



Appendix 1

Public Comments



ID	DATE	COMMENT	ACTION/RESPONSE
01	04/18/2017 Brad Hodge	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/17/2017 20:19:21 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: brad hodge Email Address: bradhodgephoto@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I hope the frontage pathway is built. I think it will prove a vital assistance in commuting to work and restaurants.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_438812255859375</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
02	04/17/2017 Jodi	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/17/2017 19:54:39 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jodi Email Address: sajodi@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I think the Bozeman to Belgrade biking trail is a great idea! As Bozeman and surrounding areas grow and expand, the frontage road becomes so congested. To have the trail as an alternate way to get in to Bozeman or out to Belgrade could cut down on the congestion. Many people have to travel to work on the frontage road and for there to be an option to bike/walk it would cut down on congestion and pollution and traffic accidents. I support the idea of a trail.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_14013671875</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
03	04/18/2017 Jessica Kureen and Mark Kureen	<p><i>Transcribed from comment form from Informational Meeting #3</i></p> <p>2 points of interest,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I bike to work from the fishing access to MSU and don't see much need, demand or use of Frontage to Bozeman by working/school cyclists. I probably wouldn't even use it all the way from my home if you built a separate path. The money should go to highest safety needs. My larger interest is the safety of cyclist and pedestrians from the Warming Center on Industrial and Griffin in to Bozeman. My husband and I volunteer at the Warming Center and our community members there use that path daily not only in the winter but Griffin into Bozeman is used all year. I also bike through that intersection and have to go from cyclist in bike lane to car in lane to get through defensively. I would really love to see our homeless population better protected on this pathway between important resources like the Warming Center, Walmart, bus stop and community Café. You can't know how many of them have been near missed or hit but we know they have trouble on this route. <p>Thank you!</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Reconstruction of North 7th Avenue is recommended in Section 5.3.3 and would include construction of bike lanes.</i> <i>The other areas you commented on (Griffin Drive, the area around Walmart, etc.) are outside the study boundary for this Corridor Study. The area is included in the Bozeman Transportation Master Plan which provides recommendations for the non-motorized network.</i>

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04	04/18/2017 Cally Driessen	<p>I am writing in support of a safe way to travel along the frontage road for pedestrians and cyclists. I live in downtown Belgrade and work two jobs, one on the frontage road and one off airport road. I would bike or walk much more often if there were a designated bike path. As such, traveling in the dark on these routes is dangerous so I typically choose to drive. I cannot make the meeting tonight, but please consider all the folks who would like to save on fuel costs and do their part for the environment on their way to work each day!</p> <p>Thank you, Cally Driessen</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
05	04/18/2017 Joe Svitak	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/18/2017 17:06:57 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Joe Svitak Email Address: jsvitak@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Regarding the Frontage Road Corridor Study, it would be fantastic to be able to bicycle to the airport safely.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_29498291015625</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i>
06	04/18/2017 Rachel Rockafellow	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/18/2017 21:07:20 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Rachel Rockafellow Email Address: dave.rach13@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Bike/Ped Path along the Frontage Road in Bozeman/Belgrade This shared use path/route is a needed transportation corridor for getting between Bozeman and Belgrade safely by bicycle. Many more people are commuting by bicycle for health/fitness and economics. Please be sure this gets done in your plan.</p> <p>Thank you, Rachel Rockafellow 1202 S. Spruce Dr. Bozeman, MT 59715 406-586-2405</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_4683837890625</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
07	04/19/2017 Felix Spinelli	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/19/2017 08:53:12 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The Study was developed to address the needs identified for the corridor over the next 20 years.</i>

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		<p>Name: Felix Spinelli Email Address: spinelli.felix@gmail.com Other Details: Lack of long range vision</p> <p>Comment or Question: I went to your meeting last night in Bozeman. I stated that the work being studied looks great for short-term fixes but offered little on long-term planning. Actually, it seems to me that it is a series of band-aids on a dying corpse and one needs to think out of the box. Although the moderator was obviously a gifted engineer with a lot of great knowledge, where are the long range thinkers? They were not in the room. The moderator noted that in a few years, Belgrade and Bozeman might have sufficient population to be considered a mini-metro area. That is great - why don't we think about that now instead of waiting to be mandated to do some collaborative work with Belgrade and the county on shared-use paths and other "out of the box" additional measures. Forget about the constraint for now, but talk about the possibilities and not harp on the current financial binds. I guess that overall, I was disappointed by the lack of attention to more steps to better gauge the types of travel flows going on (amount of simply Belgrade to Bozeman commuters, single occupancy vehicles, etc.) that could spell a need for light rail in the not so distant future. Thank you for this opportunity to comment and although I will not probably live long enough to see your great work, I would encourage to look beyond the current hurdles. Good luck and my best wishes for success.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_936737060546875</p>	
08	04/20/2017 Celia Bertoia	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/20/2017 10:13:33 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Celia Bertoia Email Address: celiabertoia@yahoo.com Other Details: Multi-use path</p> <p>Comment or Question: Regarding the Frontage Road Draft, I want to express my desire for a multi-use path 10' wide next to the Frontage Road mainly for bikes and pedestrians. I understand that the railway does not permit pathways on their right-of-way, but suggest that negotiation may bring another option. It is currently extremely unsafe to ride a bike on the Frontage Road. I have been forced to go off in the ditch several times due to vehicles so close to the edge, or honking. Thank you for making this happen!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_1773681640625</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
09	04/20/2017 Mike Kautz	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/20/2017 15:46:08 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Mike Kautz Email Address: mikekautz@gmail.com</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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		<p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>Dear MDOT,</p> <p>As a bike commuter I support constructing a dedicated bike path between Belgrade and Bozeman. I would frequently (4-5x from week April-October) use this path to travel between work and home, as well as to access shopping.</p> <p>The speed of traffic, and frequently distracted drivers makes commuting on regular roads unsafe. I hope you'll consider the need for a dedicated bike and pedestrian path.</p> <p>Regards, Mike Kautz Bozeman, Montana</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_41192626953125</p>	
10	04/23/2017 Sheryl Goff	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/23/2017 12:54:33 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Sheryl Goff Email Address: shergoff@outlook.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>Please incorporate a bike/ped path in the Belgrade/Bozeman Frontage Corridor Project. Many folks bike to and from work and the road is far too narrow to accomodate cars and bikes safely. Lots of pedestrians choose to walk between the towns, especially airport patrons. Please keep the people's safety in mind in this plan. Thank you.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_986907958984375</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
11	04/23/2017 Coby Richins	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 04/23/2017 12:39:37 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Coby Richins Email Address: cobycoop1@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>RE: Frontage Pathway between Belgrade & Bozeman. I would like to see the pathway implemented preferably with asphalt. I have owned a house in Belgrade for 12 years and commute daily to Bozeman. In the now winter months I commute 12.2 miles one way by bike Tues Wed & Thursday. By adding a DIRECT path from Belgrade to Bozeman along the Frontage Road it will create a SAFE & more direct commute to work.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_102142333984375</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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12	04/28/2017 Belgrade City-County Planning Board	 <p>April 28, 2017</p> <p>Katie Potts MDT Statewide and Urban Planning P.O. Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620</p> <p>Dear Katie,</p> <p>The Belgrade City-County Planning Board discussed the Belgrade to Bozeman Corridor Study at their April 24, 2017 public meeting.</p> <p>The Planning Board was in agreement that the intersection of Airport Road and the Frontage Road warrants further evaluation, especially in relation to east bound vehicles turning left onto Airport Road from the Frontage Road. There are several large projects north of this intersection that are served by Airport Road and roads coming off of Airport Road including large commercial projects on Bozeman-Yellowstone International Airport Property, the East Gallatin Commercial Center, the Gallatin International Speedway, and the large residential subdivisions Meadowlark Ranch and Ryn Glenn Estates. All of these continually expanding projects will lead to a marked increase in traffic relying on the intersection, resulting in more vehicle turning movements in all directions and more rear-end collisions.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Corridor Study. If you have any specific questions regarding this matter, please contact the Belgrade City-County Planning Staff.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>BELGRADE CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD</p> <p><i>Henry Parsons</i> Henry Parsons Chairman</p> <p>cc: Jeff Key, Robert Peccia and Associates</p> <p>Thomas B. Quaw Square • 91 E. Central • Belgrade, MT 59714 Phone: (406) 388-3760 • Fax: (406) 388-4996</p>	CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments.</i> <i>We will add a recommendation in Section 5.3.1 to develop an eastbound left-turn lane and to evaluate the intersection for additional traffic control if/when future development occurs.</i>
13	05/01/2017 Kelly Murphy	<p>While a substantial amount of traffic moves between Bozeman and Belgrade via the interstate each day, the infill of subdivisions in-between these two communities has kept Frontage very busy. The road, while no longer fast-moving, is frequently too full of commuters to feel comfortable coming to a full stop (east bound) and turning. This road is a commuter road, with all vehicles moving purposefully between home and work, or community to community. It desperately needs updating with the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Intersection with adequate turn lanes onto Airport road. This should be built to accommodate a traffic signal if and when it becomes necessary. Intersections with center turn lanes (for east bound traffic) and right side turn lanes for west bound traffic into all entrances of Mountain View subdivision. 	CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We will add a recommendation in Section 5.3.1 to develop an eastbound left-turn lane and to evaluate the intersection for additional traffic control if/when future development occurs.</i> <i>A project is currently under development (UPN 8031) which will include wider shoulders, flatter side slopes, a center left-turn lane, and turn bays at major</i>

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		<p>The above intersections need to be built with modern standards and provide sufficient separation between turning lanes and through traffic (similar to the intersections of spur road and Nelson road, which are the only safe turns on Frontage road.) Finally, a separate bike path, removed from the roadway for bicycle commuters who wish to avoid the main thoroughfare.</p> <p>Sincerely Kelly Murphy 2336 Butch Cassidy Drive Bozeman, MT 59718</p>	<i>intersections at the Mountain View subdivision. The project is anticipated to be let in 2018. See Section 5.2 for more information.</i>
14	05/01/2017 Katie Reese	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/01/2017 20:53:34 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Katie Reese Email Address: katiereese28@hotmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I'm in total support of the bike path from Bozeman to Belgrade and providing more and more infrastructure for bike commuting in our community. Please let things like this continue to move forward!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_188995361328125</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
15	05/01/2017 Dylan LeBlanc	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/01/2017 18:52:43 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Dylan LeBlanc Email Address: dylan.r.leblanc@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am a Bozeman resident and employee at the Bozeman Health Deaconess hospital. I am writing to MDT to give support for a separated multiuser bike/ped path along Frontage Road between Bozeman and Belgrade. As an avid outdoorsman, hunter, fisher, conservationist, and bicycle commuter, I am happy to see that the state is becoming more bike friendly, yet, I believe that more needs to be done. This frontage road path would be of great benefit to the many folks that commute between the two towns. As it stands, there are zero safe alternatives. In fact, I mention my employment because I have unfortunately been witness to a terrible bicycle vs. car accident on the frontage road. The bicyclist was indeed commuting to work.</p> <p>Please give this path thoughtful, real consideration. People like myself look to move to towns that support economic, ecological, safe transportation methods. Bicycling is THE epitome of this paradigm. By building this pathway and others around the valley and in the state, at crucial commuter sections of road, you not only provide quality passage</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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		<p>for existing citizens, but also entice others to move here, ultimately supporting the local economy.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration</p> <p>Dylan</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_9490966796875</p>	
16	05/02/2017 Kelly Meredith	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/02/2017 08:19:57 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Kelly Meredith Email Address: krmeredith@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Hello!</p> <p>I am reaching out this morning to comment in FAVOR of the multiuser bike/ped path between Bozeman and Belgrade.</p> <p>As our communities continue to grow, it's important that we offer safe means of transportation outside of vehicles.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your support of this incredible initiative. It makes me proud to see our community moving in this direction!!</p> <p>Kelly</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_760498046875</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
17	05/02/2017 Gillian Cleary	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/02/2017 09:48:10 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Gillian Cleary Email Address: gill.q.cleary@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I whole-heartedly support the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study, and do hope the decisionmaking body will consider the inclusion of a bike path to connect Belgrade and Bozeman. The economic, environmental, safety and long-term community benefits of including a dedicated bike and/or pedestrian path along Frontage Road would be significant, and our entire community in the Gallatin Valley would benefit from that foresight. Recreation and healthy commuting opportunities would increase significantly, and the long-term property values near that bike corridor would increase in value. Hopefully the decision-making body for this project will also take a look at the new bike path along Hwy 36 connecting Denver and Boulder, CO, which has</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>

