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

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| Reference: | Federal-aid Project Number: | STPE 15(96) |
| | Federal-aid Project Name: | BIKE/PED PATH 2nd ST-WHITEFISH |
| | MDT Uniform Project Number: | UPN 7241 |

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. 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).

Charles C. Stearns

Signature of Environmental Certifying Official or Chief Elected Official

Charles C. Stearns, City of Whitefish, City Manager
Type Name and Title

Concur: Heidy Bruner 9/18/13

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