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December 23, 2008

Kevin McLaury
District Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
585 Shepard Way
Helena MT 59601-9785

Subject: Request for Concurrence of Continued Validity of CE Designation
Sidewalk Program – GTF Phase 2
CM 5299(49)
Control Number: 4568002

Dear Kevin McLaury:

The 2001 Sidewalk Program – GTF, CM 5299(49), CN: 4568 project qualified as a categorical exclusion (CE). The 2001 Sidewalk Program – GTF, CM 5299(49), CN: 4568 project has been split into the following two projects:

- CM 5299(49), 2001 Sidewalk Program – GTF, CN: 4568
The first project will include Areas: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12.
- CM 5299(80), Sidewalk Program – GTF Phase 2, CN: 4568002
The second project will include Areas: 13 and 14.

Please note the project referenced in the subject line is the project referenced in the second bullet above.

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has reviewed the proposed subject project in accordance with 23 CFR 771.129(c) and has determined that this segment of the proposed subject project still qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d). This proposed project also continues to qualify as a CE under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, M.C.A.). The original CE was signed by your agency on July 15, 2005. This determination is based on the following information:

This segment is still proposed to install new sidewalk in multiple locations throughout the city of Great Falls. The project involves construction of new sidewalk in areas where none currently exist, replacement of existing sidewalk in some locations, and installation of ramps to accommodate current ADA design criteria. However, a change to the subject project is to remove Area 1 and Area 10 from the project. Area 1 and Area 10 will be completed by developers and a separate future construction project in the city of Great Falls. Additional detail can be found in the attached Project Split Report dated February 26, 2008.

As a result of splitting the project and removing Area 1 and Area 10 from the project, it has been found that in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this proposed action will neither individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. 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).

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