

Press Release:

For Immediate Release: Monday, July 29, 2024

U.S. Highway 385 Construction Paused for the Rally

CUSTER, S.D. – All construction activities on U.S. Highway 385 will be paused from July 31, 2024, until Aug. 12, 2024, for the Rally. During this time, all lanes will be open to traffic. The road surface will be a type of sealed rock that resembles asphalt with lane markings painted onto it. In addition to those road markings, there will be a temporary traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 385 and S.D. Highway 44. There will be gravel surfacing from Highway 44 to ½-mile north of Silver City Road and a 1,000 feet long gravel diversion immediately south of the Pennington-Lawrence County line. Both lengths of gravel will be treated to control dust.

Both the sealed rock surface and the temporary gravel may become slippery when wet, so drivers are advised to take care in the event of inclement weather. The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), the contractor, and Highway Patrol will be actively monitoring road conditions within project limits for the duration of the Rally. The speed limit through the project construction area is reduced to 45 MPH.

Alternate Route:

The recommended alternate route for drivers looking to avoid the construction on Highway 385 is to take U.S. Highway 16 and Interstate 90 through Rapid City. SDDOT recommends that travelers exercise caution when using unmaintained roadways.

Project Information:

For further information regarding this project, please contact Tim Wicks, Custer Area Engineering Supervisor, at 605-673-4948 or via email at tim.wicks@state.sd.us.

For updates on major traffic changes, subscribe to a free text-in service. To subscribe, simply text “US385” to 605-566-4041. Subscribers can unsubscribe at any time.

Find additional project information including maps, timelines, and construction updates on the website at <https://www.US-385.com>.

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Text Message:

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