LeMoyne Schulz  
Secretary of the Board  
Nebraska Department of Roads  
P.O. Box 94759  
Lincoln, NE  68509

RE:  H Street Paving  
Request for Relaxation of Standards  
URB – 6154(1) CN 71151  
Project No.  200-A1-015

Dear Mr. Schulz:

As a follow up to our November 21, 2013 letter to Kyle Potthoff and relaxation request correspondence offered by Mr. Greg Wolfor (Design Engineer) to Mr. Jim Wilkinson (Division Engineer) on January 3, 2013, we are echoing the relaxation request. The following correspondence is the request for relaxation which involves the milling and repaving of an existing municipal street. Please refer to the attached drawing, prepared by Greg and submitted to NDOR for this project.

The current traffic volume for this street is 525 ADT on East 7th, 1325 ADT near north end of Country Club Drive, and 285 ADT near north end of Seminole Drive. The street is classified as a collector.

This project will use the existing curb and gutter in place. The existing asphalt will be removed by cold milling and the subgrade re-graded and re-compacted. The asphalt millings will then be laid back as base and the road repaved with 4" thick asphalt. ADA handicap ramps will be installed at all intersections that do not currently have any, and curb and gutter will be replaced in a few locations due to poor condition. This street was originally constructed from the 1950's through the early 1970's. It is fully developed with residential use on both sides.

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The Minimum Design Standards for a Municipal Street, Collector has a maximum grade requirement of 10%. For an 85 ft. section of M Street involved in this project from East 5th St. to Country Club Dr., the slope varies from 10.16% to 16.6% (see design drawings). This is a very short section of street, with homes on both sides and grades established all around by existing curb and gutter. While some of the grade can be mitigated by the new pavement, because of the topography there is no way to meet the standard without:
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Elizabeth Lane M-399(21)
I would also like to address the last two blocks between Elizabeth Lane and Park Avenue on M-399(21). We apparently left these two blocks off the last years map, and they will be added to the One and Six Year plan scheduled to be approved by the City Council at their meeting on Monday February 18th. It is my understanding these two blocks are being funded 100% with local dollars. For clarification, I want to state none of the relaxation requests occur within this area.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
MILLER & ASSOCIATES,
CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C.

[Signature]
Chris A. Miller, P.E.
Street Superintendent

CAM/jh

Enclosure

cc: Kyle Potthoff, Director of Public Works, City of McCook, w/enclosure
Greg Wolford, WDA, w/enclosure
Date: January 7, 2013
To: Khalil Jaber, Deputy Director of Engineering
From: Glen Steffensmeier, LPD Project Coordinator
Thru: Jim Knott, Roadway Design Engineer
       Jim Wilkinson, LPD Section Head
       Anthony Dirks, Local Projects Division Engineer
Subject: Request for Design Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards

Control No: 71151
Project Number: URB-6158(1)
Project Name: E 7th/Seminole, ‘H’ St-Park Ave, McCook
LPA: City of McCook
Responsible Charge: Kyle Potthoff

Attached are the Requests for Design Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards received on January 3, 2013. The City is requesting NDOR to review and approve. Your timeliness is appreciated. Thank you.

Attachments: Request for Relaxation Letter from the City
           Exhibits
           City Resolution

xc: Project File 40-250M-NDOR
NDOR Comments

Local Projects Coordinator:  Recommend Approval  Deny

Local Projects Section Head  Recommend Approval  Deny

Local Projects Division Head  Recommend Approval  Deny

Roadway Design Engineer  Recommend Approval  1/15/13  Deny

Deputy Director  Recommend Approval  1/16/2013  Deny
January 3, 2013

Nebraska Department of Roads – Local Projects Division
Jim Wilkinson, Division Engineer
P.O. Box 94759
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Request for Relaxation of Standards for Maximum Grade and Maximum Horizontal Curve
Various Locations – URB-6158(1) CN 71151
City of McCook, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

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Jim Wilkinson, Division Engineer
January 3, 2013
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Jim Wilkinson, Division Engineer
January 3, 2013
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Respectfully,

[Signature]
Greg W. Wolford, P.E.

Enclosures

Cc: Kyle Potthoff, McCook Public Works Director
November 21, 2012
Kearney, Nebraska

Kyle Potthoff
Director of Public Works
City of McCook
P.O. Box 1059
302 West 5th Street
McCook, NE 69001

RE: H Street Paving
Request for Relaxation of Standards
UR3 - 6158{1} CN 71151
Project No. 200-A1-015

Dear Kyle,

Our office has reviewed relaxation request correspondence offered by Greg Wolford for the milling and repaving of this established traffic way. Based on the explanation provided by Greg, we concur with the design engineer’s recommendation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

MILLER & ASSOCIATES,
CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C.

