Subject: Montana 2010-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
2010 STIP, Amendment Three

Dear Ms. Zanto,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed the subject Amendment Three for the Montana FY 2010-2014 STIP submitted under cover of your October 12, 2010, letter. Amendment Three provides the applicable project number or funding prefix along with the phases and corresponding cost estimates for projects that the Montana Department of Transportation is anticipating to program. The projects shown do not require a revised air quality conformity finding, do not involve transit activities, and do not require a transfer of funds between FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The STIP funding summary table demonstrates fiscal constraint.

As an advisory note, STIP Amendment Three incorporated several enhancement (STPE) projects. As you are aware, this office recently completed a process review of the community transportation enhancement program. One of the review recommendations described programming individual phases (obligation) of enhancement projects instead of obligating all phases at one time.

FHWA approval for this amendment is hereby given.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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