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Subject: Response to Amendment 1 to the Billings Urban Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-16 Billings Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); Approval to incorporate TIP into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Lynn,

In response to your October 11 letter, Amendment 1 to the Billings Urban Area LRTP is found to be fiscally constrained and to meet applicable air quality conformity requirements from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, Part 93. This finding for air quality conformity is provided after coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 office.

Also in response to your request, the FFY 2012-16 Billings TIP is found to be fiscally constrained and air quality conformity requirements have been met. The TIP provides for a four-year program beyond FFY 2012 and meets the applicable transportation planning requirements under 23 CFR 450 Subpart C – Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming. The conformity determination is provided after coordination and consultation with the FTA and the EPA Region 8 office.

The FFY 2012-2016 Billings TIP may be incorporated by reference into the STIP.

Sincerely,

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