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Subject: Interchange Modification Justification Report (IMJR); I-90, Exit 59 (La Crosse Street);
IM 0090(112)59, PCN 6568, Pennington County

Dear Mr. Gramm:

The Federal Highway Administration has completed our review of your April 7, 2015 submittal requesting approval of an access modification to Interstate 90 at Exit 59 (La Crosse Street) in Pennington County.

Based on an engineering and operational review of the justification report, we hereby find the proposed modifications acceptable. The South Dakota Department of Transportation will review the future 20-year traffic projection during final design, since the future traffic analysis did not meet the required 20-year projection from planned construction, as referenced in the 23 CFR 625.4.

Final approval of the IMJR will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the environmental process and there are no major design changes to the selected alternative. Once the environmental document is approved, Federal funds can then be used for final design and purchasing right-of-way for the project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mark Hoines at 605-776-1010.

Sincerely,

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