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

Reference:

Federal-aid Project Number:	STPE 27(40)
Federal-aid Project Name:	SIDEWALK II - LIBBY
MDT Uniform Project Number:	7971

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), part 3 and 7. 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).

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