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		<p>already begun to create environmental, economic, safety and community benefits in the area. Thank you for your time and work on this project!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_889434814453125</p>	
18	05/02/2017 Peter Cleary	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p> <p>Submitted: 05/02/2017 18:28:48</p> <p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: Peter Cleary</p> <p>Email Address: prcleary@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: MDT,</p> <p>I'm writing to comment on the proposed Belgrade-Bozeman bike path. I am strongly in support of this initiative, as projects like these, once connected to other multi-use paths, will ultimately make this valley a more enjoyable, economical, and safe place to utilize one of the most efficient, personally healthy, and environmentally friendly forms of transportation in existence: the bicycle. I recently moved from Bozeman to Boulder, CO for three years before returning to Bozeman, and I saw how incredibly beneficial bike paths like the one proposed are to the community as a whole. Once the community commits to the project, the long-term benefit is truly remarkable on many, many levels.</p> <p>Regards, Peter Cleary</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_2886962890625</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
19	05/07/2017 Geoff Meyer	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I don't know if I'm sold on an additional bike bath on the Belgrade to Bozeman frontage road. I do however think that a widening upgrade is long overdue on that road. Because of the absence of a shoulder there has been numerous fatalities since I've been in the valley for the past 21 years.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Geoff Meyer</p> <p>Snowcrest Outdoors Belgrade, MT 406-579-7100</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i>
20	05/07/2017 Jess McKeen	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>I just wanted to ask a question in regards to the separated multiuser path along the Belgrade to Bozeman frontage road that several area residents are requesting.</p> <p>That question being why is there any sort of opposition or attempt to postpone an obviously needed path?</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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		<p>The fact that someone died riding along the extremely precarious and poorly tended shoulder of that road, in my opinion, precludes any argument that it is not worth finding the funding.</p> <p>I myself have ridden down that section of the frontage road on my bicycle and it is not safe for bicyclists of any skill level, it is extremely dangerous.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Jess McKeen</p>	
21	05/07/2017 Ann Wilbert	<p>I don't understand all of the issues involved in this study, but I heavily support all bike paths. I come from a place that had much better paths than we have here, and it was a huge enhancement to the community.</p> <p>Riding bikes and walking should be encouraged.</p> <p>Not sure what else to say.</p> <p>Thanks, Ann wilbert</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
22	05/07/2017 Wren Kilian	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/07/2017 23:04:36 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Wren Kilian Email Address: valleyoftheflowerproject@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: The Frontage Rd. Between Bozeman and Belgrade is an important route for our community, and the safety of all who use this road should be your first priority. A safe and separate bike/pedestrian path should be included in your plans and be funded by our tax dollars. Cyclists and pedestrians who own cars, but choose to be environmentally and health conscious by commuting in non-motorized fashion, should be provided with the means to do so in a safe manner. Road shoulders are not sufficient, as there is no margin for error, if a driver or cyclist/pedestrian veers off course the slightest bit. The injuries that have already occurred should be reason enough for you to have no need to do a study to determine the need for a separated pathway with adequate access at each end. This is common sense for a community that prides itself in its natural beauty , and concern for the environment, to protect those who are doing the right thing to help preserve that. Do you want to encourage more people to choose healthy alternatives, or do you want to promote the status quo, business as usual type of development that increases pollution, resource depletion, and endangers the safety of those who try to find healthier, non polluting, modes of transportation?</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_57830810546875</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
23	05/07/2017 Nancy Davis	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments.</i>

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		<p>Submitted: 05/07/2017 19:56:28 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Nancy Davis Email Address: nancyodavis53@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>1. passing lanes- it is not safe to pass on the frontage road due to the fact that there is no shoulder and many areas needing slope flattening. No passing is safe until the road is improved, widened, and room for cars that need to be towed have a shoulder to pull onto. The speed limit at 50 mph is high given the poor quality of the road And passing only increases the chance of a collision as the area grows. I would suggest the speed limit be reduced to 45 mph until the corridor is improved, including slope flattening and shoulders on each side.</p> <p>2. A bicyclist was hit on frontage February 23, 2017 just east of the airport as he was on his way to work. And, Another bicyclist was killed a couple years ago while riding between 7th and Springhill rd. This increases the need for a separate shared use path on the north side to accommodate walkers, bikers, etc. that wish to commute to Bozeman from Belgrade safely.</p> <p>3. A priority should be slope flattening to allow cars to pull over in an emergency.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_5316162109375</p>	<p><i>1. A recommendation to evaluate and modify passing zones to meet current standards is included in Section 5.3.3.</i></p> <p><i>2. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p> <p><i>3. A project is currently under development (UPN 8031) which will include wider shoulders, flatter side slopes, a center left-turn lane, and turn bays at major intersections between Reference Posts 23.0 and 24.6. The project is anticipated to be let in 2018. See Section 5.2 for more information. The remaining portions of the corridor are recommended to be reconstructed in Section 5.3.3 and will include eight-foot shoulders.</i></p>
24	05/07/2017 Heather Hart	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/07/2017 17:20:44 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Heather Email Address: hartgold@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>I am expressing concern for insufficient long range planning over the Bozeman Frontage Road . This would be in regards to expanding as wide as we can now in order to provide for bikes, walkers and other forms of transport. As this area in Bozeman gets bigger we have more vehicle volume and at faster speeds.</p> <p>Let us anticipate another 10 years, while the area is being expanded now. The relative cost is less than another 7-10 years.</p> <p>Heather Hart</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i></p>

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25	04/07/2017 Diane O'Connor	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/07/2017 15:54:33 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Diane O'connor Email Address: dko20@msn.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Thank you for including a separate pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists in your study on Frontage road between Bozeman and Belgrade. Please change this to an immediate need. Just recently a bicyclist commuting home from work on this section of Frontage road was seriously injured by a distracted driver and left on the side of the road. This section of road is a commuting road for a wide range of ages and uses. A separate path would alleviate this kind of problem. A shoulder on the side of the road with vehicles traveling at high speeds is not an acceptable solution. None of us want another collision and possible death in this area. Thank you listening and please consider this a top priority.</p> <p>Sincerely Diane O'Connor</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
26	05/07/2017 Beth MacFawn	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/07/2017 14:25:44 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Beth MacFawn Email Address: bmacfawn@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Hello, I strongly support a bicycle and pedestrian route along the Frontage Rd. between Bozeman and Belgrade. Creating a separate travel path will provide a safe route for non-motorized commuters. Please reconsider your policy, and fund a pathway for safe transportation of non-motorized traffic.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Beth MacFawn</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
27	05/07/2017 Jessie Kay	<i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use</i>

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		<p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/07/2017 14:18:12 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jessie Kay Email Address: jessmariekay@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am writing in support of a separated bikeway between the Bozeman and Belgrade frontage road.</p> <p>The Bozeman Chronicle reported on Tuesday May 2, 2017 that a cyclist traveling from Bozeman to work at the airport on Feb. 23, 2017 was hit and left severely injured. The driver, Eric Carver, has now been charged for failing to render aid. The cyclist suffered life altering injuries. The devastating effects will reach far beyond the cyclist himself.</p> <p>Additionally, two years ago, Kevin O'Brian was killed on his bike while riding on the narrow shoulder of Frontage between 7th and Springhill, when the heavy grocery's he was carrying along with uneven graveled ground caused him to swerve in front of a Truck that was traveling too fast to avoid him.</p> <p>Both of these tragic crashes are indicative of the urgency for a safe way for non-motorized traffic to commute between Bozeman and Belgrade along the most direct transportation route.</p> <p>Please consider the construction of a separated bikeway between Bozeman and Belgrade. As the Gallatin area continues to grow, we MUST consider ways to safely alleviate traffic and encourage alternative forms of commuting.</p> <p>A separated bikeway will not only prevent traffic, but also save lives.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_80877685546875</p>	<p><i>path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
28	05/07/2017 Barbara Geller	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/07/2017 13:12:45 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Barbara Geller Email Address: gellerbj@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study</p> <p>I think the most important thing we can do is create a bike lane/path from Belgrade to Bozeman, to support bike commuters and keep them safe.</p> <p>We're struggling to have enough affordable housing in our area, but actually, if a family can get by with only 1 car, they can save over \$8000 a year. That goes a long way towards making life affordable here.</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to include eight-foot shoulders.</i></p>

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		<p>A few quotes from "Pedaling Revolution: How Cyclists Are Changing American Cities":</p> <p>p. 160: "...bicycling allowed residents to save vastly larger sums of money. He [Portland economist Joe Cortright] explained this in "Portland's Green Dividend," a paper commissioned by CEOs for Cities, a pro-urban group. "being green means Portlanders save a bundle on cars and gas," he wrote, "and local residents have more money to spend on other things they value, which in turn stimulates the local economy." All told, residents of the Portland region drive about 20 percent fewer miles per capita than residents of the average large metropolitan area, he calculated, producing annual savings of \$1.1 billion, or 1.5 percent of the region's regional incomes.</p> <p>He explained that those savings have a higher chance of staying and circulating in the region than money spent on gasoline, of which at least 73 percent of its value is immediately exported.</p> <p>It should also be noted that these calculations are based on three-dollars-a-gallon gasoline, so the savings only escalated as prices rose."</p> <p>pp. 273-274: "A bike really is the right tool for some jobs, and that definition of when it is the "right tool" will vary widely. For some urbanites, it's become the only transportation tool they need to own, and they rent everything else, whether it's a bus ride or a car. For some families, depending on a bike to get to work could mean the difference between whether they need to own two cars or one. Given that the average annual cost of owning and operating a new car topped \$8,000 in 2008, according to the American Automobile Association, a working family can save more by shedding a vehicle than any politician will ever give them in a tax cut."</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_651458740234375</p>	
29	05/08/2017 Alan Hooker	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/08/2017 06:54:24 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Alan Hooker Email Address: Bznclockman@hotmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Dear Sirs:</p> <p>I am writing in support of a separate non-motorized path to be included in the plan to upgrade the Bozeman to Belgrade highway. I do not believe that a road shoulder is an adequate bike lane for any high speed highway. Moving vehicles push sand and pebbles on to the shoulder of the highway. Unless it is swept regularly it can be difficult to dangerous to ride a bicycle on a road shoulder. Sudden wind gusts can easily cause a rider to swerve. Careless and inconsiderate driving seems to be more the norm these days! While driving I have experienced being passed on the right by a vehicles driving on the highway shoulder! I have also observed drivers wander on to the shoulder in moments of inattention.</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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		<p>One young woman was looking in her rear view mirror putting on her makeup!</p> <p>The population of this Bozeman to Belgrade corridor is growing. Vehicle and bicycle traffic will continue growing as well. Now it the time to be serious about public safety for everyone now and into the future. Please include a separate graded non-motorized path in your highway upgrade plan for the highway between Bozeman and Belgrade now.</p> <p>Sincerely, Alan Hooker</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_412109375</p>	
30	05/08/2017 Kay Ruh	<p>Thank you so much for working on the pathway for Bozeman to Belgrade. I have lived in Bozeman since 1979, and the Frontage Road has always been a dangerous route in a car, never mind as a pedestrian or bicyclist. A safe passage between the two communities is essential, and as a recreational route will increase commerce to both communities.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kay Ruh Bozeman, MT</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
31	05/08/2017 Stan Johnson	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/08/2017 07:28:58 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Stan Johnson Email Address: sjohnson825@msn.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Having lived between Bozeman and Belgrade (near Valley Center Road) for 23 years, I'm happy to know that a much needed path along Frontage Road is being considered. As an avid cyclist, I ride sections of Frontage road at times and consider it a last resort route since the exposure to high speed traffic is such a concern. Safe travel for non-motorized commuters between Belgrade and Bozeman will be greatly enhanced by a separate path along this corridor. Please give this as much priority as possible!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_959014892578125</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
32	05/08/2017 Valerie Oechslin	<p>Dear Governor Bullock-</p> <p>My name is Valerie Oechslin and I live in the Mountainview subdivision. I would like to echo my support and desire for a multi-use pathway from Belgrade to Bozeman. Currently it is too dangerous to ride a bike into Bozeman. We desire to use less gas and carbon emissions by riding our bikes and would do it a lot more often if we could do it safely. It is a very unsafe road for bikes as it like riding along side the interstate.</p> <p>Please help this project to happen!</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Valerie Oechslin</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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33	05/08/2017 Anna Galindo	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/08/2017 10:08:19 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Anna Galindo Email Address: peteranna@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Frontage Road Corridor Study: please, please include a separate, safe bike/walk pathway in this project. People have been killed and permanently injured due to its lack. With the growth in the area, it will only become more of a pressing need. We should provide options besides only more vehicles. This will save pollution, health, medical injuries and deaths.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_845367431640625</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
34	05/08/2017 Sandy	<p>When you live in Belgrade there is now way of getting out of Belgrade to Bozeman without taking the risk of being hit on the frontage road or Jackrabbit.</p> <p>If there were pathways on both roads more people would use them to get in and out of Belgrade.</p> <p>It's like ye are jailed in Belgrade due to lack of safe transportation in anything other than a vehicle.</p> <p>It is VERY frustrating.</p> <p>Please provide pathways on Frontage road AND just as much Jackrabbit</p> <p>Thank you</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
35	05/08/2017 Jay Wilkins	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Just a short note thanking you for including the pathway in your study of the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road plan. I wanted to voice my concerns that a separate path would be the best solution for this. I lived in Belgrade for 13 years and rode my bicycle in the summers to Bozeman daily. However, at no time did a ride on the Frontage Road due to the extremely high level of risk. I chose to ride on a dirt "trail" that had been generated between the Frontage Road and the rail road track. This was obviously safer and I encountered many other people using this trail for dog walking, hiking and riding. I understand the railroad easement is not usable however, the amount of use I saw then coupled with the amount of use seen on the separate path out by Three Forks indicates that a separate path would be used.</p> <p>Please take this under consideration when planning. Kind Regards</p> <p>Jay Wilkins Engineering Manager esi 406 586 3159 Ext. 120 406 586 3220 jwilkins@esi.com</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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36	05/08/2017 Brandon Payne	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm writing to express my support for a separate multi-user pathway between Belgrade and Bozeman along Frontage Road. It is my opinion that it is an immediate safety need and should be included in the Belgrade Slope Flattening project. Not only will the development of such a pathway save lives, it will provide safe recreation and exercise for those residing along or near that section of road. Additionally, it will limit congestion into and out of Bozeman at busy times as people, like myself (resident of Manhattan), would use it to commute from Belgrade (even in the winter). Fewer cars on the exit ramps, fewer emissions in the air, and more people staying healthy... sounds like a great addition to our way of life in Gallatin Valley.</p> <p>Regards, Brandon Payne Manhattan, MT</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
37	05/08/2017 Nicole Jabaut	<p>Regarding the Belgrade Slope Flattening Project: I urge you to include the construction of a path on the north side of the Frontage Road connecting Belgrade and Bozeman. It's the safest, most logical place for a path of this kind. Examples of successful paths include one that travels between Fruita Grand Junction and is used by hundreds of people every week to commute between the two communities, which lack safe space on the frontage roads. The only other roads in this case are extremely busy highways.</p> <p>Several years ago, I gave my mother my car to drive to the airport to catch her flight back home while I went to work. After work, I had ride my bike to the airport from Bozeman on the frontage road. I can't believe I wasn't hit then! I remember people didn't give me any space- it's almost like I wasn't there. Drivers kept passing me without any room. All I could think was that I had to keep pedaling with even less road space, and a car from behind waited until they were right next to me to beep their horn. It just about sent me off the road into the ditch.</p> <p>I'm from the "sticks" in upstate NY, where there aren't many bikers. I've been run off the road into a five foot ditch, where there was no cell service, and worst- my mother riding behind me saw the whole thing. She still says she thought she was watching her daughter about to become paralyzed or worse when that happened, and to this day I worry about the same thing happening to her. I'm not there to ride with her, and she's by herself.</p> <p>Two years ago, my boyfriend was hit by Main and 18th by McDonalds as he turned to make his way home. I was returning late from a trip out of town and found him on our kitchen floor, covered in blood and not coherent. He had been hit, left unconscious for several hours on the side of the road, and when I took him to the ER to get X-rays of both wrists, major suture repair to both hands (including removing a ton of dirt and rock), the police officer that came didn't seem too worried. He claimed they couldn't do anything, even though my boyfriend thought he remembered the type and color of car. He could have died that night.</p> <p>How hard is it to make it a priority to provide people a safe path to commute, that safely connects Belgrade and Bozeman with existing pedestrian paths? I've lived here roughly 6 years, and know three people who've been hit by cars- none of them have stopped. I know there are paths existing now which is great, but there needs to be something making a connection between both towns- paths that don't require</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>

