

**Elkins Marcia**

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**From:** Todd.Seaman@state.sd.us  
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**Subject:** RE: Sidewalks at Dakotah Steakhouse

Marcia,

Currently the Department of Transportation does not have plans to add sidewalk to the railroad structure on Elk Vale Road. The existing structure has a 10' shoulder that can be used for bike and pedestrian traffic. Of course having pedestrians adjacent to the travel way has it's shortcomings.

Typically the best time to determine the most appropriate route for a sidewalk is during development of the adjacent property. At this particular site a stand alone pedestrian/bike structure over the RR maybe a better option considering both sidewalk location and cost.

The SDDOT is open to working with City Staff to determine the best route for pedestrian facilities on Elk Vale Road.

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**From:** Elkins Marcia [mailto:Marcia.Elkins@rcgov.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2010 11:49 AM  
**To:** Seaman, Todd (DOT)  
**Cc:** Kinniburgh Doug; Dominicak Bob; Fisher Vicki; Halsted Karley; Fred Thurston; pegskog@msn.com  
**Subject:** Sidewalks at Dakotah Steakhouse

Todd -

We just met with the architect and owner for the new Dakotah Steakhouse proposed for construction on Elk Vale Road north of the railroad regarding the installation of sidewalks. (Doug sat in on the discussion at the Planning Commission last week.) They have applied for a exception/variance to waive the requirement to install sidewalks on both Eglin and Elk Vale Road. The Public Works Committee will be discussing the request on April 27.

Staff has recommended that sidewalks be installed in accordance with the discussion at the Planning Commission meeting. One of the issues raised by the owner is when will SDDOT be installing pedestrian facilities across the structure that crosses the railroad bridge. I indicated that was not in the five year plan (TIP) and that I would contact you regarding any plans for accommodating bike and pedestrian traffic on that bridge.

I have copied the owner and the architect on this message, so it would be helpful if you would respond to all. Thank you for your assistance. m