Meeting Demand: Transportation Needs in Montana

Impacts from Energy exploration to Montana's Highway infrastructure



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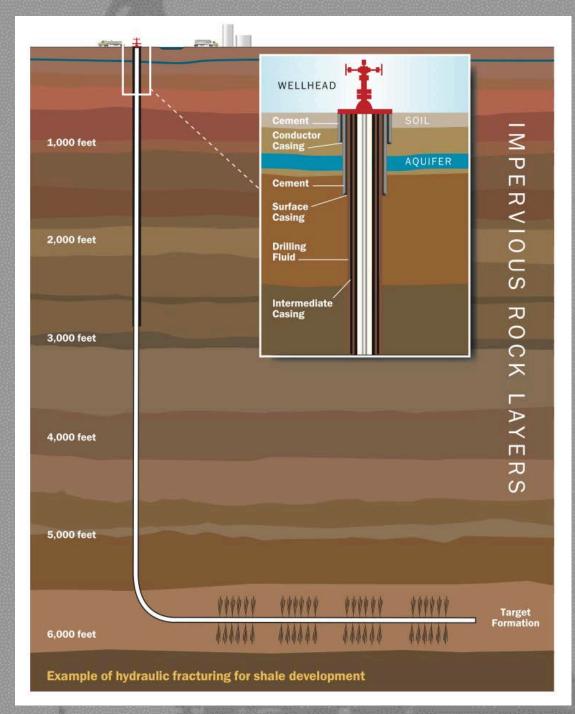
Overview

- Background of Bakken energy exploration
- Traffic Increases and potential pavement damage due to energy exploration
- Traffic Projections-Initial and current
 - Costs associated with increased commercial traffic
 - Projected Population increase and total ADT MDT's Efforts to date Other Considerations

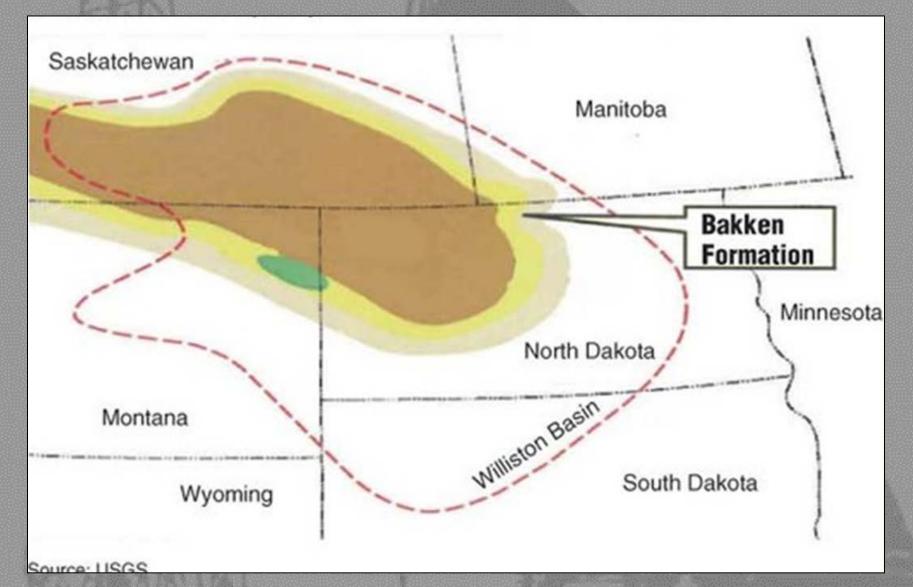
Hydraulic Fracturing

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- Hydraulic fracturing is referred to as "Fracking"
- 2 miles down, 2 miles out
- Directional drilling enables turn, long horizontal runs
- Hydraulic forces cause fractures in the oil bearing shale
- Driller pushes gel/sand (proppants) into fractures to hold them open
- Less pressure in the well hole than in the surrounding shale so oil flows into the well.

