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Mr. Quinn Nguyen
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Dear Mr. Nguyen:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) respectfully requests a formal review and approval of the draft access modification request to 1-190 for Exit 1 (Silver Street) in Rapid City, South Dakota. The SDDOT's recommended modification option is to convert the existing interchange at Silver Street / North Street to a single point interchange at North Street / Philadelphia Street. This option was selected to improve traffic operations by revising the local street configuration to eliminate the severe skew in the interchange area and create a more useful east-west arterial street pattern, all while limiting the amount of right-of-way acquisition needed along a developed urban corridor.

Attached is an Adobe® .pdf file of the analysis report for 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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