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Reply To: HPR-ID

Mr. Scott Stokes, Director  
Idaho Transportation Department  
P. O. Box 7129  
Boise, ID 83707

Dear Mr. Stokes:

**Subject: 2023-2026 Idaho Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and TIP Air Quality Conformity Determinations**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) reviewed the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITDs) 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), submitted on December 19, 2022, for federal approval in accordance with 23 CFR 450 Subpart A, B and C, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5305 and 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135.

In conjunction with the STIP approval, the FHWA and FTA conducts a Federal Statewide Planning Finding, which is a formal action taken by the FHWA and FTA to ensure that STIP is developed according to statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes consistent with statutory and regulatory planning provisions outlined in Title 23 and Title 49. The Finding serves as an opportunity to highlight areas that need improvement in a statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes and is a prerequisite to FTA/FHWA approval of the STIP.

In addition, this review also includes a determination on whether areas currently designated as nonattainment for national air quality standards, or which are operating under a Federally approved air quality maintenance plan can demonstrate that their transportation improvement programs (TIPs) conform to the state's air quality state implementation plan (SIP). Consistent with this requirement, FHWA and FTA have jointly determined that the 2023-2026 TIPs for the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) and the Bannock Transportation Planning Organization (BTPO) conform to Idaho's SIP.

Based on a joint FHWA/FTA review of Idaho's 2023-2026 STIP and the overall statewide and metropolitan transportation planning process, we find that the program:

- identifies all proposed highway and transit projects in the State funded under Title 23 and the Federal Transit Act including Federal Lands projects,
- is consistent with the State's adopted long-range statewide transportation plan,
- includes, without modification, the metropolitan transportation improvement programs approved by the respective metropolitan planning organizations and by ITD acting on behalf of the Governor,
- includes in air quality non-attainment areas only projects determined to conform with the SIP,
- meets the requirements of 23 CFR 450.220 (project selection) for the projects listed in each program year, and
- was developed with adequate public involvement.

Based on our review, FHWA and FTA find that the 2023-2026 STIP is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the federal planning requirements of Title 23 and 49 and, therefore, give our joint approval, subject to the corrective actions identified in the attached 2023 Idaho Statewide Planning Finding.

For questions on this approval, please contact Maureen H. Gresham, FHWA Idaho at (208) 617-2140; mgresham@dot.gov or Ned Conroy, FTA Region 10 at (206) 220-4318; ned.conroy@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: KMPO, LCVMP, COMPASS, BMPO, BTPO