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Mr. Donald Hunt  
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Colorado Department of Transportation  
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**Subject:** Categorical Exclusion Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Attached is a copy of the fully signed Programmatic Agreement for the Review and Approval of Certain NEPA Categorically Excluded Transportation Projects between the Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

I would like to thank your staff for their hard work on this agreement. The revision only took a few months even though it represents a complete update of the previous agreement.

It is our hope this new agreement will serve to increase efficiency and productivity of both our agencies. This agreement establishes a more robust programmatic approach to Categorical Exclusions which will streamline our process and procedures while still fully complying with all applicable regulations. In addition, this agreement supports Federal Highway Administration's Every Day Counts initiative.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stephanie Gibson, Environmental Program Manager, at [stephanie.gibson@dot.gov](mailto:stephanie.gibson@dot.gov) or at 720-963-3013.

Sincerely,

  
for John M. Cater  
Division Administrator

Enclosure: Categorical Exclusion Programmatic Agreement

cc: Jane Hann, CDOT EPB