[Signature]
Chris A. Miller, P.E.
Street Superintendent

CAM/jh
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-15

WHEREAS, the City of McCook received approval to utilize Federal-aid Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the East 7th Street resurfacing project in McCook for the year 2014, and

WHEREAS, the minimum design standards according to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Title 428 of the Nebraska Administration Code, requires that horizontal curves should not be greater than 20 degrees and that vertical grades should not be greater than 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, the East 7th Street project does have four sections that have a horizontal curve greater than 20 degrees and a section that has a vertical grade greater than 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, the City of McCook is seeking a relaxation of the design standards to allow the City to proceed with the project without changing the alignment of these sections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF McCOOK, NEBRASKA, that the request to seek the relaxation of design standards for such project is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Street Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to execute such request on behalf of the City of McCook.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

[Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Lee Ann Doak, City Clerk
January 7, 2013

Mr. Greg Woford
W Design Associates
214 East 1st Street
McCook, NE 69001

RE: Traffic accident history for the 700 Block of East 7th Street, County Club Drive, and Seminole Drive in McCook, Red Willow County, NE

Dear Mr. Woford,

McCook Police Department records of traffic accidents in the 700 Block of East 7th Street, County Club Drive, and Seminole Drive during the previous five year period revealed two vehicle property damage accidents due to either driver inattention or (in one instance) sliding on icy roadways.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Isaac S Brown
Chief of Police
McCook Police Department

IS/hs/
Estimated Additional Costs for Curve Modifications
If Relaxation Request is Not Approved
Project No. URB-6158(1)  CN 71151
East 7th and Seminole from H Street to Park Ave.
McCook, Nebraska

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Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
Form 7 One- and Six-Year Plan
Highway or Street Improvement Project

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**Location Description:**
- East 7th Street, from H Street to Country Club Drive.
- Country Club Drive, from East 7th Street to Seminole Drive.
- Seminole Drive, From M Street to Elizabeth Lane.

**Existing Surface Type and Structures (Such as dirt, gravel, asphalt, concrete, culvert, or bridge):**
- Asphalt

**Average Daily Traffic:** Unknown

**Classification Type (As shown on Functional Classification Map):**
- Collector

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT**

- **Design Standard Number:** Municipal
- **Surfacing:** 4" thickness 27 Width
- **Grading:**
- **Aggregate:**
- **Armour Coat:**
- **Asphalt:**
- **Concrete:**
- **Curb & Gutter:**
- **Drainage Structures:**
- **Erosion Control:**
- **Right of Way:**
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- **Fencing:**
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- **Bridge To Remain in Place:**
- **Roadway Width:**
- **Length:**
- **Type:**

- **New Bridge:**
- **Roadway Width:**
- **Length:**
- **Type:**

- **Box Culvert:**
- **Span:**
- **Rise:**
- **Length:**
- **Type:**

- **Culvert:**
- **Diameter:**
- **Length:**
- **Type:**

- **Yes**
- **N/A Bridges and Culverts Sized**
- **Hydraulic Analysis Pending**

**Other Construction Features:**
- Re-use existing curb & gutter. Mill asphalt, prepare subgrade, lay millings as base, and pave with 4" asphalt. Build handicap ramps along project where needed.

**ESTIMATED COST**

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**Project Length:** 1.3 mile

**Signature:**
- Chris A. Miller, S-1091
- City Street Superintendent

**Title:**

**Date:** January 11, 2012

NBCS Form 7, Jul 96
**Form 7 One- and Six-Year Plan**  
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**OPTIONAL**

**Project Length:** 1.4 mile

**PROJECT NO.: M-399(21)**

**Signature:**

Chris A. Miller, S-1091  
City Street Superintendent

**Date:** January 27, 2014

NBCS Form 7, Jul 96
**Form 8 Summary of One-Year Plan**  
**Highway or Street Improvement**

**Year Ending** December 31, 2014

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Chris A. Miller, S-1091
City Street Superintendent

**Title:**

**Date:** February 17, 2014

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Date: February 2, 2015
February 8, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on February 15, 2013, in the Nebraska Department of Roads’ Central Headquarters Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

• Addition of projects to the Morrill, Nuckolls and Sherman Counties and the South Sioux City One- and Six-Year Road Improvement Plans.

