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Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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RE: Oglala Sioux Tribe NSFLTP Grant Application for the Crazy Horse Scenic Byway Pavement Resiliency and Restoration Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Transportation respectfully requests 18.5 million in Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) grant funding to construct the Crazy Horse Scenic Byway Pavement Resiliency and Restoration Project.

This Project is located along the outer limits of the Badlands National Park South Unit and along the Tribally designated Crazy Horse Scenic Byway. To support the Tribe's efforts to grow the tourism industry within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and boost the economy in this area of persistent poverty, BIA Routes 2 and 41 must be improved. Transportation is a vital part of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's infrastructure and adequate transportation facilities are essential to sustain and maintain the social and economic wellbeing of the area.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe certifies that they are an Indian Tribe as defined in 23 U.S.C. 207, and the area served by the proposed Project qualifies as a Tribal Tract and is an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC).

As the Director of the Department of Transportation, it is my duty to oversee fiscal management of TTP funds. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Transportation (OSTDOT) has extremely limited funding, but because the CHSB Pavement Resiliency and Restoration Project is a significant project, the OSTDOT has committed $1,700,000 in TTP funding as match funds.

Sincerely,

David A. Kelly
Director