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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Public Works Committee

FROM: Marcia Elkins, Director *me*

DATE: September 8, 2005

RE: Authorize Mayor to Submit Letter Requesting Release of Federal Highway Funds for East Anamosa Street Extension

Attached please find a draft letter for your consideration regarding funding for the East Anamosa Street Extension. Recently funds were identified in the new Federal Highway Bill specifically for construction of East Anamosa Street from LaCrosse Street to East Boulevard.

Area property owners have been working with the City for several years to coordinate efforts to move the East Anamosa Street extension project forward. In the past year, the property owners entered into a cost sharing agreement for the design of that project. However, due to the use of Federal funds an environmental assessment will be likely be required. Significant coordination with the South Dakota Department of Transportation staff will be required.

As the property owners are anxious to see this project move forward, they have requested that the City formally request that discussions be initiated with the South Dakota Department of Transportation staff. Please review the attached draft letter. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Mayor to submit the attached letter.



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September 19, 2005

Ms. Judy Payne
Secretary of Transportation
State of South Dakota
700 E. Broadway Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Federal Highway Funds for East Anamosa Street Extension

Dear Ms. Payne,

The City of Rapid City is delighted with the Federal Funding provided to the City of Rapid City as part of the Federal Highway legislation recently approved. We are anxious to begin coordinating efforts on those projects. The City of Rapid City has been working with a number of property owners on the extension of East Anamosa Street between LaCrosse Street and East North Street for several years and would like to take the necessary steps to proceed with design and construction of this project as soon as possible.

We are aware that there are specific Federal and State requirements that must be met so that this funding can be utilized. As such we are requesting an opportunity to meet with the appropriate staff to identify each of the necessary tasks and establish a time frame for completing those tasks. It is the City's goal to proceed with any required Environmental Assessment beginning in October 2005 when funds will be available and proceed with construction in the Spring of 2006. We realize this is an ambitious time frame and look forward to coordinating closely with the South Dakota Department of Transportation staff to accomplish our goals.

The City of Rapid City would greatly appreciate the South Dakota Department of Transportation's assistance in initiating the process for undertaking this very exciting project that will both benefit the traveling public and provide additional economic development opportunities to our community. If your staff will contact Marcia Elkins, Rapid City Growth Management Director at 605-394-4120 she will coordinate whatever meetings are necessary. The City of Rapid City greatly appreciates your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jim Shaw