

March 9, 2023

Mr. Cal Klewin, Executive Director
Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association
14610 86th Street, SW
Bowman, ND 58623

Dear Mr. Klewin:

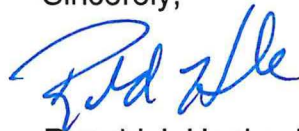
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is committed to the expansion of US Highway 85 from Interstate 94 to Watford City. We have made the following progress to date:

- Completed an Environmental Impact Statement and received a Record of Decision to clear the National Environmental Policy Act requirements for the entire corridor.
- Replaced the Long X Bridge over the Little Missouri River.
- Stabilized the Horseshoe Bend landslide near the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
- Bid and signed the contract for the construction of the four-lane facility from Long X Bridge to Watford City. Construction will take place during 2023 and 2024.
- Started the survey, project development, utility engineering, permitting, and preliminary right of way for the segment between ND Highway 200 and Long X Bridge.

All the activities listed above have been funded or have funding sources allocated. No further funding has been identified for further construction projects or project development activities. The NDDOT is actively pursuing federal discretionary grant opportunities, but to this point they have not been successful.

The NDDOT is open and willing to explore any federal funding opportunities that are available to continue progress on US Highway 85 between I-94 and Watford City.

Sincerely,



Ronald J. Henke, PE
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