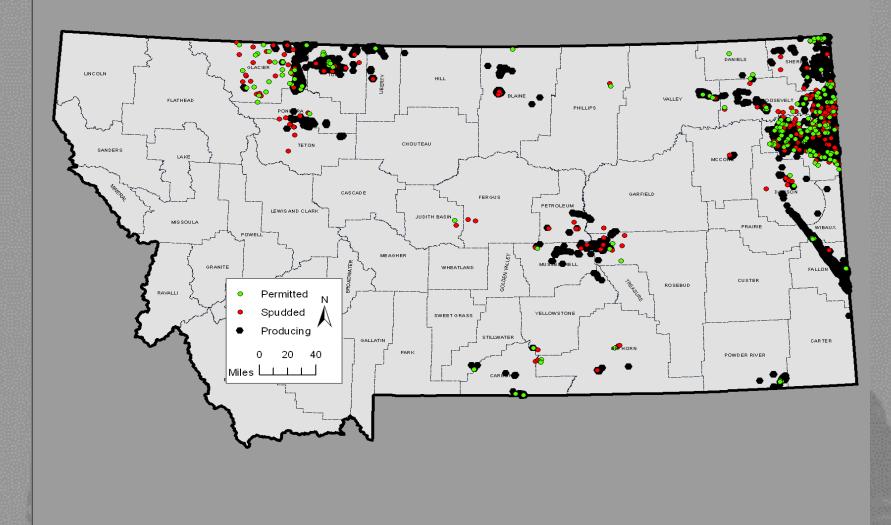


Background: The Known Extent of the Bakken Oil Formation

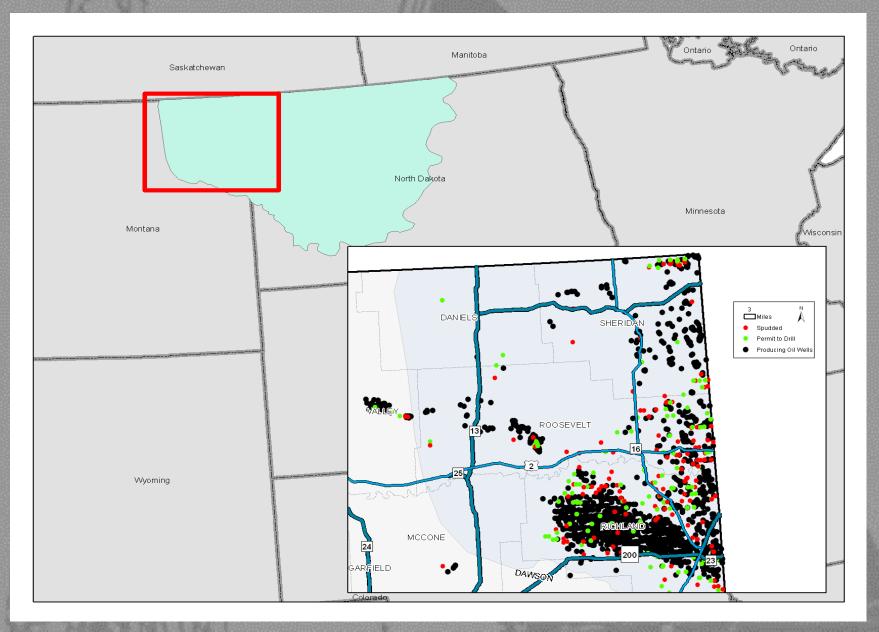




Background: Statewide Map



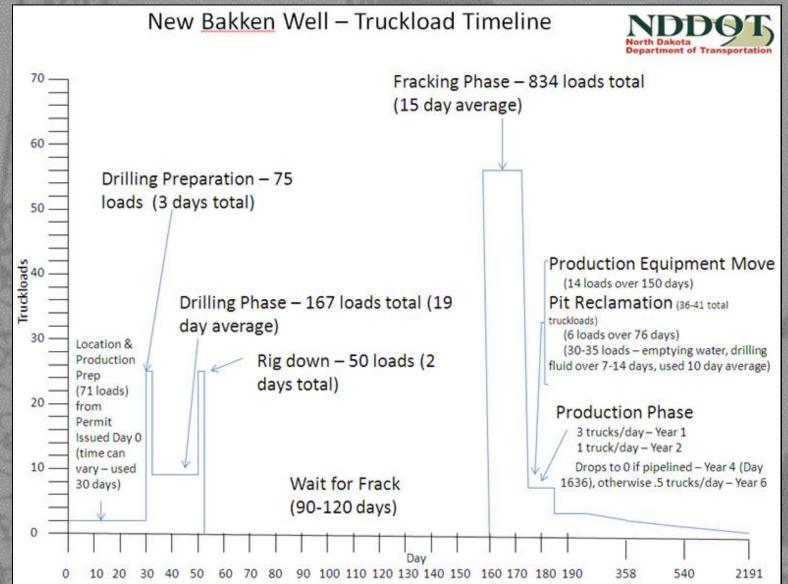
Background: Impacted Area & Routes



Traffic:

