



December 11, 2013

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Re: Missoula Long Range Plan Amendment #3 and FFY 2013 TIP Amendment #2

Dear Ms. Strizich,

With this letter, we request MDT/FHWA/FTA approval of the 2012 Missoula Long Range Plan (LRTP) Amendment #3 and FFY 2013 Missoula Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment #2. On November 19, 2013 the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC) approved both amendments which reflect changes associated with the Missoula to Lolo Trail.

The LRTP Amendment #3 identifies TIGER Grant funding of \$4,580,363, City/County local contributions of \$642,116, CTEP funding of \$157,884, MDT contribution of \$100,000 and reclassifies the Missoula to Lolo Trail Project from "Illustrative" to "Committed." The total estimated cost of the Missoula to Lolo Trail is \$5,480,363. The amendment further serves to update all references to the Project and demonstrate its fiscal constraint. This amendment was necessary prior to the Project's inclusion within the TIP. The amendment will be included as Appendix U of the LRTP (attached).

The FFY 2013 TIP Amendment #2 reflects Federal funds in the amount of \$4,580,364, City/County local contributions of \$617,644 and MDT contribution of \$100,000 in the TIGER table, pg. 33. The total TIGER funding is \$5,298,008. The STPE-City table, pg. 20, reflects Federal funds in the amount of \$157,884 and City local contribution of \$24,472. The total STPE funding is \$182,356. The totals from both the TIGER and STPE-City tables reflect the total estimated project cost of \$5,480,364 from the LRTP amendment. These funds are further reflected in the Estimated Revenue table, pg. 16. The difference between the LRTP CTEP (STPE-City) estimate and the TIP amount is due to an increase in the amount of funding available from the remaining CTEP funds, which must be obligated by 2015. The relative reduction of City contributions to the TIGER Grant is reflective of the increased contribution associated with the additional CTEP funding.

The amendments do not alter the fiscal constraint of either the LRTP or TIP document. As these amendments have already been approved by both the MPO's TTAC and TPCC, we submit both the 2012 Missoula Long Range Plan (LRTP) Amendment #3 and FFY 2013 Missoula Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment #2 for MDT/FHWA/FTA approval.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 406.552.6668.

Sincerely,

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