

## INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

## MONTANA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

To J.R. Beckert, P.E., Assistant State Highway Engineer Date August 24, 1971

From G.O. Powers, P.E., Preconstruction Engineer Subject: S 60 (1)

Park St. - Butte  
Negative DeclarationRECEIVED  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

This is to request your concurrence in our opinion that an Environmental Statement is not required for the subject project and that the following Negative Declaration will suffice:

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The project is on Montana Secondary Route 276 in Butte, Montana. It begins at Excelsior Avenue and extends 0.8 miles easterly along Park Street to Montana Street. It provides for reconstruction of the present street involving grading, plant mix surfacing, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and signs as required to conform to Montana Highway Commission Standards.

2. PURPOSE OF PROJECT

Park Street in this area is badly deteriorated. It is one of the major thoroughfares serving Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology. Reconstruction will allow Park Street to carry heavy traffic volumes safely and efficiently.

3. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- A. Controversial Issues - We are not aware of any controversy associated with the proposed project.
- B. Significant Alteration of the Existing Character of the Area - We do not feel that the subject project will significantly alter the character of the area.
- C. Displacement of People - The subject project will not involve relocation or displacement of any people.
- D. Impact on Recreation Lands - To the best of our knowledge the subject project will not adversely effect any recreational lands.
- E. Effect on the Pattern or Behavior of Wildlife Species and Wildlife Breeding, Nesting, or Feeding Grounds - Here again, no adverse effect can be foreseen.

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- F. Air or Water Pollution Problems - The project is not expected to create any significant air or water pollution problems.
- G. Effect on the Water Table - The project is not expected to effect the area's water table.
- H. Benefits to Local and Long Distance Travel - The proposed highway improvement will benefit both local and through traffic.
- I. Transportation Quality - The proposed improvement will provide the public with a higher quality transportation facility than does the existing highway.
- J. Social and Economic Opportunities for the Area Residents - The proposed project will not affect the social and economic opportunities of the area residents, except for the increased economic activity during the construction period and also that increase brought about by the improved highway facility.
- K. Enhancement of Work, School, Recreational, and Religious Opportunities - Here again, no significant effect is anticipated.

4. BASIS FOR NEGATIVE DECLARATION

It is our opinion that the subject project will not significantly alter the environment and that an Environmental Statement is not required.

We will appreciate the return of one signed copy of this letter indicating your concurrence.



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