MONTANA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Policy No. 008

COMMISSION APPROVED CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND: Current law requires the Commission to approve all contracts for construction or reconstruction of all highways under Commission jurisdiction. Local governments routinely undertake projects to repair or replace public utility equipment (water, sewer) which often require excavation and repair of the intersecting state system highway. In order to eliminate the need for the Commission to review and approve these utility projects, the Commission concludes that the public interest would be served by adopting a policy delegating the Department to review and approval of the local utility projects.

POLICY

1. The Department of Transportation through the Director or designee shall review and approve all local government utility projects which impact the state highways under Commission jurisdiction.
2. The approval is limited to ensuring that such projects, insofar as they require construction or reconstruction of state right-of-way, meet all state and/or federal specifications and construction requirements.

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Thorm R. Forseth, Montana Transportation Commission Chair

HISTORY

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