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Date: December 15, 2005
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RE: State Snow Plowing – US 35

In response to the attached letter, I have been informed by Tom Konieczny, Operations Engineer of Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) office in LaPorte, that the State of Indiana will attempt to plow snow to the center of US 35 during the next few snow falls. The continuation of center plowing will be determined based on satisfaction of the businesses and residents occupying the US 35 corridor and safety and technical issues experienced by INDOT plowing crews.

On behalf of the City of Michigan City, I wish to publicly thank Mike Monahan, District Director, for his prompt response to the issue identified at the Michigan Boulevard Association Meeting on Tuesday of this week.

December 13, 2005

Mr. Mike Monahan
Indiana Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 429
LaPorte, IN 46352

Ref: U.S. 35

Dear Mr. Monahan:

This morning, in an effort to organize a new Merchant's Association along Highway 35, a meeting was held to identify issues that could be addressed collectively.

The issue of immediate concern to those who were in attendance relates to the practice of snow plowing from curb to curb thus pushing all the snow on the pedestrian sidewalks in those areas with walks. On behalf of the City residents I have agreed to write a letter asking whether the state could and would consider pushing the snow to the medium in the general area between Carroll Avenue to the intersection of U.S. 12.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Chuck Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

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