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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

December 20, 2021

The Honorable Pete Ricketts  
Governor of Nebraska  
State Capitol Building  
P.O. Box 94848  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

and

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker and  
Members of the Legislature  
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Dear Governor Ricketts and Members of the Legislature:

According to the provisions of *Section 39-1392, R.R.S. 1998*, I am submitting One-Year and Five-Year Programs of anticipated design, construction, maintenance and improvements for our State's recreation roads. This includes exterior access roads as well as interior service roads.

*Section 39-1392, R.R.S. 1998* provides that only projects certified by the Game and Parks Commission may be included in the Recreation Roads One-Year and Five-Year Programs. The attached programs and projects do comply with that provision.

The following documents are attached for your review:

1. One (1) Year Program (for calendar year 2022): This report includes both certified (capital improvement) and maintenance (resurfacing and restoration) projects anticipated for the next calendar year.
2. Five (5) Year Certified Program (for calendar years 2023 through 2026): This is a report of anticipated resurfacing and restoration projects/capital improvement projects which have been identified and certified by the Game and Parks Commission. Many of these projects have not yet been programmed.
3. Certified Recreation Road Construction Plan: This is a long-term listing of capital improvement priorities, as identified by the Game and Parks Commission.

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4. Financial Status of the Recreation Road Fund - Fund Number 2672: This report shows the current and future financial status of the State Recreation Road Fund, as reported by our Controller Division.
5. Project Letting Lists for 2019, 2020, and 2021: These reports include recreation road projects let to contract during the current, as well as the two previous, calendar years. They include both certified and maintenance projects.

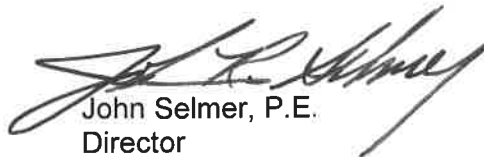
The Department of Transportation pays close attention to resurfacing, restoring and maintaining the State's existing recreation roads. After annual inspections, we prioritize the required maintenance projects, carefully considering the condition of each road and the available recreation road funding. Our One (1) Year Program for recreation roads currently identifies an estimated \$10.3 million of needs.

As you can see, the estimated cost for the projects shown in our Five (5) Year Certified Program alone greatly exceeds the anticipated fund accrual during that same period, based upon approximately \$4.2 million per year accruing into the Recreation Road Fund. This capital improvement plan will change as maintenance needs arise and the priorities of the Game and Parks Commission shift. We work diligently to balance these capital improvement goals with the maintenance needs of our existing recreation roads. It is also worth noting that the present challenges associated with contractor availability and supply chain will likely lead to increased costs for project identified and may delay future projects.

The Department of Transportation wishes to acknowledge excellent cooperation from the Game and Parks Commission during the planning, design and construction of these important projects.

If additional detail or explanation of our stewardship of the State Recreation Road Program is desired, we will be pleased to provide it upon request. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



John Selmer, P.E.  
Director

#### Attachments

cc: Jim Swenson, Game & Parks Commission  
Bob Bergholz, Game and Park Commission

One (1) Year Program  
 Nebraska Department of Transportation  
 State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Resurfacing & Restoration Needs  
 for Calendar Year 2022

		<u>Calendar year 2022</u>				
Project No.	Type	Recreation Area	County	Length	PE/CE	Estimate
SRR-27(69)	ER	Two Rivers SRA	Douglas	NA	\$ 128,000.00	\$115,000.00
SRR-27(69)	ER	Fremont State Park	Dodge	NA		\$285,000.00
SRR-98(32)	N/22	Fort Atkinson	Washington	0.03	\$ 82,000.00	\$500,000.00
SRR-13(46)	N/22	Mahoney State Park	Cass	0.5	\$ 273,967.68	\$1,956,912.00
SRR-69(12)	M/22	Burchard WMA	Pawnee	3.13	\$ 91,000.00	\$650,000.00
SRR-58(10)	M/22	Calamus SRA	Loop/Garfield	14.4	\$ 690,000.00	\$4,600,000.00
ER		Set Aside				\$250,000.00
		Crack Seal				\$200,000.00
		Pavement Preservation				\$250,000.00

N = New Project

M = Maintenance Project

ER = Flood Repairs (2019 Flood)

Notes: (1) Does not include minor maintenance work, such as crack seal and patching.