• Informal hearings on Relaxation of Standards Requests from Burt and Sherman Counties and the Cities of Lincoln and McCook.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of February 8, 2013, below

For additional information contact:
LeMoyne D. Schulz (402) 479-4436

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STATE OF NEBRASKA

Minutes of the
Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
February 15, 2013
Nebraska Department of Roads’
Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Meeting and Hearings Notices:

- Statewide news release emailed and posted on Nebraska Department of Roads’ website February 8, 2013.
- Event posted on State of Nebraska website (Public Meeting Calendar) February 8, 2013.
- Tentative agenda emailed to each board member and interested persons February 8, 2013.
- Meeting agenda kept current and on public display in Liaison Services Section, Room 202, Nebraska Department of Roads, 1600 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Meeting agenda posted in the main entrance of the Nebraska Department of Roads’ 1500 Building, February 15, 2013.
- Relaxation of Standards hearing notice emailed February 8, 2013 to Burt and Sherman Counties and the Cities of Lincoln and McCook.

Board members present:

Roger A. Figard, Lincoln, Chairman
James A. Litchfield, Wakefield, Vice Chairman
Barbara Keegan, Alliance
Mick Syslo, Lincoln
Timothy W. Weander, Omaha
Edward R. Wootton, Sr., Bellevue

Board members absent:

LeRoy G. Gerrard, Stromsburg
John M. Hynes, Holstein
Darold E. Tagge, Holdrege
David L. Wacker, Hastings

Staff present:

LeMoyne D. Schulz, Board Secretary and Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, NDOR, Lincoln
Barbara Hasterlo, Secretary II, Liaison Services Section, NDOR, Lincoln

Others in attendance

Erich Strack, Government Affairs Office Legislative Coordinator, NDOR, Lincoln
Chairman Figard called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Figard made the following announcements in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

- A copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for inspection and is posted by the entrance to this room.
- The Meeting Agenda and a copy of all materials that were provided to the Board Members, prior to the start of this meeting, are available on the table by the entrance to this room.
- A sign-in sheet is available. Visitors are not required to sign, but are encouraged to do so.

Mr. Schulz noted the following changes from the originally published agenda:
Additional: 2012-2013 annual reports and 2013 One- and Six-Year Plans received.
Added: Hall County request for a change in One- and Six-Year Plan filing Anniversary Date.

Mr. Wootton moved to approve the November 16, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Syslo seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried.

The board considered the status of the submission of the 2012-2013 Standardized System of Annual Reports.

1. A total of 93 County, 499 Municipal the Nebraska Department of Roads' Reports have been received.
2. 499 Municipal Reports are being held pending review.
3. 56 County reports were accepted by the Board at the last meeting.
4. 37 County and the Department of Roads’ Reports have been reviewed by the Liaison Services Section as directed by the Board and are recommended for acceptance.

5. 30 Municipal reports are delinquent.

Mr. Wootton moved to accept the Status Report of the Standardized System of Annual Reports as presented. Mr. Weander seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered the status of the submission of the 2013 One- and Six-Year Plans.

1. A total of 19 County and 176 Municipal One- and Six-Year Plans have been received and are being held pending review.

Mr. Wootton moved to accept the Status Report of the One- and Six-Year Plans as presented. Mr. Litchfield seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered a Hall County request for a new One- and Six-Year Plan filing Anniversary Date of July 1, to facilitate ease of planning which will more closely align with the County’s fiscal construction year.

Mr. Syslo moved to approve the Hall County request for a new One- and Six-Year Plan Anniversary Date. Mr. Wootton seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wotton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered the South Sioux City One- and Six-Year Plan revision adding Project No. M-550(138) to the 2C12 One-Year Plan.

The project consists of concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalks and lighting on a Local street. The total estimated cost is $750,000.

Mr. Wotton moved to accept the South Sioux City One- and Six-Year Plan revision; contingent upon South Sioux City providing clarification on why they checked ‘not applicable’ on the “Bridges and Culverts Sized” check box on NBCS Form 10. Mr. Syslo seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wotton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered the Nuckolls County One- and Six-Year Plan revision adding Project No. C65(679) to the 2012 One-Year Plan.

The project consists of replacing bridge with bridge on an Other Arterial road. The total estimated cost is $540,000.

Mr. Wootton moved to accept the Nuckolls County One- and Six-Year Plan revision. Ms. Keegan seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered the Morrill County One- and Six-Year Plan revision adding Project C-62 (90) to the 2012 One-Year Plan.

