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Date: March 19, 2009

REPLY TO: HPR-ID/710.1

Ms. Pamela Lowe, Director
Idaho Transportation Department
P. O. Box 7129
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #7

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your March 11, 2009 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #7 providing for the addition of FTA 5303 Planning Funds to support the various planning activities identified in the work programs of Idaho's five metropolitan planning organizations.

Since this funding is to be transferred to FHWA for the administration of these funds and oversight of the activities so funded, FHWA and FTA have agreed to jointly approve this STIP amendment request.

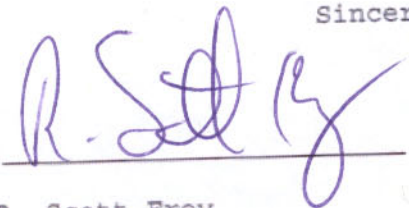
The programming of these MPO planning activities (projects) was identified in each MPO's TIP but was inadvertently omitted in the STIP.

Given the nature of these projects and the fact that they were previously included in each MPO's TIP we have determined that there is no need for either additional public involvement or an air quality conformity determination in conjunction with this amendment.

Furthermore, we find that the proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

Therefore, in consideration of the above, STIP amendment #7 is approved.

Sincerely yours,

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R. Scott Frey
Transportation Engineer
Federal Highway Administration

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R. F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration