

## Road Classifications

Minnehaha County's existing roadways are classified in the following manner:

**State and federal highways** - These highways consist of the interstate system and a network of highways that carry both intra- and interstate traffic. The South Dakota Department of Transportation is responsible for system maintenance and improvements.

**County highways** - Minnehaha County maintains 356 miles of roadway designated as the county highway system. County highways are hard surfaced with the exception of 15 miles. It is likely that a few miles of gravel will always be present because roads are periodically added to the system and programmed for improvement to handle higher volumes of traffic. The system carries traffic between major attraction points and connects to the state and federal highway system. Together these two systems provide continuous travel throughout the county and link with roads of similar function in adjoining counties.

**Local roads** - Local roads are mainly section line gravel roads maintained by the 23 townships in the county. The local system also includes both publicly dedicated and private subdivision roads. In some instances townships have assumed responsibility for maintaining subdivision roads. Otherwise, homeowner associations must take on this responsibility.