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U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: BUILD Grant Application –BIA Route 1/Kilgore Road to US-20 Regional Improvement Project

Dear Secretary of Transportation,

On behalf the St. Francis Indian School, please accept this letter of support for the referenced BUILD Grant application submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Student safety is a high priority, and the St. Francis Indian School will greatly benefit from this project which includes Warrior Road that connects BIA Route 1 to the school. The eventual reconstruction of these roadways will have a very positive impact to staff and students in different areas along this project. First, it will improve the travel condition for our staff and students to and from the St. Francis Indian School. Next, adding the bike and walk pathway adjacent to the St. Francis Indian School access road providing an extra area for students to utilize for exercise and field trips and for Tribal members who live along BIA Route 1-Kilgore Road a safe alternative to get home on. Lastly, as this roadway encompasses BIA Route 1 and Kilgore Road to U.S. Highway 20 in Nebraska it will provide a safer and timelier drive for the school staff that utilize this route.

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We are in a vast rural area where an adequate travel route is vital to public safety for the St. Francis Indian School and residents of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Funding this project will undoubtedly create a safer avenue of travel, create a safe bike/walk route, and aid the economic growth of the private businesses located along this route.

Sincerely,

Danielle Walking Eagle
Superintendent