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Mayor Ried Holien  
23 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE  
Watertown, SD 57201

SUBJECT: FHWA Adjusted Urban Boundary

Dear Honorable Mayor Holien:

As a result of the 2020 census, the U.S. Census Bureau has redetermined your community's census urban boundary. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allows the urban boundary to be adjusted for transportation purposes, per the 2014 FHWA guidelines for the establishment, submission, and approval of urban area boundaries. These guidelines are defined at the following FHWA website:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/hpms/hfcccpc.cfm> After review of the 2020 census urban boundaries and our knowledge of your community, the Department of Transportation is suggesting changes to FHWA adjusted urban boundary.

Attached is a map showing the 2020 Census Bureau urban boundary, the 2013 FHWA adjusted urban boundary, and the city limits (per the SD Department of Revenue) for your community. The suggested adjustment to the urban boundary is the blue highlighted polygon illustrated on the attached map but all the polygon layers on the map illustrate the proposed urban boundary. **Please review these proposed adjusted boundaries and provide comment back to the Department by November 27, 2024.** Feel free to make any adjustments for the best interest of your community, keeping in mind that any adjustment that is proposed must include the urban area determined by the Census Bureau. The Department of Transportation is willing to travel and meet with your staff for further explanation and assistance if desired.

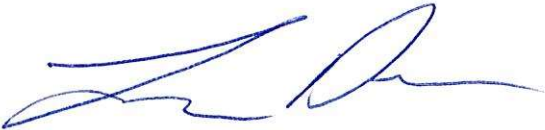
After initial comments have been received, the Department of Transportation will create a map showing any further adjustments. If necessary, the Department of Transportation will facilitate a meeting with all involved parties to finalize the boundary. The Department will then create a final map with an attached certificate for approval signatures by all parties necessary.

Approval by both the city and county affected by the boundary adjustment is needed before approval from FHWA can be requested. Once the adjusted urban boundary has been approved by all parties involved, the South Dakota Department of Transportation will submit the urban boundary to the Federal Highway Administration for their consideration. The Federal Highway Administration has the final approving authority.

These adjusted urban boundaries are important as to the impact on the federal functional classification of the roadway network. The Department of Transportation will assist your staff with any functional classification changes after the urban boundary has been approved by FHWA and the roadway mileage within the boundary has been verified.

Feel free to contact Steve Gramm or myself at (605) 773-3157 or via email at [larry.dean@state.sd.us](mailto:larry.dean@state.sd.us) or [steve.gramm@state.sd.us](mailto:steve.gramm@state.sd.us) if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Larry Dean  
Planning Data Manager

Attachment

Cc: Amanda Mack, City Administrator  
Randy Schweer, Codington County Commission Chairperson  
Brenda Hanten, Codington County Auditor  
Steve Gramm, SDDOT  
Greg Heilman, FHWA



**FHWA Urban Boundary  
for  
Watertown  
Codington County, South Dakota  
2024**



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In Cooperation With The  
**U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration**

- Legend**
- 2020 Census Defined Urban Boundary
  - City limit Boundaries - Revenue
  - 2024 Proposed FHWA Urban Boundary
  - 2013 FHWA-Approved Urban Boundary
  - Local Roads (NSTR)

**CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE  
2024 PROPOSED URBAN BOUNDARY**

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE URBAN BOUNDARIES IDENTIFIED  
HEREON WERE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
ATTACHMENT TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT OF 1990.

DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PLANNING ENGINEERING      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL

COMMISSIONER, BOARD OF CODINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR, CITY OF WATERTOWN      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL AGENT      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

