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Idaho Transportation Department, District 5 Office

Todd Hubbard

5151 S. 5th Ave
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Dear Mr. Hubbard:

The City of Soda Springs, Idaho, is writing to express our strong support for the construction project on Idaho US Highway 30 which passes through the City. This project is crucial for the development and prosperity of our community and the State. US-30 serves as an advantageous route linking Interstate I-15, I-84 and I-80 saving about 60 miles and up to one-hour of travel time. The improved transportation infrastructure will continue to boost local businesses, attract visitors, enhance safety and provide environmental emissions savings for all travelers and residents.

This project will reconstruct the much-needed pavement of US-30 through the City of Soda Springs, which is showing deterioration. The road will be widened to accommodate a center lane to address safety concerns with the eastbound left turn into the Caribou County Sheriff's office. The City of Soda Springs will replace water pipe connectors located within the roadway section during construction. These pipe connections are old and are starting to fail.

We are confident that the project will be managed responsibly, minimizing any disruption and maximizing the long-term benefits for our community and the associated travel ways. The increased economic activity and improved connectivity will make Soda Springs a more vibrant and attractive place to live and visit.

We urge you to proceed with this important project, work together on project funding and ensure its successful completion. Thank you for your proactive efforts, hard work and dedication to improving our transportation infrastructure.

Best Regards,


Austin W. Robinson, Mayor
City of Soda Springs



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Mr. Hubbard,

We, the Caribou County Commissioners, are writing to express our support of the proposed project on US-30 between mile markers 404.51 to 406.89.

The roadway was recently altered due to the addition of the new Maverik Gas Station. The changes made in that roadway created a narrowing of the road right in front of the Caribou County Sheriff's Office entrance. We feel that it has created a significant safety issue as emergency vehicles are entering and exiting at all hours of the day. There have been several near miss accidents because of the narrowing and because it is not well marked. For the safety of our law enforcement and the citizens of our county, we feel this needs to be quickly addressed.

We understand that the City of Soda Springs will be replacing water pipe connectors that are located within the roadway as well which will benefit the Sheriff's Office and Jail Facility. Repairing the base and surface as well as widening to add a center lane would be beneficial to address the safety concerns.

We believe the proposed project will have a beneficial impact on the area and urge you to make it a priority.

Thank you,
Caribou County Commissioners