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		<p>pedestrians or bikers to have to navigate unsafe intersections or pieces of road to get from one path to another. It doesn't hurt to have more path than absolutely necessary. They will be used.</p> <p>Every time my significant other leaves to go on a road ride, I fret that he will get hit by a driver on one of the roads he loves to ride on, and left in the ditch to bleed out. It's bad enough that it's so unsafe to recreate, let alone simply try to commute to work!</p> <p>Make it a priority! I encourage you to ride the frontage road between Belgrade and Bozeman or, even valley center (even worse at times) or jackrabbit. TRY yourself to link up safe pedestrian and bike paths and see how hard it is.</p> <p>I drive from Belgrade to Bozeman multiple mornings every week, and it would be fantastic to be able to ride my bike instead! If it connected with the Cherry River paths, it would dump the bikers off on the perfect side of town!</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>-Nicole Jabaut PO Box 1586 Bozeman, MT 59771</p>	
38	05/08/2017 Nicole Jabaut	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/08/2017 20:39:42 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Nicole Jabaut Email Address: n.jabaut@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Regarding the Belgrade Slope Flattening Project: I urge you to include the construction of a path on the north side of the Frontage Road connecting Belgrade and Bozeman. It's the safest, most logical place for a path of this kind. Examples of successful paths include one that travels between Fruita Grand Junction and is used by hundreds of people every week to commute between the two communities, which lack safe space on the frontage roads. The only other roads in this case are extremely busy highways.</p> <p>Several years ago, I gave my mother my car to drive to the airport to catch her flight back home while I went to work. After work, I had ride my bike to the airport from Bozeman. I can't believe I wasn't hit then! I remember people not give me any space- it's almost like I wasn't even there. Drivers kept driving past me without any room. All I could think about was that I had to keep pedaling and just get to the airport to my car. At one point, I was riding over a small bridge where there was even less road space, and a car from behind me waited until they were right next to me to beep their horn. It just about sent me off the road into the ditch.</p> <p>I'm from the "sticks" in upstate NY, where there aren't many bikers. I've been run off the road into a five foot ditch, where there was no cell</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>

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39	05/08/2017 John Bailey Baker	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/08/2017 16:55:54 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: John Bailey Baker Email Address: cturtle1@outlook.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>Clearly if "Vision Zero" has any meaning at all this project would include a separated bike and pedestrian path. In any situation where a 4000 or 5000 pound object at a velocity of, say 50 mph, contacts one weighing around 200 pounds the smaller object will not be able to withstand that contact safely. To pretend that this is not a legitimate concern is simple malfeasance.</p> <p>I feed sure that if MDT were to have someone walk or ride this route that person would understand that a path is more than a wish and is really a necessity for safety.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_679351806640625</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
40	05/09/2017 Rori Perin	A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use</i>

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		<p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p> <p>Submitted: 05/09/2017 05:01:19</p> <p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: Rori Perin</p> <p>Email Address: skimom45@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>I think we need this bike lane away from the frontage road from Belgrade to Bozeman not just next to the highway. It is too dangerous. I try to travel on bike from Bozeman to Belgrade and it is impossible on that road. Please consider putting in a bike path on that route but not just on the highway, that is way too dangerous. I would travel that route if it was not so unsafe on my bike.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_17303466796875</p>	<p><i>path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
41	05/09/2017 Carol Weaver	<p>PLEASE consider the separated multi-use pathway be upgraded to an immediate safety need for transportation of nonmotorized transportation and that a design and right of way for future construction of a path be included in the Belgrade Slop Flattening Project.</p> <p>MY REASONING: Almost two years ago I was hit by a distracted driver while on my bike. 5 pelvic and sacral fractures, surgery and a long rehab after, I am very timid to ride on streets and roads with vehicles. Our Gallatin Valley community is growing at an amazing rate and that includes more drivers (some distracted) and more bikers (some crazy) which make for a lethal combination.</p> <p>Now is the time to separate motorized and nonmotorized transport to save our community from disasters when the above are put on the same pathway. I strongly urge you to consider this as a needed addition to safer outdoor recreation opportunities in this wonderful place we live.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Carol Weaver 1303 Cherry Drive Bozeman, MT 59715 406 589-6311</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
42	05/09/2017 William A. Bartlett	<p>PLEASE, PLEASE, get it done as quickly and safely as possible. The shoulder of the road is better than nothing but an independent pathway will be much safer and attract a lot more users.</p> <p>Bill</p> <p>ANGEL, COIL & BARTLETT</p> <p>William A. Bartlett 125 West Mendenhall, Suite 201 Bozeman, Montana 59715 Phone: 406.586.1926 Facsimile: 406.585.7654 bartlett@angelcoilbartlett.com</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to include eight-foot shoulders.</i></p>

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43	05/09/2017 Jason Wood	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Ask MDT A Question Submitted: 05/09/2017 14:03:01 Name: Jason Wood Email Address: sandain@hotmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: The Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road corridor is in desperate need of a safe route for pedestrian and bike traffic. The road currently lacks shoulders, so it is unsafe for anything but vehicle traffic. Shoulders would minimally help bike traffic, but the safest alternative would be to construct a separate pathway similar to the pathway built along the Valley Center corridor. Pedestrian and bicyclists currently have no safe route between Bozeman and Belgrade, so this is desperately needed now.</p> <p>This need has recently been highlighted by a hit-and-run accident on Feb 23, 2017 that left a cyclist with serious injuries. In June of 2014, a different cyclist was killed while trying to use this dangerous roadway. This is not a future safety need, this separate pathway for pedestrians is needed now for safe passage between Bozeman and Belgrade.</p> <p>Reference Number = askmdt_642181396484375</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i>
44	05/09/2017 Lucas Jones	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Regarding the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study. I'm concerned that people that choose to commute by bicycle are not being well represented and that cyclist needs are not being thoroughly considered within the bounds of this study. I feel that the importance and benefits of having a protected bike lane from Bozeman to Belgrade are not being addressed.</p> <p>I am an avid bicycle commuter and commute to and from work every fair weather day throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. My cycling commute is from the Baxter Post Office to the Panda Sports Rental Shop (also a Sinclair Gas Station), about a 3.5 mile car ride. I add another 2 miles to that when I ride my bicycle just to stay out of traffic and on as many trails as I can. I have done careful route planning to ensure that I have a safe ride and don't inconvenience too many motorists on my commute. My point is you don't understand how difficult it is to commute on a bicycle in Bozeman until you ride your bicycle twice a day across town for five months.</p> <p>With this in mind you have to understand that I would never consider commuting from Bozeman to Belgrade because there is no route that offers any level of safety to a cyclist. I understand that on May 2, 2017 another cyclist was a casualty to this frontage road. My heart goes out to them. It is a very real possibility that cyclist will continue to be tempted to commute on the frontage road route unknowing of the danger they are putting themselves in. By state law they have every right to share the road, but it is not a practical or responsible option for MDT to offer. I'm sure you agree that cyclist should have better options. However, I contend that this more than offering another transportation option, this is a real and present safety concern facing our community. More cyclist will use this route and more cyclist will suffer injury because of it. This can</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i>

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		<p>easily be solved by offering a protected bike lane from Bozeman to Belgrade. For us not to do so, as a community, is irresponsible and puts lives at risk unnecessarily.</p> <p>I challenge you and your team to do your due diligence in this study. Each take your turn, get on your bicycle and ride from Bozeman to Belgrade, and then ride back from Belgrade to Bozeman in the same day as a cyclist commuter would. Until you have made the commute yourself I submit that you have not done a fair job representing the cyclist community and, therefore, you will not understand the urgency or need for a protected bike lane from Bozeman to Belgrade.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Lucas Jones Bozeman Cyclist Commuter</p>	
45	05/09/2017 Sam Haraldson	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/09/2017 21:31:08 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Sam Haraldson Email Address: samh@samh.net</p> <p>Comment or Question: Dear Ms. Potts and MDT,</p> <p>Regarding the Bozeman to Belgrade Corridor Study I would like to suggest the "Bozeman to Belgrade Path Project" be elevated in its consideration as being of "immediate safety need" due particularly to last year's cyclist death and this year's hit-and-run of a bicyclist (both on the Frontage Road).</p> <p>Secondly I am opposed to MDT's position that a widened shoulder is an acceptable alternative to a separate pathway and am also opposed to MDT's stance that MDT funding cannot be used for the purpose of building separated pathways.</p> <p>When funds become available in the future, a separated multiuser pathway needs to be listed as an immediate safety need in this study.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sam Haraldson Bozeman, MT</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_39093017578125</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
46	05/09/2017 Tracy	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/09/2017 22:19:08 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Tracy</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>

