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May 15, 2014

Donald Larson, County Commission Chairperson
Brookings County
520 3rd Street Suite 210
Brookings, SD 57006

SUBJECT: FHWA Adjusted Urban Boundary

Dear Commissioner Larson:

The enclosed letter and attached map that you have been courtesy-copied (cc) is the first step in a process to update the FHWA adjusted urban boundary for a community whose Census defined urban boundary impacts your county. The South Dakota Department of Transportation invites your input into the boundary adjustment as well.

Approval by both the city and county affected by the boundary adjustment is needed before approval from FHWA can be requested. Once the adjusted urban boundary has been agreed upon by all parties involved, the South Dakota Department of Transportation will submit the urban boundary to the Federal Highway Administration for their consideration. The Federal Highway Administration has the final approving authority.

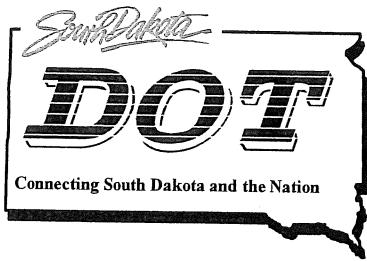
Any changes in the urban boundaries will have an impact on the county's current roadway functional classification. The Department of Transportation will assist your staff with any functional classification changes necessary after the urban boundary has been approved by FHWA and the roadway mileage within the county outside of the urban boundary has been verified.

Feel free to contact Steve Gramm or myself at (605) 773 - 3268 or via email at larry.dean@state.sd.us or steve.gramm@state.sd.us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Larry Dean
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Mayor Tim Reed
PO Box 270
Brookings, SD 57006-0270

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Dear Honorable Mayor Reed:

As a result of the 2010 census, the U.S. Census Bureau has redetermined your community's census urban boundary. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allows the urban boundary to be adjusted for transportation purposes, per the 2013 FHWA guidelines for the establishment, submission, and approval of urban area boundaries. These guidelines are defined at the following FHWA website: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway_functional_classification/. After review of the 2010 census urban boundaries and our knowledge of your community, the Department of Transportation is suggesting changes to FHWA adjusted urban boundary.

Attached is a map showing the 2010 Census Bureau urban boundary, the 2002 FHWA adjusted urban boundary, and the city limits (per the SD Dep't of Revenue) for your community. The suggested adjustment to the urban boundary is the red highlighted line illustrated on the attached map. **Please review these proposed adjusted boundaries and provide comment back to the Department by May 27th 2014.** Feel free to make any adjustments for the best interest of your community, keeping in mind that any adjustment that is proposed must include the urban area determined by the Census Bureau. The Department of Transportation is willing to travel and meet with your staff for further explanation and assistance if desired.

After initial comments have been received, the Department of Transportation will create a map showing any further adjustments. If necessary, the Department of Transportation will facilitate a meeting with all involved parties to finalize the boundary. The Department will then create a final map with an attached certificate for approval signatures by all parties necessary. Approval by both the city and county affected by the boundary adjustment is needed before approval from FHWA can be requested. Once the adjusted urban boundary has been approved by all parties involved, the South Dakota Department of Transportation will submit the urban boundary to the Federal Highway Administration for their consideration. The Federal Highway Administration has the final approving authority.

These adjusted urban boundaries are important as to the impact on the federal functional classification of the roadway network. The Department of Transportation will assist your staff with any functional classification changes after the urban boundary has been approved by FHWA and the roadway mileage within the boundary has been verified

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Sincerely,

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Larry Dean
Planning Data Manager

Attachment

Cc: Jackie Lanning, City Engineer
Mike Struck, Community Development Director
Don Larson, County Commission Chairperson
Dick Birk, County Highway Superintendent
Robert Hill, County Planning/Zoning Director
Steve Gramm
Mark Hoines, FHWA