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RE: NH 0016(79)68, Pennington County, PCN 027C
US16 - Fm St James St to Omaha St in Rapid City
Urban Grading, Storm Sewer, C&G, Sidewalk, Lighting, Signals & PCC Surfacing Fm St James
St. to Kansas City St; Minor Joint & Spall Repair Fm Kansas City St. to Omaha St.

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Thank you for the July 22, 2015 correspondence outlining the Mount Rushmore Road Group's (Group) desire for enhanced features to be constructed with the above referenced project.

We recognize how important it is to the Group, businesses and residents to have an inviting, visually appealing gateway to the City of Rapid City and the Black Hills; however, as stewards of the public's resources, SDDOT is not able to incorporate all of the enhancements into the design as presented by Wyss Associates' Concept 3.

SDDOT is willing to pay for some of the colored concrete in an effort to provide for corridor continuity. As such, we will plan to proceed with landowner negotiations by utilizing the following methodology:

1. The design of the boulevard for the entire project will entail a grassed boulevard with a 2 feet wide strip of colored concrete adjacent to the curb and gutter.
2. If the landowner desires the entire boulevard to be colored concrete, but does not currently have a concrete boulevard, the landowner will be responsible for the cost to upgrade the grassed boulevard area colored concrete, i.e. the width of the boulevard from the 2 feet strip to the sidewalk.
3. If the landowner desires a colored concrete boulevard and has a concrete boulevard today, SDDOT will fully fund the cost of the colored concrete.

All acquisitions for this project need to be completed by the end of this summer in order to meet our scheduled letting.

In addition, we understand each landowner has the opportunity to work with the City of Rapid City regarding installation of trees and planters. Please note that the decision of planting trees and the financial

cost for these amenities is a separate issue from SDDOT's acquisition process and should not delay right-of-way acquisitions. If landowners are desirous of receiving consideration from the City for these amenities, they will need to contact the City of Rapid City on or before September 18, 2015. Those requests will be reviewed by the City of Rapid City and SDDOT on an individual basis with consideration of location of trees and/or planters relative to sight obstructions to the traveling public, above ground or underground utility conflicts, and agreement of the owner to maintain these enhancements.

Thank you for your continued work/involvement on this corridor. We look forward to finaling the design on this project and subsequent successful bid submission in the near future. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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