

THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXPRESSWAY (TRE) AND THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS TRADE CORRIDOR (P2P)



Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota



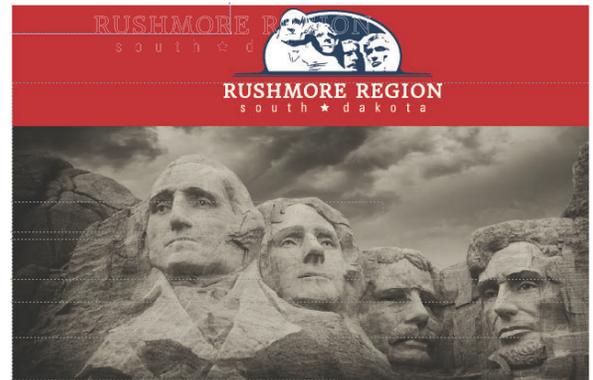
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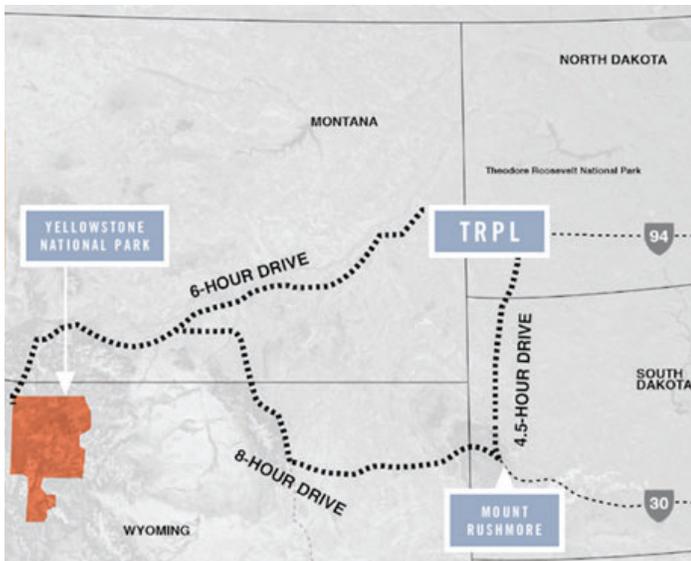
2024 Visitation

- Theodore Roosevelt National Park – 739,528
- South Dakota Badlands National Park – 1,150,232
- Mount Rushmore – 2,491,121
- Yellowstone National Park – 5,989,789

– Information provided by National Park Service Data Site



Mount Rushmore, South Dakota




Oversize/Overweight Permit Comparison

Year	U.S. 2 4-lane	U.S. 83 4-lane	I-29 4-lane	I-94 4-lane	U.S. 52 4-lane	U.S. 85 2-lane
2016		13,378	25,068			44,484
2017		11,452	25,332		15,664	45,540
2018	56,203	13,655	25,840	48,503	17,129	51,168
2019	59,816	15,124	25,268	46,963	16,570	51,669
2020	45,056	12,193	23,681	40,378	14,738	33,214
2021	42,659	10,237	25,606	38,400	13,477	35,131
2022	49,667	10,492	26,376	38,985	15,248	37,398
2023	59,658	12,164	28,651	46,730	18,022	44,829
2024	58,655	15,604	27,181	45,483	17,185	45,878
2025	60,026	11,245	25,920	40,478	17,252	45,882

January 29, 2025

Mr. Cal Klewin, Executive Director
Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association
14610 86th Street, SW
Bowman, ND 58623

Dear Mr. Klewin:



The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is committed to the expansion of US Highway 85 from Interstate 94 to Watford City. We have made the following progress to date (also see attached progress map):

- Completed an Environmental Impact Statement and received a Record of Decision to clear the National Environmental Policy Act requires for the entire corridor.
- Replaced the Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River.
- Stabilized the Horseshoe Bend landslide near the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Completed construction of the four-lane facility from Long X Bridge to Watford City.
- Started the survey, project development, utility engineering, permitting, and preliminary right of way planning for the segment between ND Highway 200 and Long X Bridge.
- Received a grant from Federal Highway Administration for the construction of the four-lane facility between ND Highway 200 and reference point 120 (beginning of the badlands). Anticipated bid date in the Fall of 2025.
- Started the survey, project development, utility engineering, permitting, and preliminary right of way planning for the segment between I-94 and ND Highway 200.

All the activities listed above have been funded or have funding sources allocated. No further funding has been identified for further construction projects. The NDDOT is continuing to pursue federal discretionary grant opportunities.

The NDDOT is open and willing to explore any federal funding opportunities that are available to continue progress on US Highway 85 between I-94 and the Long X Bridge.

Sincerely,

Ronald J Henke, PE
Director

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