



# I-90 CORRIDOR VISIONING MEETING SUMMARY

In Attendance: 34

Participants were asked to write several newspaper headlines for the “Meade County Times” in 2032.

MEADE COUNTY TIMES Headlines 2032
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Piedmont finally gets a central sewer system.</li><li>• New recreation areas protected in Meade County.</li><li>• Off-road vehicle regulations revised and limited in Black Hills region within Meade County.</li><li>• New bike path links Summerset and Piedmont to middle school and grade schools.</li><li>• Sustainability and water protection is of primary importance in Meade County.</li><li>• Stagebarn Middle School and High School receive national marks of excellence.</li><li>• No crime.</li><li>• More small businesses.</li><li>• Interstate is finished.</li><li>• Lower taxes.</li><li>• Roads improved.</li><li>• More retail shops.</li><li>• Extremely low crime.</li><li>• Land values grow due to smart development.</li><li>• Sheriff’s Department has remote offices.</li><li>• Water and land quality are important to Meade County, while promoting development.</li><li>• Good quality infrastructure and developments.</li><li>• Zoning.</li><li>• Meade County establishes rural water district.</li><li>• Ag land purchased for development will lose ag tax immediately.</li><li>• Black Hawk becomes incorporated village.</li><li>• Western Meade is getting over-populated.</li><li>• Land is priced too high in western Meade.</li><li>• Housing is short.</li><li>• Crime is getting out of hand.</li><li>• Water.</li><li>• Random high-density developments have ceased since 2022 in favor of requiring density similar to surrounding areas outside of existing municipalities.</li><li>• Property taxes reduced!</li><li>• New high school opens in Stagebarn.</li><li>• Housing continues to boom.</li><li>• Road projects finished on I-90.</li><li>• VA expands services to Veterans.</li><li>• Ellsworth adds new wings.</li><li>• Several communities add fire/emergency medical technician full-time stations.</li><li>• Sinkhole debacle finally settled. Families rebuild lives.</li></ul>

- Meade County offers large town amenities with small town values.
- Meade County preserved the beauty of the land/living conditions, banned high density housing developments.
- Put the existing community ahead of dollars. Required housing developments to mimic existing homes/lots.
- Piedmont gets sanitary district.
- Walmart buys property in SW Meade County.
- Bobcat brings assembly plant to SW Meade County.
- Home Depot opens new store in north Piedmont area.
- All asphalt choked by weeds.
- Outlaw Square collapses under weight of hanging drug dealers.
- Buffalo from border to border.
- Three people chasing every buffalo.
- Meade County reverts to nine-acre minimum lots.
- Meade County's infrastructure assures water systems and sewer systems for every nine-acre lot.
- No more mining/ gravel pits. All sand and gravel companies shall revert land, trees, hills and grass back to their natural state prior to digging.
- Meade County absorbs disenfranchised U.S. Patriots.
- Meade County is a new home for industry.
- Meade County attracts Rapid City escapees.
- Meade County remains GOP stronghold.
- Meade County retains great plains heritage.
- New high school for Piedmont Valley.
- Sewer system for Piedmont completed.
- Highway work completed.
- "Phil Anderson High School" wins rodeo competition in Belle Fourche.
- Starbucks now delivers to rural Piedmont.
- Drone crashes into civilian plane over Sturgis.
- I-90 reconstruction adds new exits to rural Meade County.
- Ellsworth sonic shuttle opens station in Sturgis for easier commute.
- Eminent domain ruled unconstitutional by State Supreme Court.
- Local businesses thrive in booming I-90 corridor economy.
- Record number of Chick-fil-A restaurants under construction.
- Rapid City named new capital of South Dakota.
- Meade County's internet deemed most reliable and speediest in the state.
- Crime statistics are at the lowest levels in history in Meade County.
- Meade County roads have been improved. All bridges are less than 20 years old and main roads are paved.
- Meade County school students win national competitions in multiple areas, including math, science, and engineering.
- Black Hawk city limits expanded east.
- Piedmont High School opens.
- President Noem visits Piedmont.

- County Commissioners honored for diplomacy.
- Meade County Sheriff honored for crime reduction.
- National Republican Convention held at Piedmont Hilton.
- Bike path connects Rapid City to Sturgis.
- Ellsworth AFB closes.
- Coldest winter since 1949.
- Wieczorek elected governor.
- County commissioner shuts down developer.
- Rally numbers down significantly.
- New facility to employ 1,000 new jobs.
- Meade County has the lowest unemployment rate in the state.
- More employment opportunities come to the area.
- Recreational mecca, mountain biking, gravel riding, hiking trails.
- Taxes hit a record low.
- Homeless housed in transitional program.
- Housing affordable again.
- I-90 road construction finished.
- B-21 crashes.
- Ellsworth area needs more water.
- Lack of affordable housing.
- Homeless increases (if I27 passes).
- Meade County holds on to their beautiful valleys.
- Meade County is not influenced by population growth.
- Residents enjoying rural atmosphere.
- Meade County has the lowest crime rate in South Dakota.
- Elk is seen in Piedmont.
- Speed limit goes to 95 mph.
- Black Hawk incorporates.
- New Exit 46 finished.
- Fort Meade Way blacktop finished.
- Meade County excels in school ratings.
- Meade County has minimal damage from winter storm. This is attributed to emergency management planning.
- Meade County is leading example of preserving agricultural lands.
- Meade County has top water ratings of state.
- Meade County completes regional trail system.
- Meade County keeps its small-town feel.
- You can take a walk or walk your dog at night and feel safe.
- Meade County overpopulated.

Participants were placed into small groups and then asked to choose their top three headlines and to create goals for how to achieve these headlines.

