

Resolution #16-____
**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: _____

Chair of the Brookings County Commission.

ATTEST:

Brookings County Finance Officer

Stacy Steffensen

From: Kristie Jacobsen <kris@sdcountycommissioners.org>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 2:21 PM
Subject: Increase South Dakota's NMFN highway mileage and our freight connections to other states.
Attachments: County Resolution Shell.docx; SD NMFN_Rail Map.pdf; SD NMFN_Highway Map.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached supporting documents pertaining to the SD DOT's request to the US DOT regarding expansion of the South Dakota's National Multimodal Freight Network. This information is also being sent to County Auditors for inclusion on your upcoming meeting agendas for discussion.

The proposed NMFN focuses on heavy freight traffic volumes, freight congestion, and bottlenecks. The NMFN, as proposed, increases the risk that rural areas may become isolated from good freight service. More highway miles are needed in the final NMFN as well as an expanded rail network to overcome long distances caused by sparse Interstate highway density.

The Association asks for your county to pass resolutions (sample attached) to support the efforts of our South Dakota Department of Transportation to significantly increase South Dakota's NMFN highway mileage and our freight connections to other states. Please return your county's **Resolution by August 31** to this office so we may submit them to the SD DOT.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact this office or your SDACC Board of Directors Representative.

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Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 7:03 AM

To: Kristie Jacobsen

Cc: Bob Wilcox

Subject: FW: Materials Requested for Meeting Tomorrow

Kris, in follow up to our discussion with your Board yesterday, please find attached the following documents:

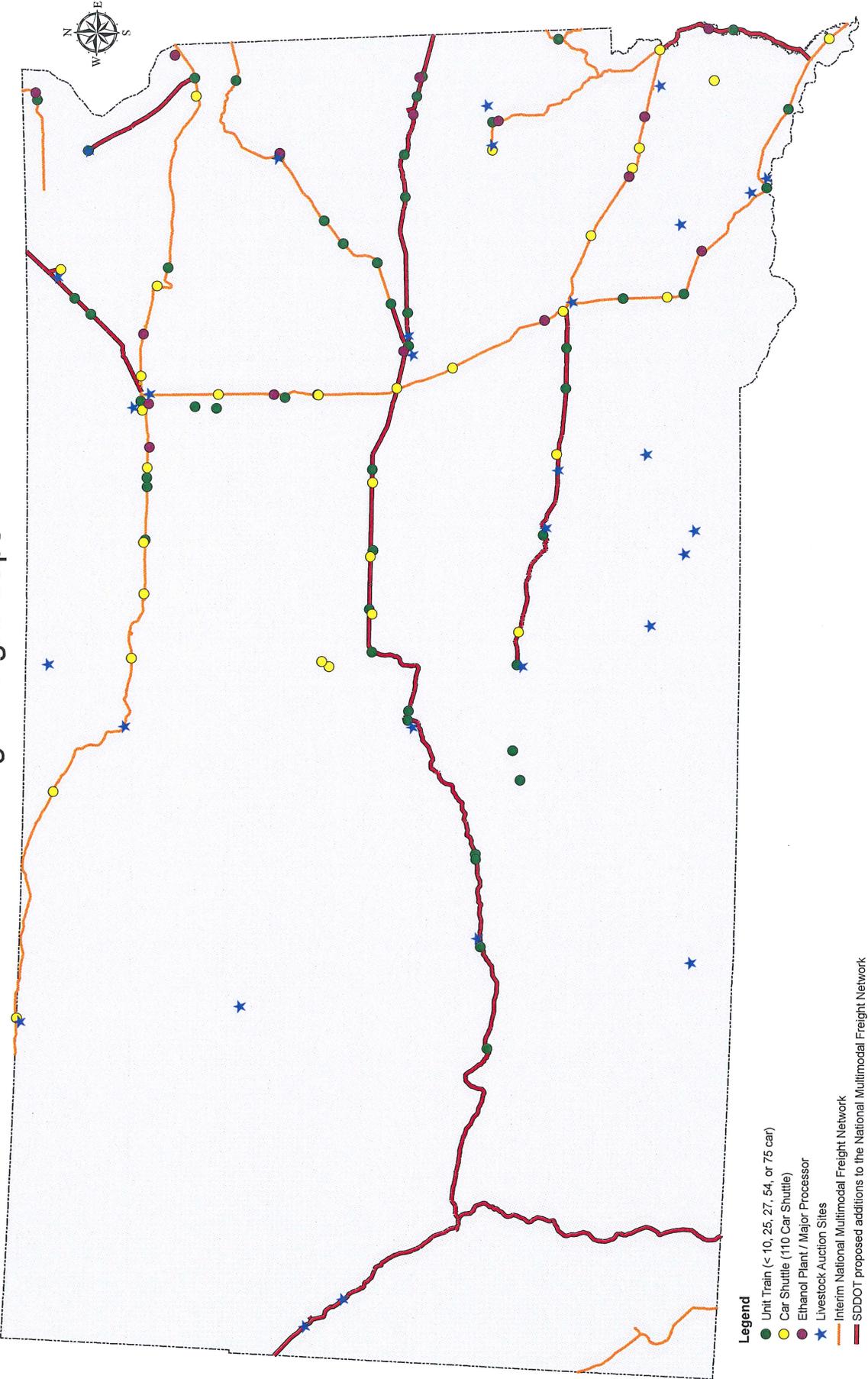
1. Map showing the proposed requested additional highway miles for inclusion on the NMFN
2. Map showing the proposed requested additional rail miles for inclusion on the NMFN
3. A draft letter for signature on association letterhead by Chairman Sutton consistent with the Board's resolution yesterday

