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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committees

FROM: Kip Harrington, Division Manager

DATE: October 1, 2024

RE: **24TP039 – Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Reconnecting Communities Grant Application**

The South Dakota Department of Transportation is submitting an application to assist with funding the reconstruction of Interstate 90 Exit 46 Bridge Reconstruction Project. The project includes reconstructing the Exit 46 (Elk Creek Road) bridge to include multimodal facilities for those walking and biking, grade-separating Elk Creek Road from a railroad, as well as regrading and resurfacing both directions of I-90 from east of Exit 44 to west of Exit 48. The RCE project will provide grade-separated access on Elk Creek Road over the RCP&E Railroad.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Reconnecting Communities Grant Application.