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		<p>Email Address: tracyj.406@gmail.com</p> <p>Other Details: Bike path needed</p> <p>Comment or Question: We need a bike trail from Bozeman to Belgrade. 8 miles is too short to drive on nice days</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_369598388671875</p>	
47	05/10/2017 D'Ann Cigler	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p> <p>Submitted: 05/10/2017 15:57:59</p> <p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: D'Ann Cigler</p> <p>Email Address: mustangmama@onemain.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: PLEASE add a bike/pedestrian lane to the frontage road! Better yet, make a paved path between Belgrade and Bozeman, either on the railroad right-of-way (I do understand that BNSF can be difficult to deal with in this regard), or on the north side of the frontage road. It should be an easy bike commute between Bozeman and Belgrade, but as it is, the frontage road has very little space for riding or walking on the edge of the road. I have tried it, and it is just too dangerous. Cars have to swerve into oncoming traffic in order to avoid cyclists, even if a cyclist is on the very edge of the road. That shoulder is only about 12-14 inches wide and with the abrupt drop-offs at the edge of the asphalt, it can throw the rider if a tire catches the edge. I have seen this happen several times. Friends who are avid cyclists and enjoy riding various loops around the valley call the one-mile section between Springhill Rd. and Nelson Rd. (to complete a loop) the "suicide sprint" because it's so perilous to attempt riding even a short distance on that road. It's long past time to remedy this busy corridor.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_273345947265625</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i></p>
48	05/11/2017 Sally White	<p>Dear Department of Transportation,</p> <p>It is very unsafe for bicyclists to ride along the Frontage Road between Bozeman and Belgrade. I am happy to hear that there is consideration of a separated pathway between the two communities. It needs to be a priority because it is the way to provide a safe zone for all bicycle commuters. People say they won't text and drive or talk on their phones and drive, or reach for objects in their cars while driving, but they do and the Frontage Road is too narrow a road to risk sharing with these drivers in particular. Please designate the separated path an immediate safety need.</p> <p>Thank you, Sally White</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
49	05/11/2017 Dani Hess	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p> <p>Submitted: 05/11/2017 16:53:21</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and</i></p>

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		<p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: Dani Hess</p> <p>Email Address: hessds@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>Hi there, I am a strong advocate for creating a safe, and comfortable way for non-motorized commuters to get between Bozeman, Belgrade and the airport. Shoulders are not appropriate on a road with a 55 mph speed limit, and if MDT is serious about their Vision Zero campaign they will create infrastructure that improves safety for both vehicles and non-motorized users.</p> <p>Separated paths serve as a functional and safe way to increase roadway capacity by encouraging cycling as a mode of transportation, and provide a public space for residents and families who live along the corridor to recreate. Please make this aspect of the frontage corridor project a high priority. It's time we moved from considering the benefits of safe bike and pedestrian infrastructure to actually enjoying and appreciating them.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_61749267578125</p>	<i>Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
50	05/11/2017 Brent Turner	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p> <p>Submitted: 05/11/2017 15:44:00</p> <p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: BRENT E TURNER</p> <p>Email Address: bturner@resslermotors.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>There needs to be a separated multi-use bike/foot path running in the easement between the Frontage Road and the railroad</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_604248046875</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
51	05/11/2017 Ed Guza	<p>Ms. Potts,</p> <p>My name is Ed Guza and my two (driving) daughters and I live off of Nelson Road and have lived here since 1999. I was surprised to learn that my only suggestion to improve the dangerous situation, i.e., adding a stop light to Nelson/Frontage, is not possible because "traffic signal warrants" were not met. Traffic has only increased by my perspective - especially with the addition of the MDT building at that intersection.</p> <p>Will you please explain what that means to the future of a stop light at that intersection? Otherwise, the suggestions all make sense. It would nice to get that road safe! Thanks for your efforts. Ed Guza</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. An email response was sent to Mr. Guza on May 12, 2017. The following is a summary of the email response: Traffic signal warrants are established guidelines used to determine the need and appropriateness for installation of traffic signals. The Nelson/Frontage Road intersection was evaluated in December 2016. The evaluation showed that signal warrants are not currently met at the intersection. The Corridor Study recommends that a traffic signal be installed if/when warrants are met.</i>

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52	05/12/2017 Suzie Drukman	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/12/2017 07:17:30 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Susie drukman Email Address: susie.drukman@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: We very much need a walk/bike path between Belgrade and bozeman. It would be well lused and reduce traffic and pollution.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_20318603515625</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
53	05/12/2017 Sara Herdina	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/12/2017 18:02:53 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Sara Herdina Email Address: sara.croghan@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am commenting on the Frontage Corridor project.</p> <p>I grew up on Frontage Road in the late eighties to the nineties. I often rode my bike along the road or in the ditches on either side. It was my only transportation to school activities sometimes. Since then, the traffic has drastically increased. Now, I live in Belgrade and spent quite a bit of time in Bozeman volunteering.</p> <p>I am committed to commuting without my car as much as possible.</p> <p>I am unable to safely travel to Bozeman with my five-year-old and one-year-old by bike. This is unacceptable. This is not an issue of recreation... this is an issue of economically and environmentally responsible commuting. Any Frontage Road improvement project without a dedicated bike path is a travesty and waste of money, in my opinion.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_739959716796875</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
54	05/12/2017 Shaina Chepulis	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/12/2017 11:48:20 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Shaina Chepulis Email Address: shaina.chepulis@ail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders, a center turn lane where appropriate, and dedicated turn lanes at major intersections. There is also a planned project (UPN 9190) which will result in a traffic signal being installed at the</i>

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		<p>When you are looking at the Belgrade/ bozeman project. Please look at a turning lane, a light to the underpass to valley center and a walking/bike paths to connect. It's is lacking these things that are safety issues.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_477874755859375</p>	<p><i>intersection with East Valley Center Road.</i></p>
55	05/12/2017 Chris McNeil	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/12/2017 11:37:39 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Chris McNeil Email Address: colorfulchris@hotmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Hello! I am writing to comment on the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage road future plans! I have traveled that road for many years and am grateful to have my voice heard! I think the reduced speed limit has been a great change. The only additional thing I would ask is a trail or path to be considered long this road. It would be such a nice addition to both communities as so many people travel back and forth, live in one and work in the other, etc. I have no doubt it would be worth the investment. If a path can not be made there....please consider installing a path along Alaska Road South of the new interstate intersection that would connect all the way to Valley Center Road, where there is already a nice path towards 19th. Finishing it from the underpass to 19th would be an additional area to connect the communities. Or even the best yet....do BOTH! Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to seeing more connectivity between these two lovely and vibrant communities!</p> <p>Sincerely, Chris</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_5084228515625</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. While Alaska Road is outside the study area for this Corridor Study, a recommendation to develop a shared-use path adjacent to the Frontage Road between Belgrade and Bozeman is included in Section 5.3.3.</i></p>
56	05/12/2017 Katherine Moyer	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/12/2017 13:37:14 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Katherine Moyer Email Address: katie.moyer@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Re Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Corridor</p> <p>Hi there, I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Two aspects I'd like to draw attention to here:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need for adjusted stop-light timing near the I-90 exit (Griffin and 7th St. intersection) near Murdoch's-- there is often significant back-up on Griffin to turn left/South onto 7th St when heading west on 	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments.</i></p> <p><i>1. There is currently a project under development (UPN 9312) to improve the intersection of Griffin</i></p>

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57	05/13/2017 Edward Moores	<p>Dear Director Tooley,</p> <p>In the early morning hours of February 23rd, I was riding my mountain bike to work at the Bozeman International Airport westbound on Frontage road. I had no vehicle to get to work other than my bike. Close to the MDT gravel site, I was struck by a vehicle traveling in the same direction with a distracted and possibly impaired driver. At the time, I was only slightly to the right of the white line as there is only a few inches of shoulder area, and I had lights and safety gear.</p> <p>I remember falling to the ground, then after being disoriented for a short period, I attempted to get up. I was in severe pain and unable to get up. A minute or two later, a gentleman pulled up in a truck and stopped. He asked if I needed help, and assisted me. A woman traveling in the opposite direction, stopped to call 911. In 5 minutes the Belgrade police and MHP were on scene. The ambulance arrived and they loaded me in. I was going into shock.</p> <p>When I arrived at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, they rushed me to xray and found I had suffered a broken pelvis in two spots; my c-5 and c-6 vertebrae were broken and I suffered a broken bone in my left was stabilized. I spent 3 weeks in the hospital. It was a very painful process. It took a lot of intensive physical therapy to just get up on crutches.</p> <p>Over the past 3 months, I have been making strides, though lingering pain exists in my left hand, which can be quite painful, as well as severe aches in my neck and pelvis, with no guarantee that I may ever recover completely. I have not yet been cleared to return to work by my doctor. I am concerned that I may suffer long term lingering effects from the severity of the accident.</p> <p>There is no safe route for a cyclist or pedestrian from Bozeman to the Airport, including the new interchange or its connecting roads. Until there is such a route, you can expect other tragedies to occur. This project of building a bike path between Bozeman and Belgrade is a much overdue entity, which must come to fruition. The state legislature callously refused to pass a measure, protecting the rights of bicyclists. In the DMV manual, it clearly states that motorists must heed the safety of a person riding a bicycle but all too often they do not.</p> <p>I believe that your motto is "Vision Zero - Zero Injuries and Zero Deaths", and that includes roads built for safety as a first concern – which is a</p>	<p>NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</p>

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		<p>very good thing. I ask that you put the same passion and determination into protecting those who ride, by going forward to construct a safe bike path in the Bozeman to Belgrade Frontage Road Corridor. No more citizens should be killed or maimed. It is time NOW, to take action and be a pillar for safety moving forward.</p> <p>Sincerely, Edward Moores</p> <p>P.S. Please include this letter in your Frontage Road Corridor Study.</p> <p>cc: Governor Bullock, Katie Potts, Dwayne Kailey, Jeff Ebert, Joe Walsh, Jeff Key, Jen Nelson, Danielle Bolan, Lori Ryan</p>	
58	05/13/2017 Edward Moores	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Ask MDT A Question Submitted: 05/13/2017 10:07:15 Name: Edward Moore's Jr. Email Address: emoores21@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Hello Miss Potts,</p> <p>In the early morning hours of February 23rd. I was riding my mountain bike on Frontage road, close to the MET gravel put, westbound, when I was struck by a vehicle. At the time, I was well inside the breakdown lane area. I remember falling to the ground, then after being disoriented for a short period, I attempted to get up. I was in sever pain and unable to get up. A minute or two later, a gentleman pulled up in a truck and stopped. He asked if I needed help, and assisted me. A woman traveling in the opposite direction, stopped to call 911.</p> <p>In 5 Minutes the Belgrade police and MHP where on the scene. The ambulance arrived and they loaded me in. I was going into shock. When I arrived at Bozeman Readiness hospital, they rushed me to c Ray. And found I had suffered a broken pelvis in two spots; my c- 5 and c- 6 vertebrae where broken and I suffered a broken bone in my left foot. I was in dire shape, and was whisked into surgery as soon as I was stabilized. I spent 3 weeks in the hospital recovering. It was a very paid full process. It took alot of intensive physical therapy, to just get up on crutches. Over the past 3 months, I have been making strides, though lingering pain exists in my left hand, which can be quite painful, as well as aches in my neck and pelvis, post surgery. I have not yet been cleared to return to work by my Dr. I am concerned that I may suffer long term lingering effects from the severity of the accident. This project of building a bike path between Bozeman and Belgrade is a much overdue entity, which must come to fruition. The state legislature callously refused to pass a measure, protecting the rights of bicyclists. In the DMV manual, it clearly states that motorists must head the safety of a person riding a bicycle. I ask that you put the same passion and determination into protecting those who ride, by going forward to install a safe bike path in the Bozemanto Belgrade corridor. No more citizens should be killed or maimed. It is time NOW, to take action and be a pillar for safety moving forward.</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i>