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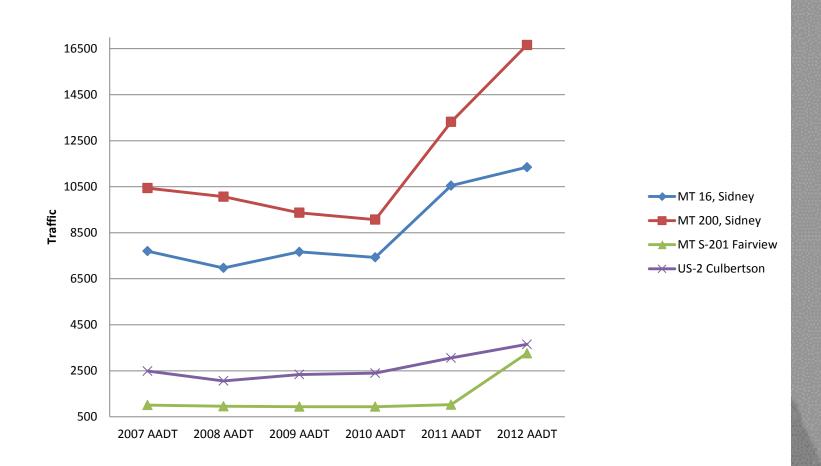
New Bakken Well Truckload Timeline



Increased Traffic for Study Area Routes

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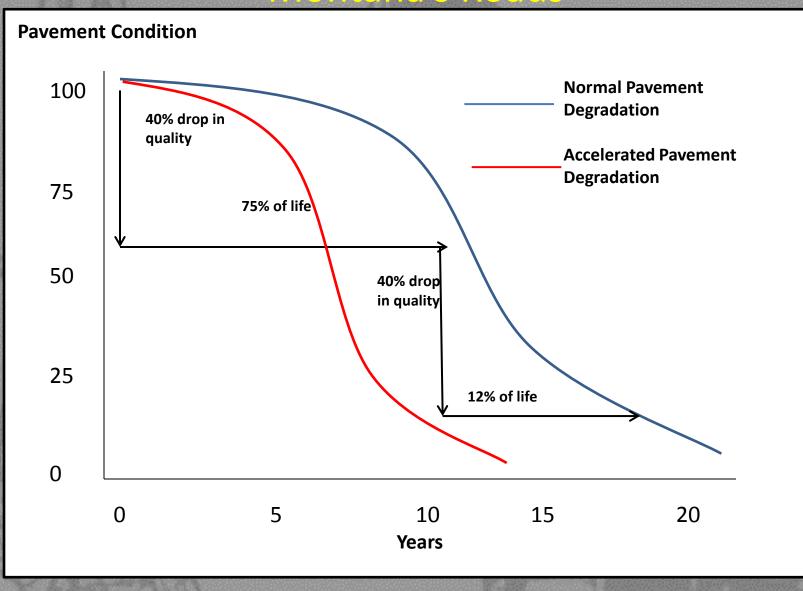




Increased Traffic: By Eastern Counties

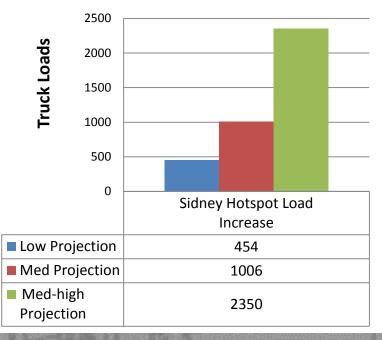
Interstate	2010	2011	Percent Change
Dawson	3,599	4,039	+12.2%
Wibaux	2,748	2,882	+4.9%
Non-Interstate National Highway	2010	2011	Percent Change
System			
Dawson	1,501	1,652	+10.1%
Richland	2,150	2,739	+27.4%
Roosevelt	1,623	1,987	+23.4%
Sheridan	722	1,035	+34.1%
Primary	2010	2011	Percent Change
Daniels	476	521	+9.5%
Dawson	1,279	1,515	+18.5%
Richland	1,304	2,138	+64.0%
Roosevelt	497	686	+38.0%
Sheridan	405	566	+39.8%
Wibaux	753	837	+11.2%