The project consists of replacing a structure with a culvert on a Local road. The total estimated cost is $12,000.

Mr. Wootton moved (1) to table the Morrill County revision until the next board meeting, and (2) request Morrill County to provide a Resolution of Adoption. Mr. Litchfield seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried.

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At 9:30 a.m. the board heard the Burt County request for a Relaxation of Standards for Project No. C-11(406). (The hearing was held in an informal format, Burt County having declined the option of a formal hearing.) The request is for Construction of a Culvert on a Minimum Maintenance road as specified in its December 28, 2012 letter and Burt County Resolution No. 2012-38 adopted December 28, 2012. Ms. Smith presented the request. No one appeared in opposition. The hearing concluded at 9:40 a.m. The board then considered the request.

Mr. Weander moved to grant the Burt County Relaxation request, contingent on the County submitting a letter to the Board stating the gravel surfacing will be removed from the plans. M: Wootton seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried with the requisite majority. (Note: Letter received from Burt County February 19, 2013)

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At 9:45 a.m. the board heard the City of McCook request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for Project No. URB-6158(1), C.N. 71151, E. 7th /Seminola, "H" St – Park Avenue, City Project No. M-399(21), on an Other Arterial street. (The hearing was held in an informal format, the City of McCook having declined the option of a formal hearing.) The request is for an increase in Maximum Grade Percent and an increase in Maximum Horizontal Curve Degree, as specified in its letter dated January 24, 2013 and the City of McCook Resolution No. 2012-15 adopted December 3, 2012. Mr. Miller presented the request. NDOR approved the request.
No one appeared in opposition. The hearing concluded at 9:58 a.m. The board then considered the request.

Mr. Wootton moved to grant the City of McCook Relaxation request, in view of the peculiar, special or unique local situation presented, whereby the application of the specific minimum Design Standard would work a special hardship. Mr. Litchfield seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried with the requisite majority.

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At 10:02 a.m. the board heard the City of Lincoln request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for Project No. 701775, North 33rd Street, from "P" to Holdrege, on an Other Arteria street. (The hearing was held in an informal format, the City of Lincoln having declined the option of a formal hearing.) The request is for a decrease in Lane Width, as specified in its letter dated January 04, 2013 and the City of Lincoln Resolution No. A-87189 adopted January 28, 2013. Mr. Evans and Mr. Hoskins presented the request. No one appeared in opposition. The hearing concluded at 10:16 a.m. The board then considered the request.

Mr. Wootton moved to grant the City of Lincoln Relaxation request, in view of the peculiar, special or unique local situation presented, whereby the application of the specific minimum Design Standard would work a special hardship. Ms. Keegan seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried with the requisite majority.

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At 10:18 a.m. the board heard the Sherman County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for Project No. C-82(278). (The hearing was held in an informal format, the Sherman County having declined the option of a formal hearing.) The request is for Construction of Culverts on a Minimum Maintenance road and addition of the project to the 2012 One-Year Plan, as specified in its letter dated February 4, 2013 and the Sherman County Board Resolution No. 02-13 adopted February 4, 2013. No one appeared in opposition. The hearing concluded at 10:31 a.m. The board then considered the request.

Mr. Weander moved to deny Sherman County's request without prejudice in that construction plans were not included with the request. Mr. Wootton seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried with the requisite majority.

Mr. Litchfield moved to accept the addition of the Sherman County project to the 2012 One-Year Plan with the reminder that projects must be added to the plan prior to the start of construction. Mr. Wootton seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Litchfield, Syslo, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Gerrard, Hynes, Tagge and Wacker were absent. The motion carried with the requisite majority.

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The board discussed the annual election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and appointment of the Secretary. The board delayed the election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary until the next meeting and directed staff to draft revisions to the board’s operating procedures, to provide for a two-year election period, for consideration at the next board meeting.

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Other business:

• Mr. Strack provided a legislative report.

• The members present briefly touched on this year’s progress and deferred consideration of a 2013 Work Plan to the next meeting.

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Mr. Schulz reported the following correspondence and general information:

• City of Blair Relaxation request received January 24, 2013, possible agenda item for the next board meeting.

• City of Blair Relaxation request received February 11, 2013, possible agenda item for the next board meeting.

• Chairman Figard advised he will not be present at the next board meeting and made a request that the Vice Chairman chair the meeting.

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The next regular meeting will be held March 15, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., in the Nebraska Department of Roads’ Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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There being no further agenda items, Chairman Figard adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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LeMoyne D. Schulz
Secretary for the Board