March 2, 2020

City of Moab
217 East Center Street
Moab, UT 84532

Mayor Neihaus:

SUBJECT: Recreational Hotspot Funding

The Transportation Commission and UDOT understand there are challenges when developing project(s) that meet the criteria of the Hotspot Funding and garner the support of the community and local leadership. UDOT and the Transportation Commission want all parties to be successful in any project that is carried forward.

UDOT and the Transportation Commission support a collaborative process to define a project that meets the requirements of the Recreation Hotspot funding and has consensus support from the community and local officials. We understand there have been questions regarding time frame for delivering a hotspot project and would like to offer additional time of up to six months to work through the project selection process. Please work towards the goal of having a project defined by September 1, 2020. The Region 4 leadership and staff are eager to offer technical assistance to help move the process forward.

For clarity, following are the requirements of the Recreation Hotspot funding from Senate Bill 277:

(b) $100,000,000 to be used by the Department of Transportation for transportation improvements as prioritized by the Transportation Commission for projects that: (i) have a significant economic development impact associated with recreation and tourism within the state; and (ii) address significant needs for congestion mitigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Monte E. Aldridge
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