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Letter from Senator Langer to Arne Tollefson Regarding Federal Funding for Road Construction, December 30, 1952

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December 30, 1952

ER * HIGHWAYS (NO. 23)

Hon. Arne Tollefson
Auditor
McKenzie County
Watford City, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Tollefson:

With further reference to our recent correspondence relative to the construction of a road from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation to connect with North Dakota No. 23, I am enclosing the reply I have received from Mr. Thomas W. MacDonald, Commissioner of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, in response to my inquiry in your behalf.

In view of the fact that the west four miles are included in the Federal-aid secondary highway system approved for North Dakota but no request has been received from the State for Federal-aid participation in the improvement of this four-mile section, you will likely want to take up this matter direct with the State Highway Department.

I have also taken up the matter with Colonel R. J. B. Page, District Engineer, Garrison District, and you will hear from me again as soon as further information is available.

With kind regards, and hoping you are well and happy,
I am

Sincerely,

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Enc.

December 16, 1952

Hon. William Langer
United States Senate

Dear Senator Langer:

Your letter of December 10, 1952 transmitted a copy of a resolution adopted December 2, by the Board of Commissioners of McKenzie County, North Dakota, urging the improvement of the road approximately seven miles in length extending east from State Highway 23 to the west boundary of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

It is noted that the resolution is directed to the District Engineer of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, with the request that the road be improved as a part of the road system necessitated by the building of the Garrison Dam.

In regard to the use of Federal-aid funds in financing an improvement on the road in which the County Commissioners are interested, the west four miles are included in the Federal-aid secondary highway system approved for North Dakota, which establishes its eligibility for improvement with Federal-aid funds when requested by the State and matched in an appropriate amount by funds under the control of the State. We have not received a request from the State for Federal-aid participation in the improvement of this four-mile section. The east three miles are not included in the Federal-aid systems and, therefore, are not eligible for improvement with Federal-aid funds.

We are forwarding copies of this correspondence to our field office having jurisdiction of Federal-aid matters in North Dakota for its information, and are returning the copy of the resolution for your files.

Very truly yours,

THOS. H. MACDONALD

Commissioner of Public Roads

Enclosure