



# Sisseton Milbank Railroad Project

Department of Transportation

## Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$6,250,000 in one-time general funds to complete the reconstruction of the Sisseton Milbank Railroad between Sisseton and Milbank. This funding is the state support for the railroad's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement grant request.

## Project Description

This project will reconstruct 37 miles of rail between Milbank and Sisseton. The grant application was submitted December 1, 2022, with anticipated notification of funding in the spring or summer of 2023.

The project will cost \$28 million with a completion date of December 30, 2025. This railroad helps South Dakota farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers by moving wheat, corn, soybeans, fertilizers, and plastics, among other key commodities. Due to the condition of the current track, trains can only move at an average of 5mph. It takes trains over 7 hours to make the trip from Milbank to Sisseton.

## Funding

The project will use \$6,250,000 in state funds for the grant eligible portion. The Sisseton Milbank Railroad will be responsible for \$150,000 in local funds for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation.