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September 30, 2023

Mr. Darin Westby Director Wyoming Department of Transportation 5300 Bishop Boulevard Cheyenne, WY 82009

Subject: Wyoming FY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Westby:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have jointly reviewed the FY 2024-2027 Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) developed by the Casper Area and Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Those documents, as well as the STIP Checklist and Governor Mark Gordon's letter approving the Casper Area and Cheyenne MPO TIPs, were received along with your transmittal letter. The WYDOT STIP was approved by the Wyoming Transportation Commission at its September 21, 2023 meeting.

Accordingly, FHWA and FTA, based on the WYDOT and MPO self-certifications of their statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes, review of self-certification supporting documentation, and our involvement in the State and MPO transportation planning processes, hereby find that the FY 2024-2027 WYDOT STIP is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135 and 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5305 and is therefore approved. The attached document provides more detail concerning the federal planning finding.

Approval of the WYDOT STIP is not a Federal aid eligibility determination, nor does it constitute an obligation of Federal funds. Each project must satisfy the specific requirements of the program from which federal funds are to be derived, as well as the other federal requirements appropriate before the use of those federal funds can be authorized. Additionally, the approval of the WYDOT STIP will expire on September 30, 2027.

Upon receipt of this approval letter, we request that you inform both the Casper Area and Cheyenne MPOs, other affected jurisdictions, the federal land agencies, and Indian Tribal governments that the WYDOT STIP has been approved.

Furthermore, we want to point out that an amendment to the WYDOT STIP and MPO TIPs is not required to move projects within the 2024 to 2027 timeframe if they satisfy MPO and WYDOT procedures for revisions and project selection criteria. Amendments other than the movement of projects between the years cited above are to be sent to the appropriate agency (FTA or FHWA) for approval. Amendments involving transfer of funds from FTA or FHWA must be jointly approved by each of the respective agencies.

We appreciate the efforts and cooperation of your staff in developing the STIP.

If you have any questions concerning this joint approval action, please contact Richard Duran of FHWA at (307) 771-2941.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Federal Planning Finding Wyoming 2024 - 2027 STIP

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