

## Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin  
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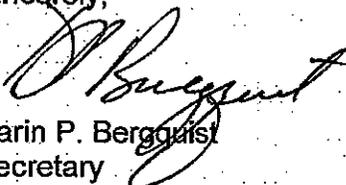
Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

**I fully support the reconstruction of US Highway 83 from near the west junction of US Highway 12 in Walworth County to near the junction with South Dakota Highway 10 in Campbell County.** The project is included in our STIP and has been fully vetted before the public.

US Highway 83 is currently a narrow two-lane roadway that serves as one of the major north/south connectors through central South Dakota. It functions as a major commercial route in South Dakota as part of the National Highway System and South Dakota's Preferred Truck Network and serves as part of the transportation system providing connectivity through the United States from Canada to Mexico. The design of the project will widen the existing roadway to provide additional room for vehicles to safely negotiate the corridor. This project will improve the safety, economic productivity and traffic flow for the corridor and adjacent highway segments.

I respectfully request your support of this project because it is economically and environmentally beneficial to the region, state, nation, and our nation's border neighbors.

Sincerely,



Darin P. Bergquist  
Secretary

Attachment