4. A draft resolution for consideration/use by individual counties who wish to support the request submission as well.

Thanks to you and your members for all the support on this issue!

Darin

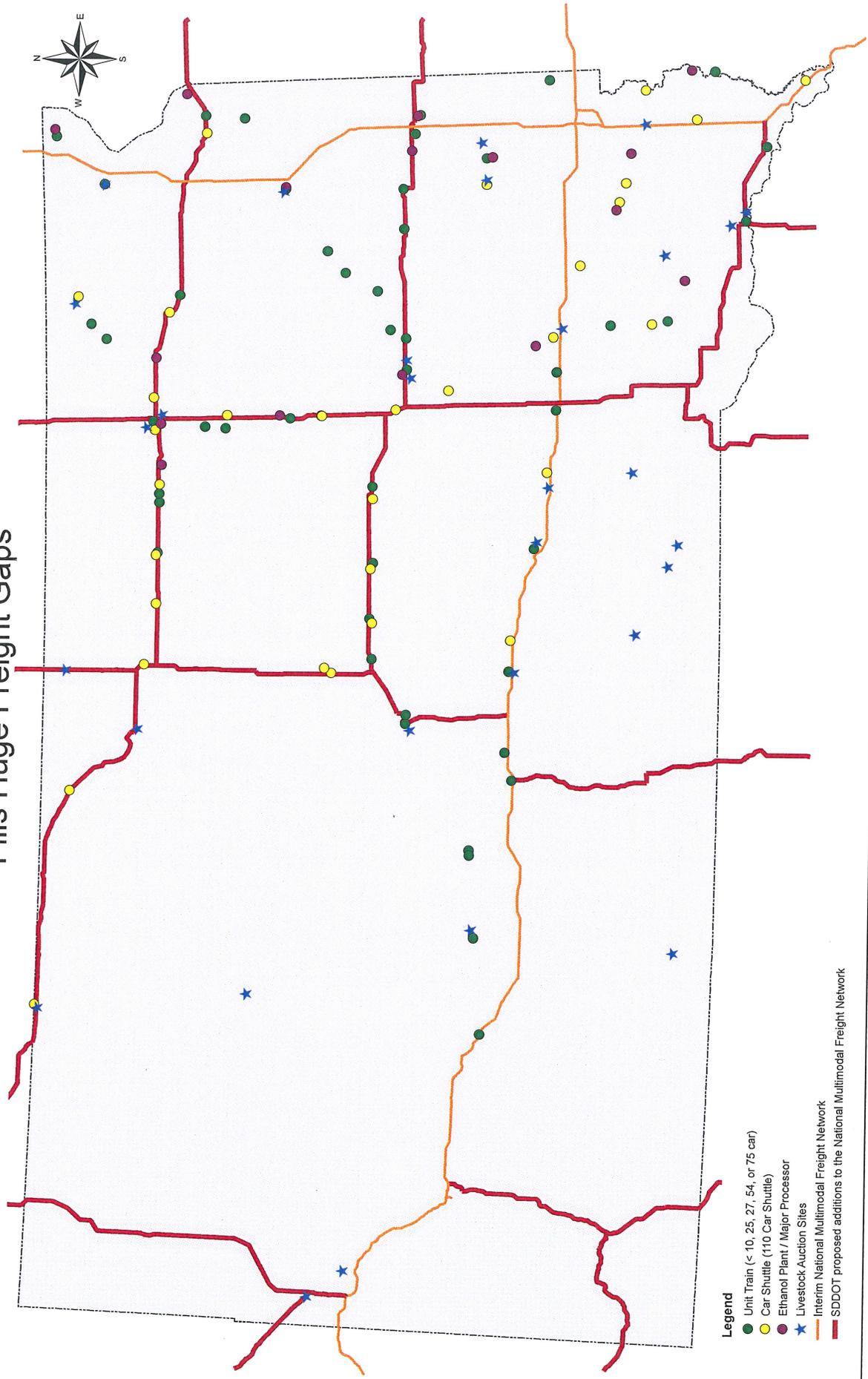
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Legend

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- Ethanol Plant / Major Processor
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