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Mr. Joel Jundt, Acting Region Engineer
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Re: Temporary Break in Control of Access on U.S. Highway 16B

Dear Joel:

On behalf of the City of Rapid City, I am requesting that the South Dakota Department of Transportation extend the temporary Break in Control of Access on U.S. Highway 16B (Southeast Connector/Catron Boulevard) at the temporary access easement to Willowbend Road for an additional two years.

As you are aware, the City of Rapid City continues to work with the adjacent landowners/developers to facilitate the construction of the Minnesota Street connection to U.S. Highway 16B (Southeast Connector/Catron Boulevard). To date, the City of Rapid City has approved an Infrastructure Development Partnership Loan, a Tax Increment Financing District and Tax Increment Financing District Project plan to subsidize the construction of this connection to the City's street network. Negotiations regarding the Developer's Agreement and coordination of the related infrastructure improvements are continuing with the most recent discussions occurring this past Friday. The City of Rapid City is making every effort to insure that this important street connection can be completed as soon as possible.

Upon finalization of the Developer's agreements and approval by the City Council, the landowner/developer's engineers estimate that it will be between 12 and 24 months before the construction plans can be completed, the project bid and the work completed. For this reason, the City of Rapid City is requesting a two year extension of the temporary break in Control of Access on U.S. 16B at the temporary access to Willowbend Road through June 1, 2010.

The City of Rapid City sincerely appreciates the South Dakota Department of Transportation's cooperation in assuring that this temporary secondary access remains available to the several hundred residents of the area. This is of particular importance as the primary access point, Jolly Lane crosses Rapid Creek in an area where severe flooding occurred during the 1972 Flood and where flooding could occur in another significant flood event. Additionally, the temporary access provides better response times for emergency vehicles and access to Rapid City Regional Hospital. We appreciate your assistance in meeting the community's needs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Alan Hanks, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota



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