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West Reserve Drive Planning Study Draft Discussion - Public Encouraged to Attend Online Open House, Learn More About Draft Study and Provide Comment

Kalispell, Montana — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), local jurisdictions, resource agencies, and the public, has developed a draft corridor study report of West Reserve Drive between the intersection with US 93 and the intersection with US 2 and extending north one-half mile on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. MDT is hosting a virtual meeting to present the study results. Following the meeting there will be a 30-day comment and review period of the study results posted on the project website.

The study's purpose was to develop a comprehensive long-range plan for managing the corridor and determine what can be done to improve the corridor based on needs, public and agency input, and financial feasibility.

MDT recognizes the importance of this study to the Kalispell community. The public is invited to learn more and provide feedback at two online open houses, hosted via Zoom, on Thursday, September 9th at 11 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Both sessions will provide the same information.

Attendees can expect a webinar-style event with a presentation from representatives of both MDT and DOWL. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session as well as an opportunity to provide comments. Registration is required to receive access to the events. **To register, visit www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/westreserve/.**

The West Reserve Corridor Study is a pre-environmental study that allows for early planning-level coordination with the public, stakeholders, and environmental resource agencies. The goal of the study is to identify short, mid, and long-term improvements for the corridor based on needs and objectives, public and agency input, and financial feasibility. The study will also help define need and funds in order to transition smoothly between

transportation planning, future project development, and environmental/document review.

For more information, or to submit comments online, please visit the study website at: www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/westreserve/.

The Department of Transportation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the public meeting or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Department of Transportation no later than September 7, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Matt Maze, Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, Montana 59620; telephone (406) 444-5416; Montana Relay 711; facsimile (406) 444-7243; or e-mail to mmaze@mt.gov.

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