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

Dear Secretary Chao:

The City of Rapid City strongly supports the South Dakota Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application to reconstruct the I-90 La Crosse Street Interchange. The interchange serves a major regional retail center.

This aging bridge and diamond interchange need to be replaced to improve traffic handling capabilities. The proposed project is constrained by adjacent development which is why a modern diverging diamond configuration that can serve higher traffic volumes was chosen.

The interchange is on the National Highway Freight Network and the National Highway System. The grant will help connect a major retail center in Rapid City with the huge rural region it serves. It will also improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people in Rapid City and throughout the region to the mall area.

We hope you will provide the funding for this grant. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Secretary Bergquist.

Yours truly,

Lloyd LaCroix
Chairman, Executive Policy Committee
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