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Subject: S-373 PED BRIDGE-WOODSIDE
TA 41(72)
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Glenda, I am writing to notify you that Section 1438 of the current federal authorization bill, the FAST Act, orders that on July 1, 2020, \$7.569 billion in unobligated balances of highway contract authority apportioned to states via formula will be rescinded (cancelled). All State Departments of Transportation including Montana are subject to the pending rescission. The TA program is one of the funding programs that are subject to this rescission.

Based on provisions in the FAST Act any apportionment balance left unobligated as of October 1, 2019 will be rescinded. The rescission of these funds will be confirmed in June 2020 and the actual rescission will occur on July 1, 2020. The subject project is currently planned to be federally programmed for construction after October 1, 2019 per the current project development schedule. Therefore, the project is at risk of losing funding for construction.

The preliminary engineering phase for the subject project is currently federally programmed. MDT will continue to develop the project through the preliminary engineering phase, as we are with nearly all active MDT projects at this time. That way should the rescission not take place or if funding is restored, MDT would be ready to bid the project and proceed into the construction phase either on schedule or immediately after funding is restored.

There is a chance that funding may not be restored, and the project may never move forward into construction. If this is the case, Ravalli County would then only be provided plans for the project without federal aid for construction. Obviously, this would be an extremely unpopular result felt not only by Ravalli County but nationwide.

I'm sure there will be questions, so please feel free to call me to discuss this in detail.

Sincerely,

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