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Thank you for sharing your safety concerns at the intersection of US Highway 14 and Brookings County Road 23. The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) appreciates hearing from you and will investigate these concerns.

We have already begun a study of the intersection when school started last week. The study will consist of gathering video of the intersection, performing traffic turning movement counts, review of crash history and an on-site inspection. As part of the on-site inspection, we will invite members of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, local law enforcement and local government agencies to get their input on any concerns they have regarding the intersection. After the meeting, the SDDOT will go through the data and comments to see what actions can be taken at the intersection to make it as safe as possible. Once we come up with our recommendations, we will inform everyone involved on the outcome of the study. If there are still questions, we will be glad to meet with everyone again to discuss the study more in-depth.

I will be contacting everyone within the next couple weeks to set up a meeting with the groups listed above. If you have any other shareholders you feel would be beneficial to meet with, please send me a list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Martell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Martell  
Aberdeen Region Traffic Engineer