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Mr. Paul Briseno  
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RE: 20<sup>th</sup> Street South and I-29 Interchange BUILD Grant

Mr. Briseno,

Thank you for your letter dated December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. SDDOT is committed to assisting the City of Brookings with the construction of the new interchange on Interstate 29. I have asked my staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the roles and responsibilities as it relates to delivering this complicated project in a very limited timeframe. As my Director of Planning & Engineering has indicated to you and your staff, meeting the dates required to access these grant funds will require an extensive amount of time and effort between both parties and subsequent reprioritization of existing duties.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that SDDOT staff have provided direction to your team to begin the process of solicitation of professional services to deliver the project. With the number of items to be completed and the limited amount of time, it's imperative that those activities are being done concurrently with the MOU development.

Upon successful execution of the MOU between the City of Brookings and SDDOT, SDDOT will provide Federal Highway Administration acceptance of the administration responsibilities of the grant. Our team met earlier this morning and has every intention of providing a draft of the MOU to your team by January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Thank you again for you and your team's continued partnership with the South Dakota Department of Transportation as we strive to "Make Better Lives Through Better Transportation".

Sincerely,



Darin Bergquist

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