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To: Transportation Commission Meeting
From: South Dakota Association of Towns and Townships
Purpose: Request for Perpetual Funding
Rural Access Infrastructure Fund (RAIF)

Dear Members of the Transportation Commission,

We would like to present for your consideration a request for funding for the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund. This fund provides grants to South Dakota townships to replace deteriorating infrastructure consisting of large culverts over 16 square foot and small bridge type structures under 20 in length, all of which are the responsibility of townships to maintain.

The Association of Towns and Townships is a non-profit organization whose primary revenue is annual membership dues from South Dakota townships. We help support South Dakota townships through education, legal clarification, lobbying efforts and guidance in their local government duties.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Terry Sletten
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