(2) Does not include Administration cost



Calendar year 2026						
Project No.	Type	Recreation Area	County	Length	PE/CE	Estimate
SRR-51(63)	N/25	Lake McConaughy (Phase 3)	Keith			\$3,000,000.00
SRR	N/25	Grove Lake Interior Roads	Antelope			\$325,000.00
SRR	M/25	Mahoney SP Main Overlay	Cass			\$1,800,000.00
						\$5,125,000.00

N = New Project

M = Maintenance Project

Notes: (1) Does not include minor maintenance work, such as crack seal and patching.

**TABLE II**  
 Game and Parks Commission  
 DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

**CERTIFIED RECREATION ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLAN**

Priority	Area	Project Number	Miles of Road		Type	Estimated Cost
			Interior	Exterior		
1	Two Rivers SRA	SRR-27(69)			Main	\$115,000
2	Fremont State Park	SRR-27(69)			Main	\$285,000
3	Fort Atkinson	SRR-89(32)	0.30		New	\$500,000
4	Mahoney State Park	SRR-13(46)	0.50		New	\$1,956,912
5	Burchard WMA	SSR-69(12)	1.13	2.00	Main	\$650,000
5	Calamus SRA	SRR-58(10)	10.40	4.00	New/Main	\$4,600,000
6	Lincoln Headquarters				Main	\$300,000
7	Mormon Island SRA	SRR-40(36)	2.10		New/Main	\$1,152,300
8	Merritt SRA	SRR-16(3)	4.20		New/Main	\$3,900,000
9	Lake McConaughy (Phase2)	SRR51(64)			New	\$3,000,000
10	Schramm SRA	SRR-77(###)			New	\$750,000
11	Lake Ogallala	SRR-51(62)	1.30		New/Main	\$2,200,000
12	Smith Falls SP	SRR	0.50	3.30	New	\$3,200,000
13	Summit Lake SRA	SRR-	3.00		New	\$2,400,000
14	Lake Maloney SRA	SRR-56(#)	2.40	1.00	New	\$1,800,000
15	No. Platte Hatchery/Buffalo Bill/SHP	SRR-56(#)			Main	\$675,000
16	Ft. Kearny SHP/SRA	SRR10(65)	3.30		Main	\$920,000
17	Wiegand/Burbach	SRR-	2.00		New/Main	\$900,000
18	Grove Lake WMA	SSR-02(#)	0.97	2.00	Main	\$750,000
19	Mahoney State Park	SRR-	0.72		Main	\$1,800,000
20	Lake McConaughy (Phase 3)	SSR			New	\$3,000,000
21	Fremont SRA	SRR-27(#)	4.53	3.11	New/Main	\$1,600,000
22	Louisville SRA	SRR-13(50)	2.90		New	\$550,000
23	Stagecoach SRA	SRR-	1.50		New	\$1,000,000
24	Wildcat Hills SRA	SRR-	1.75		New	\$1,700,000
25	Memphis SRA	SRR-78(#)	0.71	0.00	New	\$1,000,000
26	Bridgeport SRA	SRR-62(#)	0.00	0.62	New	\$1,600,000
27	Conestoga SRA	SRR-55(#)	0.68	1.00	New	\$1,600,000
28	Alexandria SRA	SRR	1.00	1.00	New	\$1,000,000
29	Sherman SRA	SRR-		9.00	New/Main	\$265,000
30	Ponca State Park	SRR-	8.14	0.00	New	\$5,600,000
31	Swanson SRA	SRR-	6.00		New	\$4,000,000
32	Enders Reservoir SRA	SRR-	2.10		New	\$1,600,000
33	Olive Creek SRA	SRR-	1.00		New	\$880,000
34	Rockford SRA	SRR-	1.50		New	\$880,000
35	Box Butte SRA	SRR-	1.35	14.74	New/Main	\$1,600,000
36	Walgren Lake SRA	SRR-		3.30	New	\$3,000,000
37	Elwood WMA	SRR-	2.10		New	\$1,600,000
38	Victoria Springs SRA	SRR-	2.00		New	\$1,600,000
39	Indian Cave State Park	SRR-64(#)	10.78	0.00	Main	\$350,000
40	Keller SRA	SRR-	2.00		New	\$1,600,000
41	Arbor Lodge SHP	SRR-66(#)	1.11	0.00		\$294,150
42	Riverview Marina SRA	SRR-66(#)	0.77	0.00		\$204,050
43	Platte River State Park	SRR-13(#)	3.32	0.00	Main	\$879,800
44	Dead Timber SRA	SRR-27(#)	0.44	1.16		\$424,000
45	Ashfall SHP	SRR-35(#)	0.97	9.10		\$2,668,550
46	Niobrara State Park	SRR-40(#)	7.74	0.00		\$2,051,100
47	Fort Hartsuff SHP	SRR-88(#)	3.72	0.00		\$985,800
48	Branched Oak SRA	SRR-55(#)	9.00	17.62		\$7,054,300

