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Subject: Categorical Exclusion Group (c) Action Letter

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: STPE 34(23)
Federal-aid Project Name: School Sidewalk - Gardiner
MDT Uniform Project Number: 6542

This is a request for the Montana Department of Transportation concurrence 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)¹, 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).



Randy Taylor, R.S., Chair
Park County Board of Commissioners



Jim Durgan, Commissioner



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July 15, 2011
Date

Concur:

Mike Wiley
CTEP Engineer

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cc: Jeff Ebert, MDT, District Administrator – Butte District
Tim Conway, MDT, Consultant Design Engineer
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Environmental Council - *Maureen Theisen*
FHWA – Helena - *Jeff Patten*

Chris Laity, P.E., Great West Engineering,
"Environmental Certifying Official" - *Randy Taylor, Park County Commissioner*
Phillip Fletcher - Park County Economic Development Director
Heidy Bruner - Environmental Engineering Supervisor
Barry Brosten - Butte District Environmental Engineer

1. Activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and technical studies; grants for training and research programs; research activities as defined in 23 USC 307; approval of a unified work program and any findings required in the planning process pursuant to 23 USC 134; approval of statewide programs under 23 CFR 630; approval of project concepts under 23 CFR 476; engineering to define the elements of a proposed action or alternatives so that social, economic and environmental effects can be assessed; and federal-aid system revisions which establish classes of highways on the federal-aid highway system.
2. Approval of utility installations along or across a transportation facility.
3. Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities.
4. Activities included in the State's highway safety plan under 23 USC 402 (*section 402 funds are no longer available*).
5. Transfer of Federal lands pursuant to 23 USC 317 when the subsequent action is not an FHWA action.
6. The installation of noise barriers or alterations to existing publicly owned buildings to provide for noise reduction.
7. Landscaping.
8. Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur.
9. Emergency repairs under Title 23 USC 125.
10. Acquisition of scenic easements.
11. Determination of payback under 23 CFR 480 for property previously acquired with federal-aid participation.
12. Improvements to existing rest areas and truck weigh stations.
13. Ride share activities.
14. Bus and rail rehabilitation.
15. Alterations to facilities or vehicles in order to make them accessible for elderly and handicapped persons.
16. Program administration, technical assistance activities and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine