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The Honorable Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: BIA Route 1-Kilgore Road to US Highway 20 Improvement Project

Dear Secretary of Transportation

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Solid Waste Office respectfully requests your support for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's 2025 RAISE grant application.

If awarded, federal grant funds will be utilized to reconstruct a 17-mile transportation corridor in our region to meet Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) safety standards. This corridor connects the City of St. Francis to the City of Rosebud, as well as the surrounding communities of Spring Creek and Grass Mountain, terminating at US Highway 20 in Nebraska.

The proposed improvements will enable our office to better serve the community. We plan to add ditches and culverts for storm water and snow collection. Additionally, since BIA 1 naturally divides the City of St. Francis, we will reconfigure it to include curb and gutter installations, as well as appropriate park spaces for businesses along the route. These basic road enhancements, along with other improvements such as pavement striping, signage, recoverable side slopes, safety pavement edges, and wider road lanes and shoulders, will make our day-to-day operations safer and more efficient.

Furthermore, the project includes the construction of a shared-use pathway, creating a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists that does not conflict with motor vehicle traffic. This pathway will start at the St. Francis Indian School and extend south alongside BIA 1 for approximately one mile beyond the city limits. Without a doubt, this pathway will provide safe passage for recreational use and for residents living along the route.

For these reasons, I am pleased to express my support for the Tribe's RAISE grant application.

Sincerely,

Shaun Mills,
Director
Rosebud Sioux Tribe Solid Waste Office