Hi Matt,

Thank you for discussing this project with our office today. As I mentioned in the meeting, our office has discussed bypasses in general and this bypass in particular. Our office views bypasses as a significant part of the overall highway history. As you said in your letter, the purpose of the state highways, US-93 in particular when it was constructed was to connect rural communities across Idaho, however as the highway department’s mission changed, so did the highway system. This is apparent with this 1952 segment of the highway which was constructed to bypass the town of Jerome and allow travelers to get to their destination (e.g. Sun Valley) faster and avoid a backlog of cars. As such, our office views that the 1952 segment from Twin Falls to SH-25 as a significant segment to the overall history of US-93 with a period of significance of 1952-1970. That being said, our office does not have a clear picture of this segment’s integrity, and we highly recommend that ITD explore this further to determine if the segment is a contributing segment to US-93.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,
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