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The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin  
House of Representatives  
331 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4101

Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the City of Sioux Falls' public transportation needs as they relate to the proposed *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act for 2010–2014*.

The City is requesting your consideration for funding two fixed-route buses to serve a growing population in southwest Sioux Falls. Given expected development in the area of 85th Street and Interstate 29, the City anticipates expanding its transit system to include this area of research and medical services.

An interchange at 85th Street will provide access to more than 200 acres of land planned for a new medical/office/retail center. We estimate this development will include the creation of more than 8,000 new jobs for the region. These jobs will also create the need for an efficient and affordable means of public transportation for many of the new workers in this area, and for residents seeking to access these facilities. Federal funding for this project will provide a means to secure the required transit capital improvements to fulfill that need.

**I strongly support the capital improvements to the public transit system to transport people efficiently to and from this development, and to encourage good stewardship for our environment.**

The public has already had an opportunity to comment on the first phases of the development of this project; specifically, the need for an interchange at this location. There will continue to be open meetings on this project, as the State of South Dakota and the City of Sioux Falls share a commitment to public education and involvement in all transportation projects.

Again, I appreciate your interest in Sioux Falls and our transportation needs, as well as your past support of our city. I very much enjoy working with you. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this project further.

Sincerely,

Dave Munson  
Mayor

By email