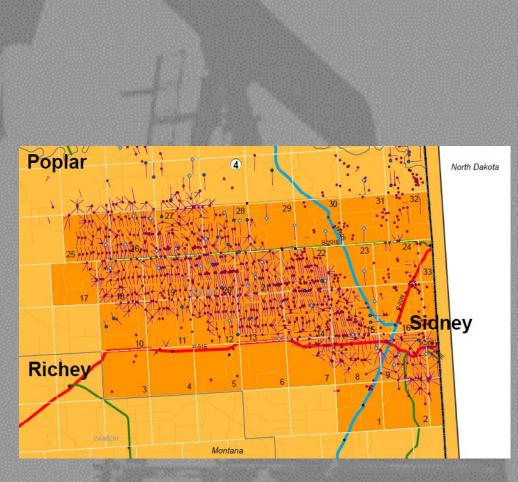
Traffic: Increased Traffic's Effect on Eastern Montana's Roads



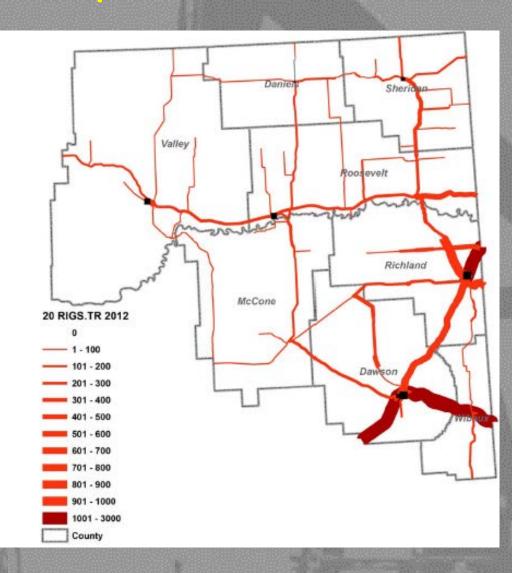
Future Projections: Initial Efforts

Sidney Hotspot Area Projected Truck Load Increase

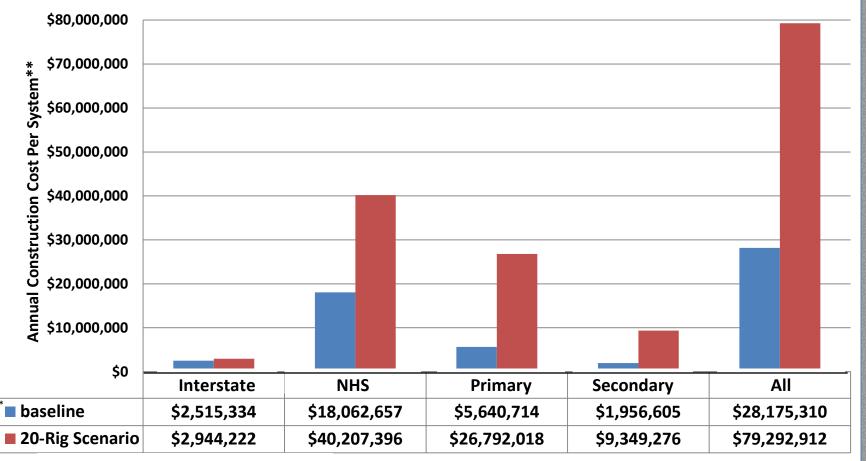




Initial Efforts: Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute



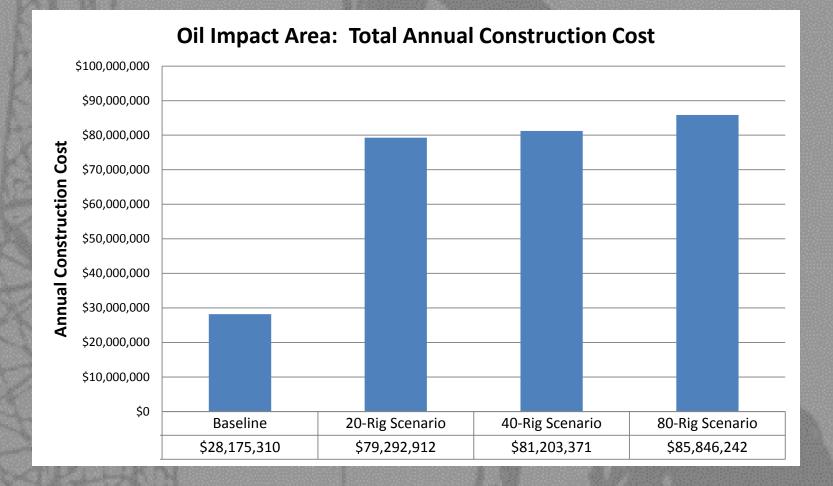
