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Reply To: HPR-ID

Ms. Pamela K. Lowe, Director
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #5 Update

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your April 14, 2009 letter requested FHWA approval of an update to STIP Amendment #5 to include the project, KN 11917, Lewiston Sealcoats, as previously proposed using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act highway funds. This project was included in the original request for STIP Amendment #5, but it was excluded from our STIP Amendment #5 approval due to the fact that the Lewis Clark Metropolitan Planning Organization (LCVMPO) had not yet completed its actions necessary to add the project to the LCVMPO's Transportation Improvement Program.

Because the project added by this action is neither intermodal in nature, nor does it have any consequence to the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed change qualifies as a grouped project per 23 CFR 450.324(f); therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The affected project is outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
3. 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.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment #5 Update is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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Transportation Engineer

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