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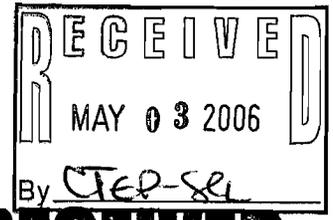
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Subject: Categorical Exclusion Group (d) Action Letter

LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE

Federal-aid Project Number: STPE 5899(30)
Federal-aid Project Name: Grandstreet Theater - Helena
MDT Control Number: 6094

This is a request for the FHWA's concurrence that this proposed project meets the criteria for classification as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d). This proposed action also qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201 MCA). A project location map is attached.

This proposed project is to construct a seven foot by eight foot ornate, white oak wood frame to hold seven hand-blown, optically molded glass rounds and each of the leaded glass panes. A carpenter will be retained to build and install the frame. A glass artist will be commissioned to design the molded and leaded glass and install and encase the glass in energy efficient thermal panes. The electrical work needed to backlight the window so that it can be viewed at all times will be completed by an electrician

The location of this proposed project is on the east side of Urban Route 5805, commonly known as Park Avenue, and is a contributing building to the Downtown Helena Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The intent of this proposed project is to utilize the original architect's design taken from the 1901 blueprints. The design consists of seven smaller round windows in an arching pattern over a larger round window flanked by two smaller glass arches. A consultant will be retained to develop the working plan and specifications from the original drawing.

This proposed project has been evaluated for, and does not have any adverse effect on the following environmental areas of concern:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Runoff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime & Unique Farmlands | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 404 - Clean Water Act |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Floodplains(E.O. 11988/FEMA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Economic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stream Preserv./Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical/Cultural Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Threatened/Endangered Species |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in Land Use | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands(E.O. 11990) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USDOT - 4(f)/NL&WCF - 6(f) Acts | |

The proposed project will have a minor effect on the following environmental area(s):

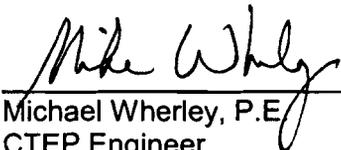
Historic/Cultural Resources - The Grandstreet Theatre was in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1974. A Section 106 Determination of Effect has resulted in a finding of "No Adverse Effect," which has been reviewed and concurred with by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on February 14, 2006. A copy of their concurrence letter is attached.

This project will not induce significant land use changes or promote unplanned growth. There will be no significant affects on access to adjacent properties or present traffic patterns. This project will not create disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations (**E.O. 12898**) and complies with Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d)*. In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will neither individually nor cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, we are requesting FHWA's concurrence that this proposed project is properly classified as Categorical Exclusion.



Signature of Environmental Certifying Official
or Chief Elected Official

Kelly Blake
Interim Director of Planning & Community Development

Concur 
Michael Wherley, P.E.
CTEP Engineer
Consultant Design Bureau

MAY 3, 2006
Date

Concur 
Federal Highway Administration

5/11/06
Date

"ALTERNATIVE ACCESSIBLE FORMATS OF THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST"

Attachment: Project Location Map

cc: Michael P. Johnson, MDT, District Administrator – Great Falls
Tom S. Martin, P.E., MDT, Consultant Design Engineer
Jean A. Riley, MDT, Manager - Environmental Services
David W. Jensen, MDT, Supervisor – Fiscal Programming Section
Michael Wherley, P.E., MDT, CTEP Engineer
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Pete Brown Montana State Historical Preservation Officer

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MONTANA SHPO
DATE 2/14/06 SIGNED Pete Brown

*Pete
CTEP
install. leaded
glass window
Grandstreet
Theatre*

Memorandum

To: Ross Tervo, CTEP Coordinator
Consultant Design Bureau

From: Jon Axline, historian *Jon*
Resources Section

Date: February 13, 2006

Subject: STPE 5899(30)
Grandstreet Theater - Helena
Control No. 6094

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SHPO

The City of Helena has proposed a CTEP project to recreate and install a leaded glass window above the main entry of the Grandstreet Theater. The window's design would be recreated from the 1901 blueprints and consist of a 7' x 8' leaded glass window. The project would also include electrical work for backlighting. The Grandstreet Theater is a primary component of the Helena Historic District (24LC883). Based on the information included in the file provided me, the project would have **No Adverse Effect** to the Grandstreet Theater, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 6258.

JAA:env

cc: Bonnie Steg, Resources Section
Pete Brown, SHPO

Environmental Checklist

Project Name and Project Number: Grandstreet Theater - Helena, STPE 5899(30)

Are all activities of this project exempt from NEPA procedures? Yes No

Are activities of this project Categorical Excluded from NEPA procedures? Yes No

Area of Statutory-Regulatory Compliance		N/A	Consultation Required	Review Required	Permits Required	Conditions and/or Mitigation Actions Required *	Note and attach Documentation
(Precise citations for applicable statutes and regulations are printed at the end of this Checklist.)							
1.	Historic Properties (SHPO)		X				<i>ptebrown concurred 2-4-06 see Attached Documentation.</i>
2.	Floodplain Management (County)	X					
3.	Wetlands Protection (COE)	X					
4.	Noise (DEQ)	X					
5.	Air Quality (DEQ)	X					
6.	Manmade Hazards						
	Thermal/Explosive Hazards	X					
	Abandoned Underground Storage Tanks	X					
	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	X					
	Possible Hazardous Waste Sites	X					
	Airport Clear Zones	X					
7.	Water Quality (DEQ or EPA for reservation projects)						
	Surface Water/Water Quality	X					
	Groundwater & Aquifers ¹	X					

8.	Solid/Hazardous Waste Disposal (DEQ)	X					
9.	Farmlands Protection	X					
10.	Wild & Scenic Rivers	X					
11.	Threatened or Endangered Species, Fish & Wildlife (USF&WS)	X					
12.	Biological Resources-habitat containing sensitive species: either nesting, foraging, or inhabiting (MDFW&P/MSL)	X					
12.	Environmental Justice (EO 12898) – Minority and Low Income Populations.	X					
13.	Is there substantial, local, regional or other controversy on environmental grounds?	X					
14.	Section 4(f) – would project change use of Park, Recreation Area, Wildlife refuge, waterfowl refuge (23 CFR 771.135)	X					
15.	State or Local Statutes	X					
16.	Section 6(f) – would project change use of protected properties, for public outdoor recreation, acquired or developed with Land and Water Conservation Funds. Administered by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.	X					
17.	Public involvement efforts after initial project approval by MDT.	X					
18.	List other agencies contacted.	X					

* Attach evidence that required actions have been taken.

¹ Including the Missoula Sole Source Aquifer; contact MDT for further information regarding Missoula area projects.

CN 6094 Grandstreet Theater-Helena
Project Location

DEARBORN

BENTON

PARK

FULLER

CHANCE

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U-5815

LAWRENCE ST

CLARKE ST

Grandstreet Theater

BENTON

U-5805

U-5814

LAST

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