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

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: STPE 25(77)  
Federal-aid Project Name: SIDEWALKS - E. HELENA  
MDT Uniform Project Number: 7711

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).

  
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Signature of Environmental Certifying Official or Chief Elected Official

*Mayor. Anthony E Strainer*  
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Type Name and Title

Concur:  \_\_\_\_\_  
CTEP Engineer Date 1/13/12

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