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Develops and Promotes Quality Development and Infrastructure</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop ordinances which are progressive.</li> <li>• Develop zoning in metro areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>High Schools</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate school resources.</li> <li>• Build new school.</li> <li>• Reduce travel time. Reduce distance.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Overpopulation Problems</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piedmont needs to control overdevelopment.</li> <li>• Overpopulation problems in western Meade County.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Piedmont Creates Water and Sanitary District</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying for grants.</li> <li>• Bobcat to open an assembly plant in SW Meade County.</li> <li>• Piedmont creates water district.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Mandates 9 Acre Minimum Lot</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit development to 9 acre lots.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>New High School Named After Phil Anderson</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a high school in Piedmont Valley to support population growth.</li> <li>• Have someone else pay for it besides current property owners.</li> <li>• Expand traffic control measures to facilitate school open/close times.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Affordable Housing</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning that allows for lower cost subdivisions.</li> <li>• Local production of housing materials.</li> <li>• Improve HUD rates.</li> <li>• Senior housing.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Costco Opens in Piedmont</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Force the State DOT to surrender property they have kept off the market.</li> <li>• Install central sewer.</li> <li>• Improve access roads to the store.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Is Leading Example of Preserving Ag Land Amongst Population Growth</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low density housing focus.</li> <li>• Zoning regulations for the 3-mile platting jurisdictions of municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Improves Transportation Corridors</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use increased property tax revenue from influx of people moving in to repair roads and bridges.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Housing Zoning for Meade County</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New developments to mimic existing developments.</li> <li>• Create zoning regulations.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Bobcat to Open Assembly Plant in Piedmont</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic development grants.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Road Development</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update all bridges.</li> <li>• Pave more of the main roads.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Excels in School Ratings</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land development requirements in new developments.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Piedmont High School Opens</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate the Ponzi growth scheme.</li> <li>• Place impact fees on new development.</li> <li>• Revamp tax laws.</li> <li>• Stop bussing and open enrollment.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Preserves Low Crime Rate and Increased Quality of Living</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support funding for law enforcement.</li> <li>• Support code enforcement in the county.</li> <li>• Increase trails for biking, walking, and off-road trails.</li> <li>• Utilize area resources for variety of outdoor activities.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Leads the State in Recreation Areas to Preserve the Black Hills</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulate ATV's in the hills.</li> <li>• Bike paths to area schools.</li> <li>• Water protection.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Ellsworth</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve base housing.</li> <li>• Expand base personnel/squads.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Meade County Absorbs Disenfranchised U.S. Patriots</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain conservative legacy as alternative to urban blight.</li> <li>• Tourist-like marketing.</li> <li>• Alliances with all existing similar groups.</li> <li>• Invite industry and tourism that are no longer secure.</li> <li>• Strong political activism.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Employment Opportunities</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry with higher wages and benefits.</li> <li>• Apprenticeships.</li> </ul>

<b>Headline:</b>	<b>Piedmont Valley Wastewater System Complete</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire unused state land.</li> <li>• Acquire federal and state grants.</li> <li>• Elon Musk underwrites new technologies.</li> <li>• Campaign citizens to support bond issue.</li> </ul>

Participants were last asked to complete the following phrase:

<b>“In 2032, Meade County will be...”</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Split zoning. (+3)</li> <li>• Leaders in education.</li> <li>• Rural outside I-90 corridor.</li> <li>• Multiple high schools along I-90 corridor.</li> <li>• Will have controlled growth and be 2 degrees warmer.</li> <li>• Still growing. Population.</li> <li>• Less friendly to developers.</li> <li>• Not held hostage by ranch vote.</li> <li>• Responsible to its constituents.</li> <li>• Overpopulated. (+1)</li> <li>• A mess.</li> <li>• Congested.</li> <li>• Integrated.</li> <li>• A recreation mecca.</li> <li>• Transitory.</li> <li>• Fractured between ag community and residential communities.</li> <li>• Water dependent on outside water sources.</li> <li>• A major metropolitan area.</li> <li>• More crowded in the corridor.</li> <li>• Overcrowded, a metropolis, will have its own football team.</li> <li>• A mecca for failed but worthy businesses and industries.</li> <li>• A model and refuge for overrun rural areas around America.</li> <li>• A leader in SD politics.</li> <li>• Free of excessive taxation.</li> <li>• A gateway to the Rocky Mountains.</li> <li>• Limit commercial development to specific areas.</li> <li>• Nine-acre minimum lots equals more trees and grassland.</li> <li>• A special place to live and work.</li> <li>• An economic example to western SD.</li> <li>• A great place to swim with great swim facilities.</li> <li>• Approving only housing that mimics existing housing and lots.</li> <li>• Limiting high density housing.</li> <li>• Financially sound, strong infrastructure systems.</li> </ul>

- Growing smartly.
- A diverse community looking to 2042.
- Financially stable.
- An outdoor destination, and educational leader.
- Zoned for housing that mimics the surrounding houses. Businesses in developed towns. Mostly rural lifestyle maintained.
- Free of marijuana and other drug businesses. Affordable taxes.
- Safe for all to live in. Good water for all.
- Rural, fairly taxed, more single-family housing and less apartments.
- Manageable in relation to growth.
- An oasis in a world of cluttered commercial growth.
- Connected to each other and the world.
- An example of how to grow without compromising its rural beauty and roots.
- Strengthens policies and regulates guidance for decision-making future development.
- Economically sound, more jobs, zoned, keep rural lifestyle.
- Healthy economy, smart progressive development, clean air, and good water.
- Leader in quality residential and commercial developments.
- Committed to increasing revenue for roadway and bridge improvements.
- Heavily involved with zoning in “urban” areas.