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59	05/13/2017 Erin Miller	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/13/2017 01:06:51 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Erin Miller Email Address: erinmiller6609@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I think a bike/walking path along this road connecting both communities could greatly benefit many taxpayers in the area.</p> <p>May people bike this road and it is not safe for the biker or motorists. Also, if there was a safe way to use the road by bike or foot it could help those that don't or can't drive to be more independent.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_72650146484375</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to include eight-foot shoulders.</i>
60	05/13/2017 Marilee Brown	<p>Ms. Potts,</p> <p>Please consider the attached public comments from Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County on the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study (draft). We commend you on this huge undertaking and hope that you consider our many comments as helpful.</p> <p>We tried to keep our comments on the hundreds of pages provided to us for the first time as brief as possible. If you don't understand a comment or want further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>We have also included two emails that were previously sent to you during public comment periods and somehow managed not to make it into the study.</p> <p>Additionally, we forwarded a copy of Edward Moores letter describing his nonmotorized crash in February on Frontage Road.</p> <p>Sincerely, Marilee Brown, Director Citizens for a Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County</p> <p><i>Attachment #1 – Comments on the Frontage Road Corridor Study</i></p> <p><u>Intersection Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slip turn lanes need to be offset. The study says “Installation of turn lanes is a hazard mitigation measure that provides separation for slowing or stopping turning traffic from the high speed through traffic.” We believe that all future right hand slip turn lanes need separation from through traffic in higher speed zones as recommended in the MDT 2007 design manual 28.9.2, 28.4(24), 28.4.1.3, Fig 28.4k to improve line of sight and turning radius. This will help to give an added cushion of reaction time to vehicles entering the highway from side streets. Currently, only Springhill, Nelson, and Valley Center Spur have them. 	CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments.</i> <p><i>All improvements, including turn lanes, will be developed according to current standards.</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nelson Road and Sacajawea Peak left turn lane. Recommended left turn lane should only be installed with a light. It should continue to be a shared use lane because of visibility issues with moving obstructions until a light is installed. This should also be true for Sacajawea Peak, which has a hill to the east obstructing westbound vehicles while waiting to enter Frontage. Airport Road needs to have separated slip turn lanes and a light when warrants are met. Ron Murray spoke at the last public meeting about the incapacitating crash that happened on Nov. 17, 2016 as a result of no turn lanes. Funding was already provided to the County in the past by developers for a light. <p><u>Spot Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed Signage at Valley Center and Valley Center Spur. Because the speed changes directly at the intersection from 45mph to 60mph it is difficult for vehicles entering Valley Center to gage what speed the vehicles are traveling and how much time there is to enter the road from the spur, especially with some vehicles slowing down to turn. The assumption of some drivers is that all slowing vehicles will be turning right and it is safe to pull out in front of them. We suggest that the westbound speed change should be moved in the near future at least 300 feet to the east, and eastbound increase should be 300 feet to the east. Ideally, the speed should be studied on Valley Center east of the Spur since there is only a short section of 60mph between two 45mph zones. No stopping on tracks sign. The no stopping on railroad tracks sign has been missing from the Spur for over a year. Vehicles continue to wait to turn on top of the tracks. This has been reported to the MDT in the past. <p><u>Corridor Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Separated Paths. We believe that the wording "Develop" and "Investigate Opportunities" on Separated Shared-use Path should be changed to "Constructed when funding is available," indicating that it is an immediate safety need. Although shoulders will improve mobility for non-motorized users, it is unlikely that they will be built with segments that have logical termini. An example is the Belgrade Slope Flattening project that ends in the middle of nowhere at a creek. Separated Path project time-lines. The time on Separated Paths should be changed to "Short to Mid Term projects" since the study points out that they may "be developed earlier than reconstruction including widened shoulders". Funding on Separated Paths should be expanded to allow for Federal and State monies if available, policy changes, or with safety exceptions. Although funding is not currently available under the current MDT policy for non-motorized facilities (with the exception of 	<p>Left turn lanes are developed in accordance with current design standards. The slope flattening project (UPN 8031) is currently under development and includes the intersection with Sacajawea Peak. The project has an anticipated let date in 2018.</p> <p>We will add a recommendation in Section 5.3.1 to develop an eastbound left-turn lane and to evaluate the intersection for additional traffic control if/when future development occurs.</p> <p>Valley Center Road is outside the study area for this Corridor Study. The intersections with the East Valley Center Spur are anticipated to be signalized as part of the East Valley Center Spur Intersections project (UPN 9190). The new traffic signals may result in changed traffic conditions which may be re-evaluated at that time.</p> <p>Your comment will be passed onto MDT Maintenance and to the East Valley Center Spur Intersections (UPN 9190) Project Manager.</p> <p>The Corridor Study recommends that a shared-use path be developed, which would include all phases of project development including planning, identification of funding, design, right-of-way, and construction. There are additional steps necessary prior to construction.</p> <p>The anticipated timeframe takes into account that there is no funding identified for the project and there are unknown design and right-of-way constraints which would need to be explored further. The timeframe identified does not preclude a project being developed sooner than anticipated.</p> <p>The identified funding sources are the most logical sources used to</p>

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		<p>TA funds), we believe it should not fall entirely on the local entities to secure as this would be in noncompliance with Federal mandates or <u>safety needs</u>. In addition, the current MDT policy requires that such pathways be constructed at the same time as MDT construction projects. If a roadway is improved or reconstructed without including the pathway, it makes it far more difficult and costly to secure right-of-way, design, and construction in the future since the required construction component has already occurred.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Belgrade Slope Flattening project should not dictate the needs of the community and safety of the road just because the design has been completed. Rather safety, <u>and the needs of the community as defined in this study</u> should form the basis of any project yet to be funded. Therefore, to save money and comply with this study and other requirements, the design of the Belgrade Slope Flattening Project should be adjusted to include the procurement of right-of-way, design for a pathway, and possibly the grading of a future pathway in conjunction with the project. A future pathway should not be jeopardized because of clear zones that were designed and constructed without a pathway in mind. • Side Rumble Strips. The Slope Flattening Belgrade project calls for “The inclusion of shoulder rumble strips” which is counter productive for the use of nonmotorized traffic. Cyclists have great difficulty navigating rumble strips. If they are included it should be called out as being directly on the white line or just left of it. This should be made true for all future and current projects. • Unsafe shoulder termini. Shoulders that are to be used by non-motorized traffic until such time as a separated multiuser pathway is built should have the same requirements of logical termini on separated pathways for obvious reasons. Additionally, if a shoulder is going to suddenly end it should be marked in such a way that a person entering it from logical termini will be forewarned. <p><u>Possible Errors and omissions in the study</u></p> <p>The following items that are in the study don't make sense and may be in error:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springhill Signal dates. Appendix II and IV under Recent and Planned Projects lists a 2002 signal at Springhill with a letting date of 2015. Please note that the signal was put in place in 2002 and an advance warning system in 2015. • Improvements made at Nelson Road and V.C. Spur. Appendix I (Existing and Projected Conditions), II and IV (Improvements) does NOT list the recent improvements at Nelson and Valley Center Spur which were restriping a offset area between the turn lanes and the through traffic for better visibility of traffic entering the highway. It only mentions “turn bays” being added years ago. These safety improvements were made in response to crash fatalities and should be included. • Interchange non-motorized facilities. In appendix 4 page 5, under East Belgrade Interchange, it states that “This improvement was completed in 2015”. It continues to state that a non-motorized facility was “developed in association with this project”. However, there are no bike lanes or separated paths. There is only a pedestrian sidewalk. 	<p>develop a stand-alone shared-use path project.</p> <p><i>A shared-use path is not included with the slope flattening project as the project is intended to address an identified safety trend of single-vehicle run off the road crashes. A shared-use path would not address this crash trend and therefore is not eligible for use of safety funds allocated for this project.</i></p> <p><i>Rumble strips will be developed according to current standards. The project includes eight-foot shoulders which provide adequate width to accommodate bicyclists and shoulder rumble strips.</i></p> <p><i>The project limits are determined by the presence of single-vehicle run off the road crashes. The shoulders will be terminated at the project limits in accordance with current standards.</i></p> <p><i>The letting date of the Springhill Road Traffic Signal project will be changed to 2002 in Table 2 in the Existing and Project Conditions Report.</i></p> <p><i>The list of projects is not all inclusive. Only major projects were included in the list.</i></p> <p><i>The statement is from the 2007 Greater Bozeman Area LRTP which recommended that non-motorized facilities be developed in association with the East</i></p>

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		<p>This is incomplete and dangerous for cyclists mixing with gravel trucks or harried travelers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Fatalities. At least twice in the documents it is stated, "There were three fatal crashes resulting in five fatalities" At the crash sites that you have indicated on the map, we are aware of three deaths, not five. They were Caleb Jones (motorized) 6/6/12, Kari Friedman (motorized) 4/16/14, and Kevin O'Brian (non-motorized) 6/24/14. There probably have been other deaths along the road either before or after the study period and slightly outside the boundaries. Death of Cyclist. The MDT Corridor Study report states incorrectly that the death occurring east of Springhill on 6/24/14 was a right angle crash and fails to mention that it was a large truck hitting a cyclist that was traveling the same direction. We have spoken to witnesses that reported the cyclist, Kevin O'Brian, was having difficulty maintaining his balance while carrying grocery bags on his handlebars on the narrow rocky and intermittent shoulder. Kevin clearly could be seen for some distance away sometimes occupying the paved roadway. The truck attempted to pass Kevin at a high rate of speed. Kevin was caught off balance and swerved further into lane and was hit and killed. Kevin did not own a motorized vehicle and was transporting himself to his home from the store. <u>It would have been an avoidable crash if there had been a separated pathway. Such a facility should be made a safety construction and funding priority.</u> <p><u>Misc. and General Suggestions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-motorized fatalities and incapacitating crashes. Please include in the crash summaries and data how many crashes and deaths involved non-motorized transportation. Physical Features should include lack of non-motorized facilities and shoulders. Please include the lack of non-motorized facilities for the majority of the Corridor under Physical Features and Characteristics. This is especially important since there are no other close by alternate direct routes existing north of I-90. Such facilities are federally mandated. Originally you included the lack of shoulders in your slide presentations, but they have now been removed from the Physical Features and Characteristics. Perhaps they should be added back in. TCC Motion for Separated Paths. A letter was sent to you on Feb. 13, 2017, noting that the Bozeman Transportation Coordinating Committee approved the following motion on Jan. 27, 2016. There is no reference to the Motion anywhere in the study. Since it was endorsed by several of the government boards that serve the immediate cities of Belgrade and Bozeman, we think it should be mentioned. The language is as follows: "To maximize the safety for non-motorized users of the old US 10 roadway running west from Bozeman, a ten-foot wide paved separated shared-use path should be an integral part of any construction or reconstruction project in that roadway right-of-way. An effort should be made to extend this path as far as possible and to make it a part of a connected system. Such a path should be incorporated into the design of the current slope-flattening project reportedly under design east of Belgrade." <u>It was endorsed by: Belgrade City-County Planning Board, Bozeman Parks and Recreation Board, Bozeman Area Bicycle</u> 	<p><i>Belgrade Interchange project. The project was completed in 2015.</i></p> <p><i>The summary of fatalities is incorrect. There were three fatal crashes which resulted in three fatalities. The report will be changed to address this comment.</i></p> <p><i>The crash was reported as a right-angle crash. A discussion on non-motorized crashes will be added to the report.</i></p> <p><i>There were three bicyclists and two pedestrians involved in crashes. A discussion on non-motorized crashes will be added to the report.</i></p> <p><i>The following will be added as a bullet to Section 3.4.1: The corridor generally consists of one 12-foot travel lane in each direction with narrow shoulders.</i></p> <p><i>The Bozeman Area Transportation Coordinating Committee is an advisory committee. Their motion, as provided via email on 02/13/2017 will be included as public comment.</i></p>

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		<p><u>Advisory Board, Bozeman Area Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee, and several non-governmental local groups.</u></p> <p>(A letter sent on Feb 13, 2017 stating the motion and who endorsed it is missing from the public comments and is included with these comments)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bozeman City requirements for development along Frontage Road. Future provisions for a separated pathway have been required by the City of Bozeman within its jurisdiction on properties such as the MDT facility at Nelson Road. Please see letter from Safer Bozeman sent to Potts and Key on February 13, 2017, which is missing from public comment appendix and included with these comments. <p>Recent hit and run of cyclist on Feb. 23, 2017. Although this crash occurred outside the study timeline, it clearly illustrates the need for construction of a separated pathway for safety needs, not just a future need to be “developed and investigated”. Before dawn, Edward Moores was transporting himself to work at the airport from Bozeman. He did not have the option of driving a motorized vehicle. He was wearing safety equipment and had safety lights on his bike. A distracted and impaired driver named Eric Carver hit Edward from behind in front of the MDT gravel storage site where there was no shoulder at mile marker 22. Edward sustained life threatening injuries including a pelvis broken in two places, and broken vertebrae. There were no other alternate safe routes that Edward could have taken to work. <u>A separated pathway should be made an immediate safety construction need and priority. Shoulders are not adequate to protect nonmotorized traffic (of all ages, and abilities including the sight impaired) from impaired and distracted drivers, gusts of wind, blocked or dead-end shoulders, etc. We urge the MDT to include safety funding for such a path in the near future. But if such funding is not available now, then an immediate need should be well established in the corridor study so that a pathway can be constructed quickly without further “development” and in conjunction with a project when funding does become available.</u></p> <p>The MDT should already have received a letter from the cyclist to Director Tooley that should be included in this study. We have also forwarded a copy to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railroad. The study indicates that a response was received from the Montana Rail Link. Please include a copy of that response in the study. <p>Railroad and shoulders carrying non-motorized traffic. The study states “Guidelines for the railway state that trails parallel to the track on the railroad right-of-way are not permitted”. And yet, the MDT’s desire to use the shoulder of the Belgrade Slope Flattening project to carry non-motorized traffic does exactly that on the south side of the highway. When school children return to their homes from Belgrade they will be directly next to the railroad and then have to cross over the highway to their homes. This poses a huge risk to the MRL, the MDT, and the public. A much safer solution would be a separated pathway on the north side of the highway to accommodate all non-motorized traffic.</p>	<p><i>There is a Memorandum of Understanding in place between the City of Bozeman and MDT agreeing that a shared-use path will be constructed at the MDT facility once there are logical connection points. The letter from Safety Bozeman will be included as public comment.</i></p> <p><i>This letter was received and is included as public comment.</i></p> <p>MRL provided comments on the draft Existing and Projected Conditions Report. Their comments will be included in Appendix A.</p> <p><i>Roadway widening occurring with the slope flattening project is occurring only to the north as required by the Railroad. The edge of pavement on the south side is being maintained at its current location. There will be no further encroachment towards the railroad.</i></p>