² Potential Cost to Maintain Montana's Infrastructure in the Glendive district



* 2009 Base line data

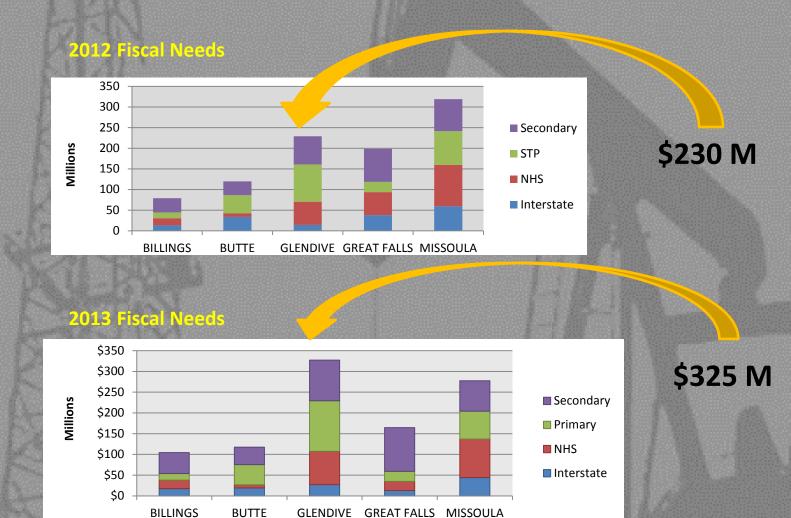
** Costs are based on construction only.

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Cost: Fiscal Needs by District

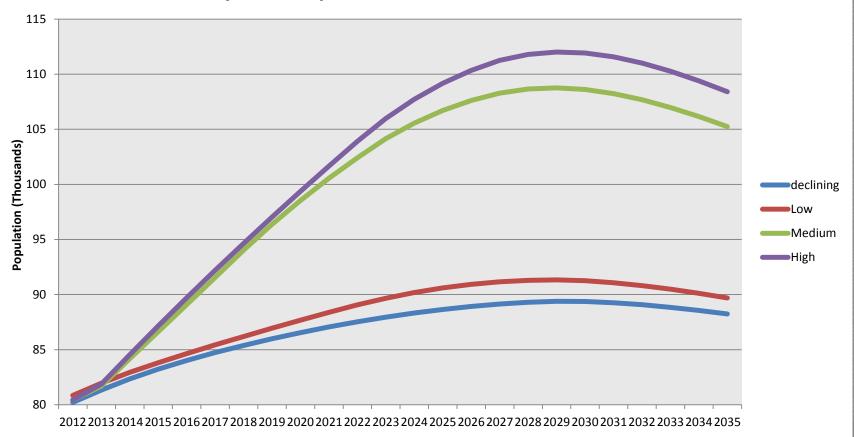
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Projected Population Increase

