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Mr. Alan Hanks, Mayor
City of Rapid City
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RE: Temporary Break in Control of Access US16B

Dear Mayor Hanks:

We are in receipt of your January 22, 2008, letter requesting extension of time for Break in Control of Access along US16B (Southeast Connector/Catron Boulevard) for the Willowbend Road area. This request was forwarded to our SDDOT Commission and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for their consideration and approval. Attached is a copy of the submitted correspondence to them, dated February 29, 2008.

While we all share in the concern for safe ingress/egress for residents of Willowbend Area, we are quite concerned with the appearance that little progress occurred in the past two years to resolve the issue. This lack of progress was also expressed by the SDDOT Commission and FHWA during the review of the current time extension.

Therefore, although approval is being granted to extend the break until June 1, 2010, there are a number of stipulations that are earmarked with the approval. We draw your attention to the third bullet listed within the February 29, 2008 letter – namely that you will need to keep us informed of your progress on a 30 day interval. The first meeting will be May 1, 2008.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to bring this issue to a resolution. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Joel Jundt, Acting Region Engineer
SD Department of Transportation

CC: Dan Staton, Access Management Engineer
Gary Engel, Area Engineer
Greg Fuller, Division Director, Division of Operations

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