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RE: Managing Access on State Highways within City Boundaries

Dear Colleagues:

In response to your letter October 3, 2007, the City of Des Moines at this time does not have an Ordinance adopting the required access permitting standards for the following highways within it's boundaries: SR 99, 509, and 516.

We are in the process of updating our Street Standards and expect to go to Council in the first half of 2008. It's planned at that time to include the access of these roads. Over the last two years, we have been in the process of reorganizing the department, changing personnel, updating street standards, speed limits, pavement management system, and other Transportation issues. Among those issues, we have had landslides, bridge closures and two major road projects.

The City Transportation office has a more stabilized force now and expects to complete the major projects in the next six months and update the street standards, etc. in 2008. We will keep you apprised when we complete the above item. I apologize that I didn't get back to you sooner.

Sincerely,

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