SOUTH DAKOTA (Sen. Thune and Rounds)

Current Condition of Transportation:

- 10% of SD's major roads are in poor condition[1]
  - Driving on roads in need of repair costs South Dakota motorists $224m a year, or $368 a year per motorist[2]
  - Between 2009 and 2013, a total of 650 lives were lost on the state's roads[3]
- SD's population increased by 20% from 1990 to 2013[4]
- Vehicle travel on South Dakota's highways increased by 31% in the same period[5]
- Congestion in America costs motorists $121b annually in wasted fuel

Commerce:

- Each year, 77% of the $27b worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in South Dakota are transported by trucks on the state's highways[6]

Need for Federal Investment:

- 71% Federal Share of SD Highway Capital Program[7]
- National Interstate Backlog of $185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.[8]
  - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of $424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

DRIVE Act ⟶ *What this does for South Dakota*

Prioritize bridge reconstruction and safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
  - SD's 1,174 structurally deficient bridges.[9]
  - 24% of SD's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete[10]

Improving Commerce:

- In the first 3 years of the DRIVE Act, SD will receive $37,568,386 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- New Freight Program prioritizes federal spending on the interstate for projects of national economic interest.

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[1] TRIP
[2] Ibid.
[3] FHWA
[4] TRIP
[5] Ibid.
[6] Ibid.
[7] ARTBA
[8] AASHTO and FHWA
[9] FHWA
[10] Ibid.

Long-Term 6-Year Certainty:

- Total share for first 3 years of DRIVE Act: $1,243,902,384 that the state would not get otherwise.
- *Major Projects in jeopardy*:
    - Highway 100: a six-lane road leading to Sioux Falls will be critical for mobility throughout the state and for potential growth of Sioux Falls [11]

- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase SD's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extension since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on SD's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives SD the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, SD can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

[11] http://archive.argusleader.com/article/20131021/NEWS/310210017/Highway-100-could-accelerate-growth-eastern-Sioux-Falls)