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Subject: **Categorical Exclusion Group (c) Action Letter**

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: ARRA 8119(1)
Federal-aid Project Name: North Higgins Bike/Ped – MSLA
MDT Uniform Project Number: 6998

City of Missoula Public Works has determined that the proposed project study will not involve unusual circumstances as described in 23 *CFR* 771.117(b). It therefore qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 *CFR* 771.117(c), part 3. The proposed action also qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of *ARM* 18.2.261 (*MCA* Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201).

In accordance with FHWA's letter (3/29/99) to MDT's Environmental Services, please notify FHWA that the proposed action is being processed in accordance with 23 *CFR* 771.117(c).

Signature of Environmental Certifying Official or Chief Elected Official

Doug Harby, Construction Projects Manager, City of Missoula
Type Name and Title

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