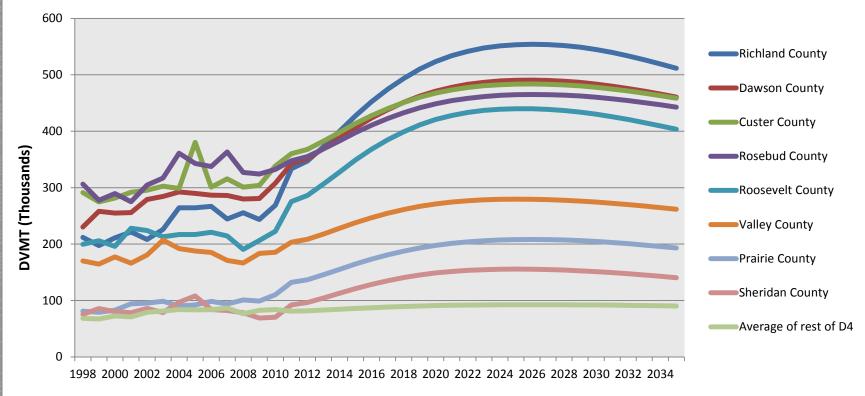
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Projected Population in MDT Glendive District



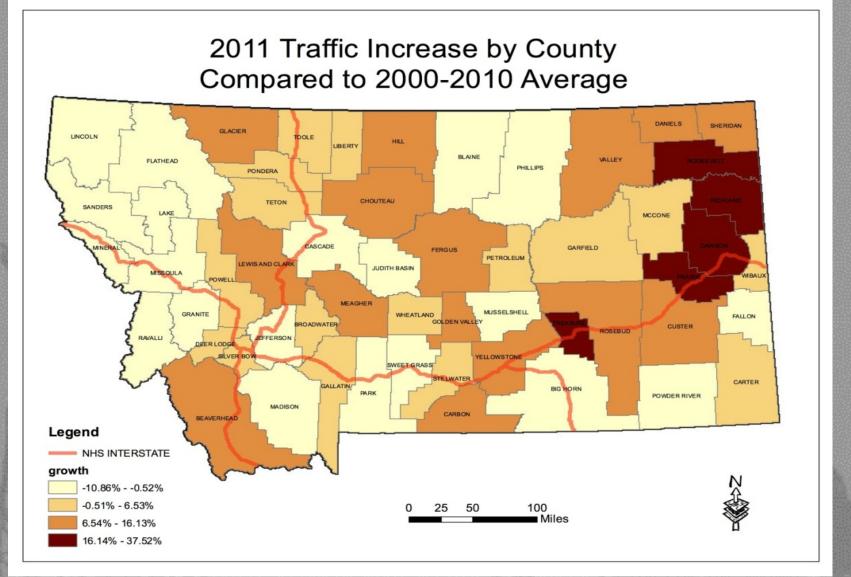
Increase to Total Traffic Based on Population increase

Projected Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (DVMT) by County in Glendive District



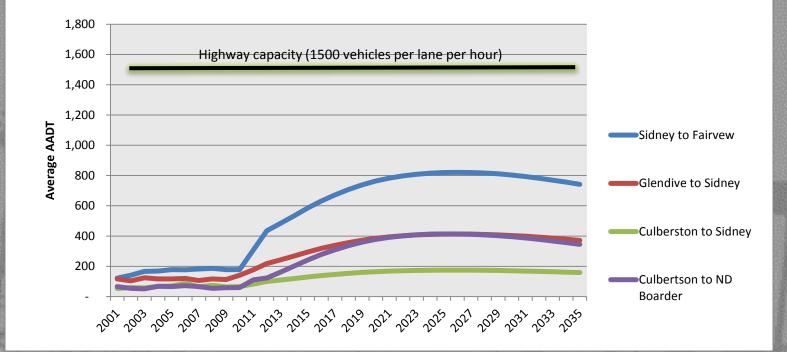
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Traffic Increase by Count



