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Mr. Joel Jundt Secretary South Dakota Department of Transportation Becker-Hansen Building 700 East Broadway Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Subject: Certification of South Dakota Carbon Reduction Strategy

Dear Secretary Jundt:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed our review of the South Dakota Carbon Reduction Strategy required under 23 USC 175. Based on the review, FHWA certifies that the South Dakota Carbon Reduction Strategy meets the statutory requirements.<sup>1</sup>

Certification of this strategy does not indicate FHWA approval or authorization of any specific project. Please continue to coordinate with your FHWA division office on the implementation of programs and projects identified within your Carbon Reduction Strategy.

As a reminder, updates to Carbon Reduction Strategies are required no less frequently than every four years.<sup>2</sup> The FHWA will follow up with States on specific opportunities for improvement in future year strategies and will continue to provide technical assistance and guidance as States continue implementation.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> 23 USC 175(d)(1) and 175(d)(2)

<sup>2</sup> 23 USC 175(d)(3)

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