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April 6, 2009

Mr. Joseph Werning  
Division Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Werning:

At our March 25, 2009 brown bag meeting, we discussed the Minatare to Alliance corridor and your March 19, 2009 letter regarding the Morrill/Box Butte County Line South project. Your letter stated that the project information does not adequately support the project Purpose and Need or the necessary logical termini requirements. We then discussed additional options in order to put the available earmark funds to work. Options discussed were revisiting the Minatare to US-385 corridor and proposing construction from Minatare East, or, revisiting the Alliance to L-62A corridor and proposing construction from In Alliance and South.

The Department of Roads supports the US-385 Alliance to L-62A corridor. We are asking FHWA to support this change in order to pave the way for spending the earmark funds on this segment.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John L. Craig  
Director

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cc: Governor Dave Heineman  
Senator John Harms  
Senator LeRoy Louden  
Senator Ken Schilz



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April 8, 2009

Mr. Joseph Werning  
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Dear Mr. Werning:

We support using federal earmark funding for the Alliance to Angora project as outlined in John Craig's April 6, 2009 letter attached. We are requesting your approval as quickly as possible in order to continue the development of the Heartland Expressway.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Heineman  
Governor

The Honorable John Harms  
State Senator

The Honorable LeRoy Louden  
State Senator

The Honorable Ken Schilz  
State Senator

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