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To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for Transportation Enhancement Stimulus funds.

The Transportation Enhancement (TE) Stimulus program provides funds on a competitive basis to projects that expand travel choices and enhance the travel experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. TE projects must relate to surface transportation and be one of the following twelve eligible activities:

1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.
2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites.
4. Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities).
5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification.
6. Historic preservation.
7. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals).
8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails).
9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
10. Archaeological planning and research.
11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.
12. Establishment of transportation museums.

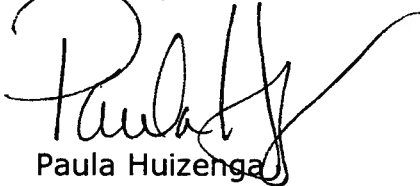
Priority will be given to applicants that did not receive other stimulus funding. Successful applicants will be reimbursed up to \$250,000 for construction costs. The engineering costs will be the responsibility of the applicant. Due to the tight timeframe, projects that require right-of-way acquisition, require bridges or culverts, or affect wetlands will not be considered.

Preliminary plans must be ready by October 15, 2009 and final plans delivered by November 16, 2009. The local sponsor must complete the environmental requirements by October 15, 2009. Projects that fail to meet these deadlines will not receive Transportation Enhancement funds for the project.

The applications are due to the Department of Transportation by **May 8, 2009.** Applications are available from: South Dakota Department of Transportation, Office of Local Transportation Programs, 700 Broadway Avenue East, Pierre, SD 57501, or can be downloaded from the Internet at: <http://www.sddot.com/fpa/lga/enhance.asp>.

If you need assistance in filling out your application please contact your local Planning District or the Office of Local Transportation Programs at (605) 773-6253.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Huizenga", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Paula Huizenga
Grant Program Engineer