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Ms. Virginia Tsu
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Dear Ms. Tsu:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) respectfully requests a formal review and approval of the access modification request to I-90 for Exit 59 (La Crosse Street – Rapid City) in Pennington County, South Dakota. The Decennial Interstate Corridor Study completed in 2010 determined the interchange to in need of improvement. The I-90 Exit 59 (La Crosse Street) Interchange Options Study was then commenced to verify need and determine the improvement necessary. That study resulted in the recommendation of a modification option to convert the existing diamond interchange configuration to a diverging diamond interchange configuration. The modification should improve traffic capacity of the interchange and provide safer left turn lanes at the ramp terminal intersections. The interchange ramp junctions will also receive upgrades to current design standards and a westbound auxiliary lane will be established between Exit 58 (Haines Avenue) and Exit 59.

Attached is an Adobe® .pdf file of the interchange modification justification report (IMJR) documenting the access modification as it meets the criteria for Interstate access modification published in the Federal Register on August 27, 2009. Your prompt response to our request is appreciated.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at (605) 773 – 6641 or via email at steve.gramm@state.sd.us

Sincerely,

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