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**I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.**

9/30/14

**State Design Engineer**

SUBJECT: Design
Route 10, Clay County
Job No. J4P3007
Public Interest Finding

With reference to the above mentioned project, we request approval of a finding in the public interest to use a Redi-rock ledge stone small block wall within the project limits. The specification of this specific brand of wall is essential for synchronization and provides a consistent aesthetic style that matches other structures that have been constructed in the historic area of the City of Excelsior Springs.

The purpose of this project is to rebuild two Route 10 bridges, K0307 and K0363, in the City of Excelsior Springs. MoDOT is partnering with the City of Excelsior Springs for this project and we are finalizing a cost apportionment agreement whereby the City of Excelsior Springs will pay for the bridge aesthetics and ornamental lighting included in this project. The city selected this aesthetic enhancement package to meet the expectation of their historic community and their downtown plan. Redi-rock ledge stone walls are consistent with the city's aesthetic enhancements and have been used at other locations throughout their city in order to maintain the consistency of their historic themed city.

The city will construct this same type of wall at a location adjacent to this project as a part of other construction activities. Both wall locations will be within view of each other, so maintaining consistency in the style and theme is essential.

Approval of this request at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. This project is scheduled for a January, 2015 bid letting.