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		<p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Marilee Brown, Director Citizens for a Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County</p> <p>Attachment #2 – Existing non-motorized facilities in the Corridor Study <i>Original email sent 02/13/2017</i></p> <p>Hello Jeff,</p> <p>I'm just following up on some notes that I took at the first public meeting on the Belgrade to Bozeman Corridor Study. I don't believe that you ever mentioned that there already is a portion of a separated path near Springhill, and the provision for a path at the MDT maintenance facility at Nelson Road. The numbered items below were not mentioned on your slide showing "Non-Motorized Facilities" and the below items were not mentioned in the the "Existing or Future Recommendations" – perhaps they just were not prominent enough to fit onto a slide. I first reported the Springhill separated path in my cover letter to you last spring with a photo and caption. Here is more detail:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City of Bozeman Planning Department required that a separated shared use path be included as a condition on the site plan of the MDT facility at Nelson Road. They did not require that it be constructed immediately as it did not connect to anything and might degrade as soon as it was installed. A condition on the site plan required the MDT to sign an agreement to either pay their prorated share of construction or construct the trail when the facility was constructed to one of their project boundaries. The agreement is in the project file. 2. A 4 foot concrete path already exists behind the Gallatin Veterinary Hospital located at 1635 Reeves Road East which is between the Highway Patrol and Springhill Road. It was required by the City of Bozeman Planning. A photo of it is below looking east from Springhill Road. This photo was taken in spring of 2016. You can clearly see in the photo that a cyclist is on Frontage Road with a truck about to pass him at a double yellow line. This is very near where Kevin Patrick O'Brien was killed in June of 2014 on his cycle by a truck. There is a steep slope and wetland in between them and the path. The 7th street ramp can be seen in the distance. 	<p><i>There is a Memorandum of Understanding in place between the City of Bozeman and MDT agreeing that a shared-use path will be constructed at the MDT facility once there are logical connection points. The letter from Safety Bozeman will be included as public comment.</i></p> <p><i>The following statement is included in Section 3.2.1.10: There is approximately 310 feet of separated shared-use path constructed south of the Gallatin Veterinary Hospital and north of the Frontage Road east of the intersection with Campbell Road.</i></p>

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		 <p>Thank you for adding these items to your documentation.</p> <p>We will be sending you some more useful information on some of the foreseeable risk to the MDT and the railroads in the next few days if shoulders are the only facility in the corridor findings.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Marilee Brown, Director Citizens for a Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County</p> <p>406-579-5447</p> <p>Please confirm receipt.</p> <p>Attachment #3 – Motion on Separated Shared-Use Path 1/27/16 <i>Original email sent 02/13/2017</i></p> <p>Hi Jeff,</p> <p>Just in case you do not already have it for the Corridor Study, I am enclosing the wording of the Motion on Separated Shared-Use Path, passed January 27, 2016 by the TCC.</p> <p>It has been officially endorsed by:</p> <p>Bozeman Area Transportation Coordination Committee Gallatin Valley Land Trust Bozeman and gallatin County Pedestrian Traffic Safety Committee Bozeman Area Bicycle Advisory Board Citizens for a Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County Collin's Coalition Belgrade and Gallatin County Planning Board</p> <p>"To maximize safety for non-motorized users of the old US. 10 roadway running west from Bozeman, a ten-foot wide paved separated shared-use path should be an integral part of any construction or reconstruction project in that roadway right-of-way. An effort should be made to extend this path as far as possible and to make it a part of a connected system.</p> <p><i>The Bozeman Area Transportation Coordinating Committee is an advisory committee. Their motion, as provided via email on 02/13/2017 will be included as public comment.</i></p>	

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		<p>Such a path should be incorporated into the design of the current slope flattening project reportedly under design east of Belgrade."</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Marilee Brown Citizens for a Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County 406-579-5447</p>	
61	05/14/2017 Laura Holm	<p>Hello MDT, Thank you for your study of Frontage road. My driveway is on this corridor. Will you please do everything in your power to include a separate bike path and walking path, off of the main roadway. The Frontage road is so busy and high speed that residents are landlocked on their property. It is prohibitive for safety reasons to walk to an area where there is public transportation. This corridor is heavily used with large vehicles at high speeds. Many people interested in alternative transportation like bicycle or walking do not have an option because of lack of a bike/walking path. it is sorely needed. Thank you for your consideration. Laura Holm</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>
62	05/14/2017 Sarah Tabor	<p><i>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</i></p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/14/2017 22:42:44 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Sarah Tabor Email Address: saftabor@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>I am writing a comment to encourage the MDT to consider cycling and pedestrian traffic in the corridor between Belgrade and Bozeman. I lived in Bozeman for a decade and taught school in Belgrade. There was and still is NO SAFE WAY to ride a bicycle between the two towns. I have recently purchased a home in Belgrade and I can tell you, it is only a matter of time before these two towns are connected as one. There are so many people who say they would ride a bike between the two towns, but there is literally no safe options for us. There aren't even any back roads that a bike can ride on. Valley Center road is bicycle friendly. But Alaska Rd and Jackrabbit Lane are a death wish for a cyclist. We live in a valley that is committed to healthy lifestyles and I request that the MDT give all forms of transportation consideration. Please make a safe cyclist passage between these rapidly growing towns!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_13995361328125</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. Recommendations are included in Section 5.3.3 to construct a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman and to reconstruct the corridor to included eight-foot shoulders.</i>
63	05/14/2017 Ralph Zimmer	<p>This email pertains to the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study and I request it be considered in determining changes to the April 14 draft of the study's final report and recommendations.</p> <p>Sunday, May 14, 2017</p> <p>Katie,</p> <p>I am legally blind. While fortunately I can see better than most legally blind persons, it does make me very sensitive to the problems and needs</p>	NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED <i>Thank you for your comments. The development of a shared-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman is included as a recommendation in Section 5.3.3.</i>

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		<p>of the visually impaired and blind. I need to speak up on behalf of all such persons.</p> <p>Paved shoulders are NOT a satisfactory substitute for a separated shared-use path. The Corridor Study's statement that such a separated path MAY be safer than paved shoulders for use by non-motorized users is an error. The proposed separated path IS safer than using paved shoulders.</p> <p>There are many reasons why a separated path is safer and should be considered as a preferred option for non-motorized travel. I will mention some of them.</p> <p>In part (but only in part) it is because of the hazards the visually impaired and blind face on paved shoulders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have difficulty walking in a straight line. On sidewalks, I attempt to walk down the center of the sidewalk but often suddenly discover I've wandered left or right occasionally even stepping on the outside edge. If I were walking on a paved shoulder, I would occasionally find myself right at the edge of the traveled way. Persons with worse vision than I would be at real risk of stepping into the traveled way. 2. I have difficulty seeing objects lying on the walkway. In the case of a paved shoulder, there often is road debris lying on the shoulder. When I unknowingly step on such debris I often suddenly find my direction of travel is immediately, unexpectedly, and sometimes significantly altered. If my path deviates in one direction, I have on occasion fallen when I stepped off the edge of the walkway. If my path deviated in the opposite direction, I might suddenly step into the traveled way surprising oncoming drivers and thus creating the hazard of a disastrous vehicle/pedestrian collision. (Note that the same hazard exists for bicyclists, particularly younger, inexperienced bicyclists.) 3. Sometimes vehicles are stopped on the shoulder. Indeed, a few weeks ago one person told me that very day there were two such vehicles along the frontage road. An 8-foot paved shoulder will allow stopped vehicles to get out of the way of moving vehicles on the traveled way, but it puts those stopped vehicles squarely in the path of non-motorized users traveling on those shoulders. <p>When I would come up on such an obstruction squarely in front of me. I would have to make a very difficult decision. I'd either have to go outside the stopped vehicle walking on the unpaved terrain and its hazards which with my impaired vision would be difficult to identify or I would have to venture out into the traveled way and, because of my vision, perhaps directly into the path of an oncoming vehicle. (Note a stopped vehicle would present the same risks to all bicyclists, not just the young and inexperience bicyclists.)</p> <p>There are other reasons why a separated path would be better and safer than using a paved shoulder:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It puts the non-motorized user a greater distance away from the traveled way and thus less likely to be hit by an errant driver who perhaps is distracted or suffers a sudden tire failure or encounters an oncoming vehicle in their own lane. 2. The further away the non-motorized user is from the traveled way the less road debris will be on their path and that debris lying there creates hazards. 	

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		<p>3. Some non-motorized users will be accompanied by dogs. Even those dogs that are leashed may suddenly dart out into the travelled way if the owner is on a paved shoulder. A dog suddenly darting into the traveled way might easily result in drivers taking evasive actions resulting in crashes.</p> <p>4. Someone on a separated path is far less likely to be hit by road debris kicked up by a passing vehicle plus be far less likely to be a target of objects deliberately thrown from a passing vehicle. (I know a woman who was the target of such a deliberately thrown object along the frontage road.)</p> <p>The proposed shared-use path is, as its name implies, intended to accommodate pedestrians as well as bicyclists. AASHTO's Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities states "Most highway shoulders are not pedestrian facilities..."</p> <p>I was present at a meeting of the State Transportation Commission in October when the then-chairman stated that while he personally would be comfortable with riding a bicycle on the paved shoulder of a rural, two-lane, high-speed highway, he would NOT want his grandchildren riding on such a shoulder.</p> <p>The previous edition of MDT's own Road Design Manual listed a number of factors any one of which it said might justify a separated bike path. The frontage road clearly meets not just one but many of those factors. Even though the present edition of that manual omits that listing, the listing still has validity and shows the justification for a separated bike path and in this case a separated shared-use path.</p> <p>All of the above leads to the conclusion that two changes are needed in the April 14 draft of the corridor study's final report and recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report should state a separated path IS safer than using a paved shoulder (rather than simply saying it MAY be safer). (NOTE: Such a wording change would NOT say a separated is completely safe; it would simply say it is SAFER.) 2. The wording of the "note" at the conclusion of the description of Option #9 (the shared-use path) should be changed to eliminate the inference that 8-foot paved shoulders are an acceptable substitute for a separated shared-use path. <p>Thank you for rolling these comments into your final revisions and your documentation of comments received.</p> <p>Ralph Ralph W. Zimmer</p>	<p><i>A separated path may not be safer than a paved shoulder in all situations. A separated path, for example, may have the potential to introduce new safety issues such as crossings at private approaches, crossings at roadways, and other unforeseen issues. Without knowledge of project details, it is uncertain how a shared-use path may affect safety.</i></p> <p><i>The note provided in the shared-use path recommendation states that an additional recommendation is made to reconstruct the corridor to include eight-foot shoulders. The widened shoulders would improve safety for all users. The note does not infer that if widened shoulders are provided that a shared-use path would not be recommended.</i></p>

