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March 8, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The state of South Dakota and the South Dakota Department of Transportation strongly support the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application to reconstruct I-90 from Salem to Humbolt. This project rebuilds an old 1965 roadway grade and bridges, creating a safer, modern, and more efficient highway to connect rural South Dakota to the Sioux Falls metropolitan area.

The existing Interstate roadbed has been resurfaced many times and it needs to be replaced to function properly. It is part of the National Highway Freight Network, National Highway System, and SDDOT's Preferential Truck Network. All are important for the economy, defense, and mobility as well as to connect South Dakota with the rest of the nation.

The project extends for approximately 15 miles. Interstate 90 connects most of central and western South Dakota with the Sioux Falls area and its modern commercial, retail, and medical facilities.

Funding this project will improve promote the merit criteria of economic vitality, performance, accountability, and leveraging federal funding. It enhances the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people and improves the connectivity for the upper Midwest to the Badlands National Park and Mt. Rushmore National Monument.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Secretary Bergquist at 605.773.3265.

Yours truly,

Kristi Noem, Governor
State of South Dakota

Darin Bergquist, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Transportation

McCook County Highway Department

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January 22, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The McCook County Commission strongly supports the South Dakota Department of Transportation's infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application to reconstruct I-90 from Salem to Humboldt. It replaces an old roadway and bridges with a safer more modern highway to connect rural South Dakota to Sioux Falls.

This highway is part of the National Highway Freight Network, National Highway System, and SDDOT's Preferential Truck Network. All are important for the economy, defense, and mobility. The project extends for approximately 15 miles.

Funding this project will advance the merit criteria of economic vitality, performance, accountability, and leveraging federal funding. It enhances the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people and improves the connectivity for the upper Midwest.

Thank you for your consideration of the grant. If you have any questions or need additional information, Please contact Secretary Bergquist.

Yours Truly,


Charles Liesinger, Chairman
McCook County Commission

United States Senate
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February 13, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

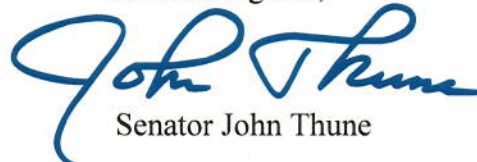
It has come to my attention the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) has submitted a request for funding from the United States Department of Transportation under the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program. As a strong advocate for investing in our nation's infrastructure, I write in support of their application.

Should they receive funding, the SDDOT would reconstruct Interstate-90 from near the Salem and Humboldt exits in eastern South Dakota. Though it has been resurfaced many times, this stretch of Interstate still utilizes the roadway grade and bridges from 1965. Both the east and westbound lanes need to be reconstructed to create a safer, modern and more efficient highway.

This 15-mile project is located just east of Sioux Falls, our state's largest city and the region's economic hub. It is part of the National Highway System, National Highway Freight Network, the SDDOT Preferential Truck Network, and integral to local, state and national commerce.

As you know, making necessary investments into our nation's infrastructure system is important to job creation and sustained economic growth in communities throughout the country. Your thorough review of their application would be greatly appreciated, and I urge you to give it every consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards,



Senator John Thune

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February 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Chao:

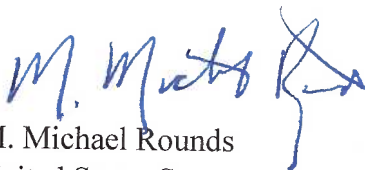
I understand that the South Dakota Department of Transportation will submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program. I request your full and fair consideration of the South Dakota Department of Transportation's project called the I-90 McCook County East Bound & West Bound Lanes Reconstruction.

The proposed project would reconstruct 15 miles of I-90's east-and-west bound lanes, two miles west of the Salem exit and two miles west of the Humboldt exit. This project will provide a more modern highway to connect McCook County with a total cost of over \$67 million. This highway is part of the National Highway Freight Network, National Highway System and SDDOT's Preferential Truck Network.

This project from the South Dakota Department of Transportation would provide improvements to both the intrastate and interstate freight passengers. It will address the rural challenges of freight connectivity and support your Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the South Dakota Department of Transportation's grant application.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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February 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my support for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) grant application submitted by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). The SDDOT plans to use this funding to complete reconstruction on both the East and West bound lanes of I-90, which would fix the section from 2 miles West of the Salem exit to 2 miles west of the Humboldt exit.

This 15-mile project will replace the surface, underlying structure, overlaying bridge decks, and will also provide a safer, more modern highway to connect rural South Dakota to the city of Sioux Falls. The SDDOT's project is expected to cost an estimated \$67 million. This highway is part of the National Highway Freight Network, National Highway System, and SDDOT's Preferential Truck Network.

It is my understanding that if selected for this grant, the SDDOT will provide necessary updates to an essential part of South Dakota's interstate highway system. I strongly urge you to give full and careful consideration to SDDOT's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dusty Johnson".

DUSTY JOHNSON
Member of Congress



Trucking's Voice In South Dakota Since 1935

February 3, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing on behalf of the 500 member companies that are part of the South Dakota Trucking Association. We strongly support the South Dakota Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) grant application to reconstruct 15 miles of I-90, the east bound and west bound lanes, from 2 miles west of the Salem exit to 2 miles west of the Humboldt exit.

The project will provide a safer more modern highway to connect McCook County. The total cost of the project is over \$67 million. This highway is part of the National Highway Freight Network, National Highway System, and SDDOT's Preferential Truck Network.

This improvement will serve both intrastate and interstate freight and passengers. The project will address the rural challenges of freight connectivity and support economic vitality as part of Secretary Chao's Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide in funding this grant. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact SDDOT Secretary Darin Bergquist.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Myron L. Rau", is written over the typed name.

Myron L. Rau
President
South Dakota Trucking Association

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