important to the economy and the efficient movement of freight as determined by the State;

WHEREAS; the national multimodal freight policy should strengthen the contribution of the National Multimodal Freight Network to the economic competitiveness of the United States,

WHEREAS; the policy should increase productivity, particularly for domestic industries and businesses that create high-value jobs, improve the safety, security, efficiency, and resiliency of multimodal freight transportation;

WHEREAS; the policy should improve the economic efficiency and productivity of the National Multimodal Freight Network and improve the reliability of freight transportation;

WHEREAS; the policy should improve the short- and long-distance movement of goods that travel across rural areas between population centers; that travel between rural areas and population centers; and that travel from the Nation's ports, airports, and gateways to the National Multimodal Freight Network;

WHEREAS; the policy should improve the flexibility of States to support multi-State corridor planning and the creation of multi-State organizations to increase the ability of States to address multimodal freight connectivity and pursue these and other goals in a manner that is not burdensome to State and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Brookings County considers the Interim NMFN to be very important to connect cities, support rural areas, enhance agricultural expansion, provide for job creation, and enhance its economic future but currently too limited to accomplish those purposes:

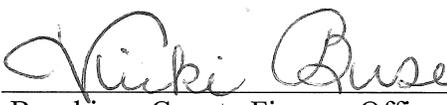
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Brookings County, that the county supports the efforts of the SDDOT to expand the Interim NMFN in South Dakota as proposed in its comments to the USDOT Under Secretary for Policy.

Dated: Aug. 23, 2016



Chair of the Brookings County Commission.

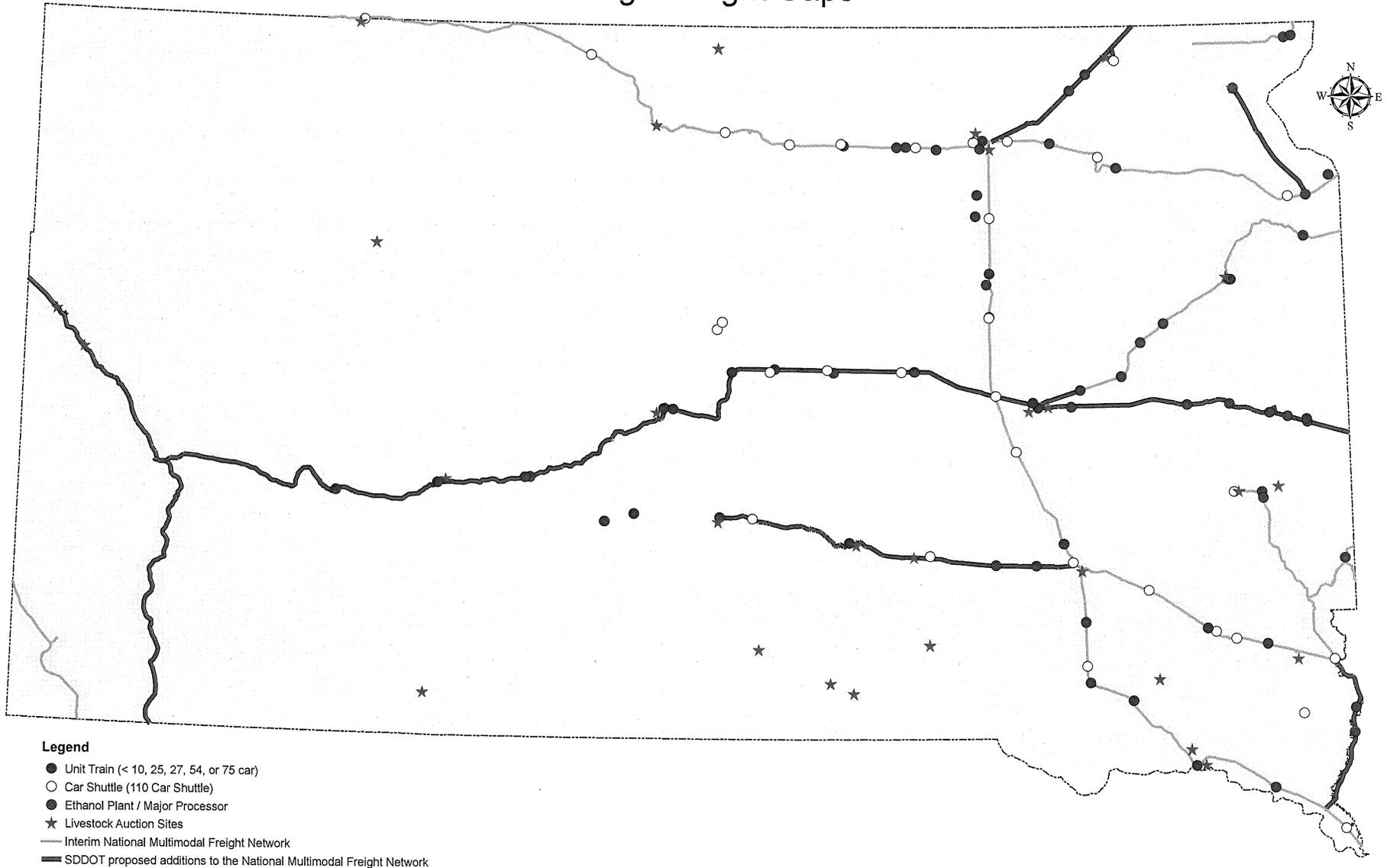
ATTEST:



Brookings County Finance Officer



South Dakota Proposed National Multimodal Rail Network Fills Huge Freight Gaps



South Dakota Proposed National Multimodal Highway Network Fills Huge Freight Gaps