Projected Population Increase and Total Traffic

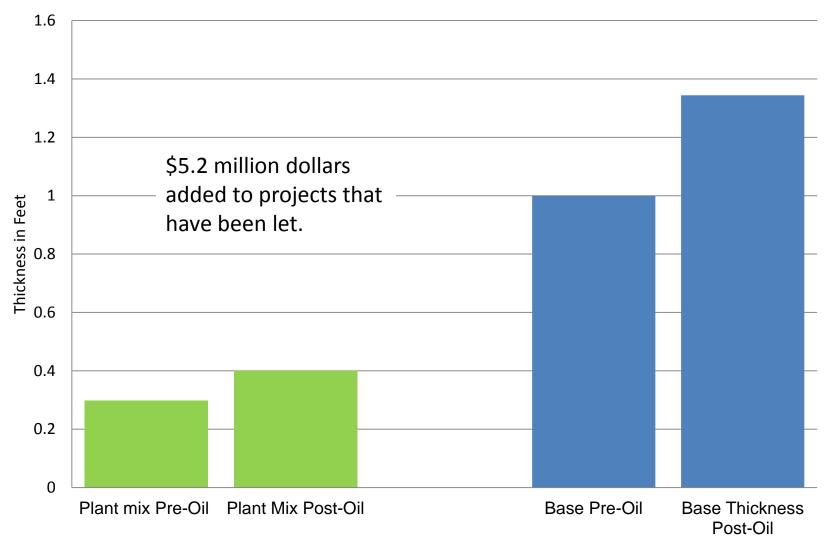
Projected Peak Average AADT by road segment in Glendive District (one lane and per hour)



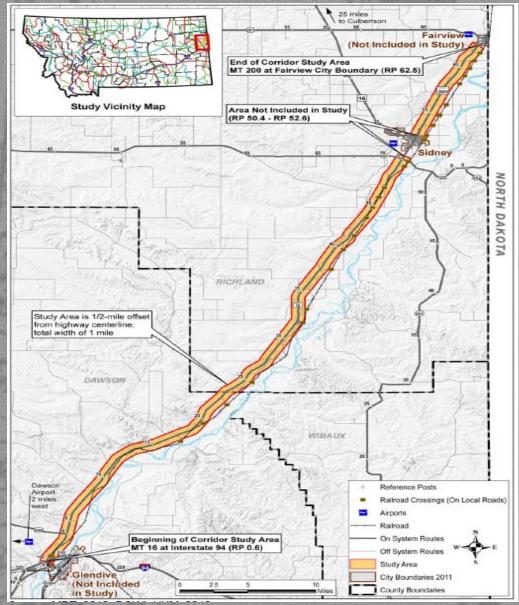
Efforts to Date: Design Changes

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Change in Design (Thickness of Plant Mix and Base)

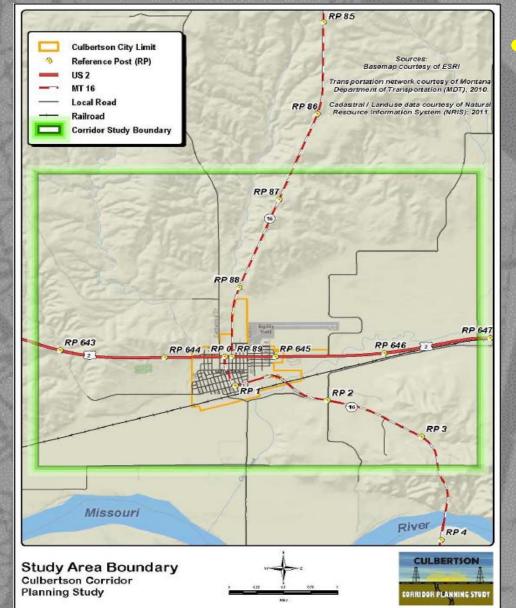


Efforts to Date: Corridor studies



 MT 16 Study
 Glendive to Sidney
 Sidney to Fairview

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Culbertson Study

Focused on the
routes through
town-Highway 2
and Highway 16

Other Industry Impacts: Transloading Facilities (Northern Montana)

- Induced traffic from transloading facilities
- Several new/expanded facilities: Sidney, Dore,
- Culbertson, and Glendive (330 trucks/train load)
- Compound impact with current agriculture consolidation into 110-car facilities (trucks/train load)



Other Energy Industry Impacts: Coal Development in Southeast Montana

- Southeast Montana coal impacts are similar to N.E. Montana oil
- Otter Creek is the next intended coal tract development
 - Little supporting infrastructure
 - Tongue River Road
 - If no rail, projected trucks are 1/minute on MT332





Implications

- Natural resources/energy in Montana will have significant impact on the roads
- Based on our traffic studies parts of Eastern MT will see a significant increase in oil development related traffic
- MDT has modified project pavement design to incorporate traffic <u>and</u> traffic mix increases
 - The Bakken is not the only region that will be affected

Thanks For Your Time

Questions