49	Pawnee SRA	SRR-55(#)	3.50	6.30	\$2,597,000
50	Kildeer WMA	SRR-55(#)	0.33	1.60	\$511,450
51	Bluestem SRA	SRR-55(#)	0.44	3.26	\$980,500
52	Wagon Train SRA	SRR-55(#)	2.50	4.50	\$1,855,000
53	Big Indian	SRR-34(#)	1.30	2.50	\$1,007,000
54	Rock Creek Station SHP	SRR-48(#)	2.30	5.80	\$2,146,500
55	Sac-Wilcox WMA	SRR-69(#)	0.00	11.00	\$2,915,000
56	Windmill SRA	SRR-10(#)	7.20	0.00	\$1,908,000
57	Johnson Lake SRA	SRR-37(#)	0.00	10.06	\$2,665,900
58	Medicine Creek SRA	SRR-73(#)	2.30	10.00	\$3,259,500
59	Red Willow SRA	SRR32(#)	1.80	2.10	\$1,033,500
60	Chimney Rock	SRR-62(#)	0.00	1.30	\$344,500
61	Lake Minatare SRA	SRR-79(#)	3.20	3.00	\$1,643,000
62	Fort Robinson State Park	SRR-23(#)	4.80	0.00	\$1,272,000
63	Lake Babcock	SRR-71(#)	2.20	0.00	\$583,000
64	Willow Creek SRA	SRR-70(#)	0.00	1.00	\$265,000
65	Long Pine SRA	SRR-9(#)	0.20	0.95	\$304,750
66	Ash Hollow SHP	SRR-35(#)	2.20	0.00	\$583,000

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<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>144.20</b>	<b>136.32</b>	<b>\$108,315,562</b>
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**FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE RECREATION ROAD FUND  
FUND NUMBER 2672**

CALENDAR YEAR 2022

**RESOURCES**

Fund Balance January 1, 2022	11,352,977	
Estimated Motor Vehicle Registration Revenue	3,917,000	
Total Resources	15,269,977	

**OBLIGATIONS/EXPENDITURES**

Required for Certified Program/Resurfacing & Restoration	(9,371,880)	
Required for Emergency Maintenance & Contingencies	(700,000)	
Anticipated Administration Costs	(230,000)	
Total Obligations/Expenditures	(10,301,880)	

Anticipated Fund Balance December 31, 2022 \$ 4,968,097

CALENDAR YEAR 2023

**RESOURCES**

Anticipated Fund Balance January 1, 2023	4,968,097	
Estimated Motor Vehicle Registration Revenue	3,938,000	
Total Resources	8,906,097	

**OBLIGATIONS/EXPENDITURES**

Planned Program/Resurfacing & Restoration	(6,348,300)	
Required for Emergency Maintenance & Contingencies	(700,000)	
Anticipated Administration Costs	(161,000)	
Total Obligations/Expenditures	(7,209,300)	

Anticipated Fund Balance December 31, 2023 \$ 1,696,797

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Project Letting List for 2019-2021  
 Nebraska Department of Transportation  
 State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Projects Let to Construction  
 Contract for Calendar Year 2019-2021

<u>Recreation Area and County</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Length (miles)</u>	<u>Estimated Rec. Roads Funds</u>
Lake McConaughy Keith County (2019)	SRR-51(61)	7.3	\$2,065,599
Ponca State Park Dixon County (2020)	SRR-23(25)	0.5	\$1,294,495
Schramm SRA- Parking Sarpy County (2020)	SRR13(49)	0.0	\$283,670
Platte River SP Cass County (2020)	SRR13(47)	0.5	\$1,058,174
Chadron State Park Dawes County (2021)	SRR-23(37)	5.0	\$1,346,102
Fort Robinson SP Sioux County (2021)	SRR-83(23)	3.4	\$693,008
Lake McConaughy Keith County (2021)	SRR-51(63)	0.7	\$3,422,000
Wagon Train SRA Lancaster County (2021)	SRR-55(185)	4	1,193,762
	Totals:	21.4	\$11,356,810

NOTE: Fund amounts are the latest “obligations” figures from the Controller Division’s Quarterly Report.