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In Reply Refer To:  
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Subject: Interchange Modification Justification Report (IMJR); I-90, Exit 46 (Elk Creek Road);  
IM 0901(187)46, PCN 034J, Meade County

Dear Mr. Gramm:

The Federal Highway Administration has completed our review of your April 7, 2016 submittal requesting approval of an access modification to Interstate 90 at Exit 46 (Elk Creek Road) in Meade County.

Based on an engineering and operational review of the justification report, we hereby find the proposed modifications acceptable. Final approval of the IMJR will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the environmental process and no major design changes to the selected alternative. Once the environmental document is approved, Federal funds are eligible for design, right-of-way, and construction of the project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mark Hoines at 605-776-1010.

Sincerely,

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