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Russell Olson Manager of Economic Development Heartland Consumers Power District P O Box 248 Madison, SD 57042

RE: SD Highway 34 Four the Future project

Dear Russ,

As president of B&G Transportation in Madison, I am definitely in favor of the SD Hwy 34 Four the Future project.

Since Dakota Ethanol, LLC has been in business, the truck traffic on Hwy 34 has greatly increased. At the same time, B&G Transportation has built a new facility right off of Hwy 34 in southeast Madison so that has also added to the number of trucks driving the Hwy 34 route.

Of course, our main concern is safety for the greatly increased number of trucks. But also, there is concern for the safety of the many commuters who drive Hwy 34 to and from work as well as school buses and students in cars using Hwy 34 to reach three different school districts.

A four lane highway would certainly be a bonus to Madison and this area for traffic safety, economic development, tourism and for increased recreation at all of the area lakes and golf courses.

Best regards,

Gene Phillips President