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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Members

FROM: Kip Harrington, Division Manager

DATE: Sept 12, 2023

RE: **23TP028 – Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Reconnecting Communities Grant Application**

The SDDOT is seeking Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program funding for the Interstate 90 Exit 46 Bridge Reconstruction Project. The current interchange at Elk Creek Road is a considerable barrier to access and mobility for the rural communities of Piedmont and Summerset, in Meade County. The project includes reconstructing the Exit 46 (Elk Creek Road) bridge to include multimodal facilities for those walking and biking, eliminating an at-grade railroad crossing of Elk Creek Road, as well as regrading and resurfacing both directions of I-90 from east of Exit 44 to west of Exit 48. The new structure will address and correct existing unsafe conditions at the ramp terminals and intersections and accommodate future expansion of I-90.

The total construction cost of the project is estimated to be \$56.3 million and is scheduled for letting in 2025. The Department is seeking 80% (\$45 million) of the project cost from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program and providing 20% (\$11.3 million) in local match.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Letter of Support for the SDDOT Exit 46 Reconnecting Communities Grant Application