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Subject: Request for Concurrence of Continued Validity of Statewide Pavement Preservation Project
Prospect-Fee to MT Ave.-Hlna
NH 108-1(1)0
Control Number: 5948000

Dear Kevin McLaury:

The subject project is covered under the Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (CE). During construction, the project was modified to extend the paving on Prospect Avenue to include the area between this project and the Capitol Interchange. The distance is 110 meters long with the same width as Typical Number 3 (14.9 meters). The reason for this change is to match in to the previous project at the Capitol Interchange and not leave a 110-meter gap between the Capitol Interchange and this project. Please see the attached Change Order #3 for additional information.

The original CE was signed by MDT on June 13, 2006. MDT has reviewed this new information in regard to NEPA/MEPA applicability. MDT concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant environmental impact, will still qualify as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d), and will still qualify as a CE under ARM 18.2.261. At this time, we request the FHWA's concurrence that the proposed action is still properly classified as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d).

Eric Thunstrom

Date: 7/22/2008

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Heidy Bruner

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Attachment: Change Order #3

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