

Project NH 5-3(59)109
Kalispell Bypass
Control Number 2038

RE-EVALUATION
(for the Kalispell Bypass only)

US Highway 93 – Somers to Whitefish West
Final Environmental Impact Statement
and
Final Section 4(f) Statement
Approved September 12, 1994
(Prepared pursuant to 23 CFR 771.129)

FINDINGS:

Based on the studies performed for this re-evaluation of the 1994 US Highway 93 – Somers to Whitefish West Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Section 4(f) Statement as it relates to proposed design changes to the Kalispell Bypass only, no new significant environmental impacts have been identified. Proposed design changes re-evaluated include 1) alignment shifts at the north and south ends, 2) replacing 6 at-grade intersections with grade-separated interchanges of the bypass, and 3) reconfiguring the northern terminus with US 93 and West Reserve Drive. All other aspects of the 1994 FEIS remain unaffected by this re-evaluation.

This is to request the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) concurrence that a supplemental EIS for the referenced project will not be necessary. Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has found that in accordance with 23 CFR 771.129, this action will not have any new significant environmental impacts.

Submitted by:



Montana Department of Transportation

Date 7/13/06

Approved by:



Federal Highway Administration

Date 7/17/06

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