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64	05/14/2017 Ralph Zimmer	<p>This email pertains to the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study and I request it be considered in determining changes to the April 14 draft of the study's final report and recommendations.</p> <p>Sunday, May 14, 2017</p> <p>Katie,</p> <p>As we tie up the loose ends of the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study, I would direct your attention to some loose ends that should be cleaned up.</p> <p>References to the 2007 Bozeman Transportation Plan are now outdated and moot since Bozeman's new Transportation Master Plan has been completed and officially adopted by the Bozeman City Commission. As a result, Bozeman's officially adopted transportation plan now calls for a separated shared-use path on the north side of the frontage road.</p> <p>I believe the action Bozeman's Transportation Coordinating Committee took at its January 27, 2016, meeting deserves to be mentioned in the corridor study. At that meeting, TCC approved the following motion:</p> <p>To maximize safety for non-motorized users of the old US 10 roadway running west from Bozeman, a ten-foot wide paved separated shared-use path should be an integral part of any construction or reconstruction project in that roadway right-of-way. An effort should be made to extend this path as far as possible and to make it a part of a connected system. Such a path should be incorporated into the design of the current slope flattening project reportedly under design east of Belgrade.</p> <p>This action by TCC deserves to be mentioned in the Corridor Study for two major reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This group is the group officially sanctioned by MDT to coordinate transportation planning activities. Its voting representation includes the City of Bozeman and the County of Gallatin as well as MDT itself. 2. The TCC action was subsequently endorsed by the Belgrade City/County Planning Board. This means that official groups at both ends of the proposed path (the Bozeman end and the Belgrade end) have come to agreement on the need for a separated share-use path on the north side of the frontage road. <p>It is worth noting that the January 27, 2016, TCC action has also been endorsed by a number of other official and non-official groups including the Bozeman Parks and Recreation Board and at least five citizen advisory committees.</p> <p>The Corridor Study is ending. Its final report would be most helpful and most informative if it duly reported the relevant content of the new</p>	<p>CHANGE RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments.</i></p> <p><i>The 2007 LRTP still applies to those areas within Gallatin County and outside of the 2017 Transportation Master Plan study area. A section will be added to the Existing and Projected Conditions Report summarizing the recommendations in the 2017 TMP.</i></p> <p><i>The Bozeman Area Transportation Coordinating Committee is an advisory committee. Their motion, as provided via email on 02/13/2017 will be included as public comment.</i></p>

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		<p>Bozeman Transportation Master Plan, the action taken by TCC, and the endorsement of that action by the Belgrade City/County Planning Board.</p> <p>I am hoping you will make these changes to the April 14 draft of the Corridor Study's final report and also include this email in the compilation of comments received during the corridor study. Thank you!!</p> <p>Ralph Ralph W. Zimmer</p> <p>cc: Jeff Key Jeff Ebert Jen Nelson Joe Walsh</p>	

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1	08/09/2016 Jason DeLume	<p>Add to email list - Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study. Please and thank you! (I'm on the BABAB.)</p> <p>Jason delmue@yahoo.com</p>
2	08/25/2016 Virjeana Brown	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 08/25/2016 07:05:11 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Virjeana Brown Email Address: jbrown89531@live.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: This comment is in regard to the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study. I think it is important to allow bike/pedestrian pathways along the frontage road. This will allow reduction of usage of the road between the two cities as many people would like to ride their bikes back and forth to work, especially in the spring/summer/fall months. It is healthier for the individuals as well as healthier for the planet.</p> <p>I cannot make the meeting in Bozeman tonight, but did want my comments included in this project.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_215850830078125</p>

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3	08/25/2016 Marilee Brown	<p>Citizens for a SAFER BOZEMAN & Gallatin County</p>  <p><i>Commuter traveling to Belgrade along Frontage Road P-205 5/18/16 2:15 p.m. at Nelson Road and MDT facility.</i></p>  <p><i>Recreational Cyclist on Frontage Road P-205 5/18/16 2:10 p.m. near where Kevin O'Brien was killed in 2014 on his bike.</i></p>  <p><i>Unconnected segment of Separated Multi-Use Pathway next to Highway Patrol Facility. Cyclist and Traffic on Frontage Road P-205 at right side of photo.</i></p> <p>Marilee Brown, Director saferbozeman@gmail.com 406-579-5447</p> <p>www.frontagepathway.com</p> <p>Aug. 25, 2016</p> <p>Dear Mr. Key,</p> <p>Presented here in person is our petition to have a separated multi-use pathway built between Bozeman and Belgrade along Frontage Road signed by over 3,000 people from all over the Gallatin Valley.</p> <p>We received an overwhelmingly positive response from the community requesting a separated bike path on Frontage Road. While some of these signatures are from cyclists, we made great effort to collect names in public places such as grocery stores, schools, shopping areas, restaurants, and in neighborhoods adjacent to Frontage Road to accurately reflect the whole community. These signatures were gathered over a very short period of time in less than 6 weeks. More complete information such as physical addresses and/or e-mail addresses is available upon request.</p> <p>Will you please add this petition as public comment to the ongoing Corridor Study on Frontage Road?</p> <p>Below is the petition wording:</p> <p><i>"We the undersigned people of Gallatin County urge the Cities of Belgrade and Bozeman, Gallatin County, and the Montana Department of Transportation to work together to include a shared-use paved pathway on any projects upon the old U.S. 10 highway running from Bozeman through Belgrade (the frontage road).</i></p> <p><i>To maximize safety, the pathway should be outside the edge of the paved shoulder and preferably beyond the drainage ditch along the side of the road. If necessary, additional right of way should be acquired.</i></p> <p><i>This pathway should be incorporated in all construction and reconstruction projects on the highway including any that already are in planning and/or design.</i></p> <p><i>The pathway should be extended as far west and east as possible and connected to other paths wherever feasible."</i></p> <p>Sincerely,</p>  <p>Marilee Brown, Director Citizens for a Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County</p> <p>cc: Ebert, Potts</p>

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		<p>Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Bike/Pedestrian Pathway Petition published by Safer Bozeman on Mar 09, 2016</p> <p>Background (Preamble):</p> <p>The Golden Opportunity for a Belgrade to Bozeman Bike/Pedestrian Pathway is NOW!</p> <p>Road improvements along Frontage Road between Belgrade and Bozeman Montana are currently in design and we don't want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to add a pathway now or on future projects.</p> <p>The Cities, County, and MDT need to know that this is vital - and smart.</p> <p>Please sign the Petition!</p> <p>Petition Text:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Petition for Frontage Pathway</p> <p>We the undersigned people of Gallatin County urge the Cities of Belgrade and Bozeman, Gallatin County, and the Montana Department of Transportation to work together to include a shared-use paved pathway on any projects upon the old U.S. 10 highway running from Bozeman through Belgrade (the frontage road).</p> <p>To maximize safety, the pathway should be outside the edge of the paved shoulder and preferably beyond the drainage ditch along the side of the road. 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4	08/26/2016 Kevin Cook	<p>Katie,</p> <p>I am a partner in several properties along the corridor and would like to meet with somebody when you are ready. Both parcels are currently being farmed but eventually will be subdivided when the time is right. I am in the development business and have been for years. The two parcels of land are north of the Frontage road and west of Mountain View Subdivision. I will be representing a little over a mile of road frontage for these properties. I did attend your meeting in Bozeman last night but had to leave early so I was not able to talk with any representatives from MDT. My contact information is below. Look forward to talking with you. Thank you, Kevin Cook</p> <p>Kevin Cook 1276 North 15th Avenue Suite 103 Bozeman, MT 59715 406-586-0302 Kevin@genecookrealestate.com</p>
5	08/27/2016 Elizabeth Marum	<p>Please add me to your mailing list for information on this Corridor Study. I was sorry to have missed the initial meeting, but it conflicted with the 100th Celebration of the National Park Service and I had plans to attend that. Thank you, Elizabeth</p> <p>Elizabeth Marum 406-570-1033 814 E Missoula Ave. Belgrade MT 59714</p>

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6	08/30/2016 Georgia Jenkins	<p style="text-align: right;">BELGRADE to BOZEMAN corridor RECEIVED FRONTAGE ROAD study</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AUG 30 2016</p> <p>COMMENT FORM TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</p> <p>Informational Meeting #1 – August 25, 2016</p> <p>Please Submit Your Comments:</p> <p>Was sitting behind you at the meeting - did not realize it was you or I would have meant you. The meeting was a start - realize it is part of a long range plan but - the people on the Frontage Rd are almost a separate plan that needs addressed in the next few years. Please look at the back of this on the map, it shows where six deaths have occurred since I have lived here 1991- 2016 - We have accidents quite often - my home with the high embankments has had at least five (non-fatal) thank goodness! But the risk of having me everytime I turn into my drive. The new speed limit of 50mph has helped much and the new Airport Street change for traffic. It needs to be patrolled more often! We only need a double lane with turn out lanes and wider shoulders. No bike or walking paths! Thank you for your consideration (over!) Georgia Jenkins</p> <p>See study area map on other side</p> <p>Please mail or email your comments to: Katie Potts, Project Manager MDT Statewide and Urban Planning Section PO Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620-1001 406-444-9238 Email: kpotts@mt.gov</p> <p>To receive further study information, please provide your name and address: Name: <u>GEORGIA JENKINS</u> Address: <u>24111 FRONTAGE Rd</u> <u>BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59718</u> Email: <u>N/A</u></p>

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7	09/08/2016 Deborah McAtee	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED SEP 08 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMENT FORM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Informational Meeting #1 – August 25, 2016</p> <p>Please Submit Your Comments:</p> <p>① The Griffy/Boss 7th intersection is bad and getting worse. One person trying to turn left (headed north) is enough to block traffic in that direction for an entire signal change. Having one-lane-width north bound lane north of the intersection is confusing and has caused near-misses. The entrance to Monklock's closest to the casino is unnecessary (there are three other access points to the lot) and results in abrupt stops just after the intersection – and near misses.</p> <p>② From Valley Center Spur at the highway, looking NW, the sight line is blocked by the hill just past the turning lane. Flattening the hill would improve the sight line and safety for vehicles turning onto the highway. The worst is when a car turning right onto the spur road sides or car going straight, a transition hidden by the hill.</p> <p>See study area map on other side</p> <p>Please mail or email your comments to: Katie Potts, Project Manager MDT Statewide and Urban Planning Section PO Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620-1001 406-444-9238 Email: k.potts@mt.gov</p> <p>To receive further study information, please provide your name and address: Name: <u>Deborah McAtee</u> Address: <u>2785 Rusty Nail Rd</u> <u>Bozeman, MT 59715</u> Email: <u>deborahmactee@gmail.com</u></p>

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8	10/19/2016 Fred Heinrichs	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/19/2016 11:41:53 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Fred Heinrichs</p>

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		<p>Email Address: skierfwh@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I live roughly one mile north of the Frontage Road on Nelson Road and make frequent, if not daily trips, to Belgrade. Making this route safer for auto traffic is overdue. At a minimum left turn lanes in both directions at all intersections should be considered. Providing a safe separate bike/pedestrian path parallel to the road and the tracks would encourage that alternative mode of transportation, while enhancing safety of the road itself. Also keeping Valley Spur open with a traffic light would be a God send. Thank you.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_278717041015625</p>
9	10/24/2016 Kevin Cook	<p>I will try and make the November 1st meeting, I attended the initial meeting this past month. We are part owners in several parcels of ground along the frontage road and would request and individual meeting to talk about our parcels and plans for the future. The parcels go from the west side of Mountain View subdivision going west to Dollar Drive. We are working with the Airport Authority to do a land trade, which would give us 1.5 miles of road frontage. This trade should be completed this coming week. The parcel owners would be KMC Partnership and Airport Road LP.</p> <p>Thanks, Kevin Cook 406-586-0302</p>
10	10/25/2016 Kevin Cook	<p>Thank you for the information. We are not planning a subdivision at this time and will continue to farm the ground in the near future. I was just reaching out to discuss potential access, and talk about the study corridor on how our land fits into corridor. I will reach out to Jim and work on setting up a meeting.</p> <p>Thanks, Kevin</p>
11	10/31/2016 Jennie	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 06:47:46 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jennie Email Address: holton0321@msn.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: It is well known that there is an affordable housing problem in Bozeman. Many can only find more reasonably priced housing in Belgrade and commute each day to Bozeman for work. A designated bike/pedestrian pathway between Bozeman and Belgrade would provide a healthier, cheaper, safer and environmentally friendly alternative to commuting between Bozeman and Belgrade. Let's add another great benefit to this community!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_5035400390625</p>
12	10/31/2016 Jennifer Becker	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 06:36:17 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jennifer Becker Email Address: pbjbecker@msn.com Other Details: Katie Potts</p> <p>Comment or Question: It is very important that a safe path be made on the frontage road. It is dangerous to ride a bike or even walk as there is not much shoulder to the road. Even with reduced speed, there just isn't enough space</p>

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		<p>to ride a bike. There should be more paths to safely ride. More people ride bikes to commute and for fitness, etc. and it is much needed to have a safe path here.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_9207763671875</p>
13	10/31/2016 Carol Flaherty	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 05:58:19 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Carol Flaherty Email Address: carol@carolflaherty.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am 67 and a Bozeman resident since 1978. My husband and I seek out safe paths to ride our bikes, using many RailTrails and the Bozeman community trail system frequently. It is part of intentionally keeping healthy for us, and we have noticed a more profound connection to Bozeman since we began intentionally riding and walking about 1991. We would probably ride a trail between Bozeman and Belgrade a few times a year, and in addition, we would probably use it for cross country skiing when conditions allowed. I realize that adding a trail between Bozeman and Belgrade would be expensive, but it would be very welcome and appreciated . . . An extension of and proof of what these communities offer that is different than many other communities. Thank you for considering the addition.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_729766845703125</p>
14	10/31/2016 Kent Madin	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 07:06:51 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Kent Madin Email Address: rett139@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am a Bozeman resident and fully support the creation of a frontage pathway between Belgrade and Bozeman.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_31817626953125</p>
15	10/31/2016 Chris Bakwin	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 07:49:22 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Chris Bakwin Email Address: BakwinRanch@hotmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I would like to comment in support of a SEPARATED bike and pedestrian pathway between Bozeman and Belgrade. the benefits of people choosing to walk or bike, over bringing their car to the already crowded roads of Bozeman (and Belgrade) are many and by separating the proposed pathway we could add the safety needed for many people to use it. riding bikes on a roadway where the speed limit is (appropriately) quite high, is dangerous especially in the winter. Please build this pathway. thank you</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_4462890625</p>

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16	10/31/2016 Alan Hooker	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 07:58:59 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Alan Hooker Email Address: alan@owmihoh.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am in favor of a separate multi-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman. It should be physically separate from the motor vehicle road bed. Bike paths that are part of the main highway are always covered with debris making it difficult to ride safely. I have experienced careless drivers coming dangerously close to me while riding my bicycle in designated bike lanes that are next to the roadway.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_24090576171875</p>
17	10/31/2016 Jay Williamson	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Ask MDT A Question Submitted: 10/31/2016 07:57:47 Name: Jay Williamson Email Address: jayw@ourbank.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I think a bike path would be an excellent idea between Belgrade and Bozeman</p> <p>Reference Number = askmdt_70709228515625</p>
18	10/31/2016 Anna	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 08:23:11 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Anna Email Address: peternanna@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Belgrade/Bozeman bike pathway: this is a great idea that will provide many, many health and safety benefits. Please do anything you can to help this project be completed!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_34649658203125</p>
19	10/31/2016 John McKenna	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 09:01:43 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: John McKenna Email Address: john@gomckenna.net</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p>

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		<p>Bike Path Bozeman/Belgrade: As an active biker and nearly lifelong resident of Gallatin County this project seems to be much needed. The connection to the bike paths in the Bozeman area as well as those to the west (Three Forks) is missing this key component. My wife and I have traveled throughout the country and often comment that the one item that so many other communities have that Gallatin County lacks is good bicycle access. We understand these issues take both thought and funds but we would hope that both of those items can be solved. We are highly supportive of this project moving forward.</p> <p>John & Tricia McKenna 1711 West College Street Bozeman, MT 59715</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_26373291015625</p>
20	10/31/2016 Leah Hecker	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 09:09:21 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Leah Hecker Email Address: lreneee8@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am contacting you to voice my support for a separated multi-use pathway beside the frontage road between Bozeman and Belgrade. There are many people that would utilize this for transportation to work and for leisure riding. Also, there is a huge safety issue with trying to ride a bike along the frontage road itself, for both the bike rider and the cars trying to get around them and crossing into the other lane. A multi-use path seems like a logical solution, especially for health-conscious communities.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_789764404296875</p>
21	10/31/2016 Dan Richter	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 09:26:22 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Dan Richter Email Address: dvonrick@bresnan.net</p> <p>Comment or Question: I ride the Frontage road 4+ days a week, mostly to commute to my job at Western Transportation Institute at MSU. I would NOT like to see a separate multi-user pathway but rather a marked bike lane in each direction with rumble strips on the fog line to separate the bike lane from the vehicle lane. I ride all year long and it would be easier for a bike lane to be plowed as part of the roadway. Most separated lanes do not seem to have a means for regular snow removal. This could cause a legal problem as within Bozeman, municipal code would require me to ride on the pathway (Bozeman Sec. 36.10.050. (c) even if it is snow covered. Also, a separated lane would be more like a sidewalk, requiring bicycle riders to stop at every cross street or driveway to yield to traffic. A marked bike lane gives bicycle riders rights and right of way similar to vehicle traffic in the roadway and is thus safer.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_38360595703125</p>
22	10/31/2016 Corey Biggers	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 09:25:05 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Corey Biggers</p>

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		<p>Email Address: cbiggers@eliteco-mt.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: To Whom it may concern, A bike path along the frontage road from Belgrade to Bozeman would be an addition to the community's that you cannot put a price on. I am the Dealer Principle for the Freightliner and Kubota Dealership's in Belgrade, I live on Laden Lane (corner of Valley Center and Harper Puckett), and ride my bicycle every day. Getting to the Cherry Creek access to access the north town trails requires riding the frontage road (the shoulder is narrow so not much room for a bike with vehicles going both directions) (it is way better since the speed limit was dropped to 50 MPH). I see bikes on the frontage road often and with the narrow shoulders it is only a matter of time before we have a bicycle vehicle accident. The cost of a bike path is going be far less than the cost of a life. I am a very conservative person firmly believe in fiscal responsibility and see a bike path as one of the more fiscally responsible projects of the near future.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_2825927734375</p>
23	10/31/2016 Doug Frank	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 09:53:52 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Doug Frank Email Address: bizyguy@hotmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am writing in support of the bike trail project between Belgrade and Bozeman. There are not any safe routes for a person to ride in the Belgrade/Bozeman area that does not have cars on the same route. This will provide the residents of the area a safe route to get on their bike and ride for miles without the fear of being hit by a vehicle. The Three Forks area has many trails that people can ride without cars right next to them. The trail between Missoula and Hamilton is another great example of government and citizens coming to gather for a great project that supports a healthy lifestyle. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Doug Frank</p>
24	10/31/2016 Randall Lundgren	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 10:18:19 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: randall lundgren Email Address: randall2244@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I would like to express my concern for the bike path implementation from Bozeman to Belgrade. Now the fastest growing area in the country, We need to think about the long term and build a separated path for multi-purpose use whether it be walking or riding bikes.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_8909912109375</p>
25	10/31/2016 Jackie	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:02:08 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jackie Email Address: jackieonken@hotmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p>

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		<p>Cannot make it to the meeting tonight, however this is a very important project for myself and my family. I moved to Belgrade about five years ago. I have tried to ride my bike to work in Bozeman on the frontage road and have almost been hit SEVERAL times by the knife river trucks. Mind you I was only on the frontage road from downtown Belgrade to airport road!! This separate bike path would help my family save on gas as well as give us a safe way to ride our bikes back and forth to each town. Now that I have a nine month old, the importance of safety has greatly increased!! Hope this path will be started soon! Thanks for everyone's help to get this going.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_838226318359375</p>
26	10/31/2016 Greg Beardslee	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:12:01 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Greg Beardslee Email Address: gregb406@msn.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I cannot attend the meeting of Nov. 1 regarding a study for a bike pedestrian pathway along the Frontage Road between Belgrade and Bozeman. I'd like to say that this issue is a major safety concern of mine. People have walked and biked along this stretch for as long as I can recall. There have been a few tragic accidents. I am appalled that this issue has taken a major public uprising to call attention to what has been an issue for decades. Money has always come up as a factor to explain why a pathway has never been considered or built. I want to be very clear that a pathway need not be overly expensive. Riders and walkers could use a graveled path at a fraction of the cost of a paved path. I also want to say that with every crossing of Frontage Road, a person is risking being killed. The best solution for this would be to have a path on each side of the road. Initially though, one side would be better than nothing. First determine the need. Then the design. Than find funding partners.</p> <p>I've lived in Bozeman for 36 years, and have recognized the need for a path a long time ago. I want my grandchildren and others to be able to be safe!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_466827392578125</p>
27	10/31/2016 Rebecca Owens	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:17:15 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Rebecca S Owens Email Address: rsowens425@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: This comment pertains to the Montana Department of Transportation study along Frontage Road and is: I AM STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF a separated multiuser pathway between Belgrade and Bozeman. It would make the difference between me continuing as a renter vs. potentially moving to other parts of the region that have better connectivity and I know others feel the same about needing safe alternative, non-vehicle commuting and recreational options as assets (and insurance) for the County. Invest in community safety and vibrancy! This is what other great communities do. We need to uphold that goal/motto for the Bozeman area as a livable place.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_88763427734375</p>
28	10/31/2016 Jennifer Treff	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p>

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		<p>Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:28:57 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jennifer Treff Email Address: jennifertreff@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: We need separated multi-use pathway on frontage road from Belgrade to Bozeman!!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_63153076171875</p>
29	10/31/2016 Laramie Maxwell	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:30:54 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Laramie Maxwell Email Address: laramiemaxwell@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I would LOVE to see a separate multi-use pathway between Bozeman and Belgrade!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_488006591796875</p>
30	10/31/2016 Sarah	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:49:54 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: sarah Email Address: sbdickinson31@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: The Belgrade-Bozeman Bike Path! As you envision a safer, more workable passage between the two growing communities, I urge you to put in a FIRST CLASS, State of the Art, wide enough bike path where bikes can pass pedestrians and baby carriages safely, creating a scenic and sensible and SAFE passage for all the residents and guests who choose to use it. I imagine it will be mobbed, as it passes through the extremely attractive Gallatin Valley. Not only will your roads be much safer, in this community of very high bike transport, EVERYONE will be safer!</p> <p>You will contribute to our national goal of reducing greenhouse emissions, encourage healthy outdoor activity for healthier bodies, and mark another notch for clever design. PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW - it is the right time to do it as you improve the roadway. Thank you. Sally Dickinson, Bozeman resident</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_65997314453125</p>
31	10/31/2016 Robert Flaherty	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:39:10 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Robert Flaherty Email Address: bob@rflaherty.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I support the plan for a separated multiuser pathway between Bozeman and Belgrade. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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32	10/31/2016 Elizabeth	<p>Reference Number = prjcomment_967987060546875</p> <p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 11:34:48 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Elizabeth Email Address: elizr.williamson@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am writing as a Gallatin Valley resident and to express my full support of a bike/pedestrian pathway between Bozeman and Belgrade.</p> <p>In this age of increasing obesity and rising associated health care costs, it is beholden upon our communities to pull together to offer SAFE and FUNCTIONAL biking and walking options for our community members.</p> <p>I have lived in the Bozeman Area for over 22 years. I have traveled Frontage Road between Bozeman and Belgrade innumerable times, for commuting, recreation and travel purposes.</p> <p>We need to improve the way Bozeman and Belgrade are connected. Now that we have the highway exit (thank you MDT) for quick and efficient access to our growing airport, the frontage road can be improved, made safer and strengthened for improved health and travel for our citizens.</p> <p>Please take this chance to capitalize on a value-added opportunity in creating this bike/walk path along Frontage Road; know that members of this community are in FULL support.</p> <p>Best regards, Elizabeth R. Williamson</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_251861572265625</p>
33	10/31/2016 Joe Cobb	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 12:03:43 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Joe Cobb Email Address: josephcobb@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: This route has been needed for many years now. Consideration should be given to provide proper, safe access to the residential street that will have access to it. Hopefully the path will be paved. Will it be positioned in the right area in relation to the road so when snow removal happens, Plows don't bury the path? Please make sure it's convenient for joggers and wheelchairs besides bikes.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_380645751953125</p>
34	10/31/2016 Keith Bast	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 12:43:39 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Keith Bast Email Address: kbast78@gmail.com Other Details: Frontage Rd</p>

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		<p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>I live just off Nelson Rd and travel on the Frontage Rd frequently and I feel that it is a vital road to get people from Bozeman to Belgrade and also to connect Valley Center. I think that is would be a good idea to redo the road, when it rains or snows (wet snow) the ruts in the road are very dangerous and you can hydroplane quite easily. I am glad the speed was dropped to 50 and feel that people don't need to go any faster than that on that section anyways so keep the speed.</p> <p>A turn lane would be very handy to provide a little extra room for people to turn without blocking traffic. Though it would only be most necessary around the Mountain view subdivision area but would be nice to have a center lane the whole way just for more room.</p> <p>The multi-use path would be great to have as well so people can run or bike without having to be on the road with such a small shoulder area. If we had a path to get up to the 7th street area I would use it to ride to work, but as of now its just way too dangerous for me to want to ride the shoulder even from Nelson to Redwing Dr. I would like a wider road or more of a shoulder up Nelson but that a whole other discussion.</p> <p>The ditches along the frontage are generally really deep as well, so that would be nice to have fixed.... but where do you draw the line?</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_3779296875</p>
35	10/31/2016 Gennifre Hartman	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 12:48:14 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Gennifre Hartman Email Address: gennifre@gbmschool.org</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>These comments are for the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study.</p> <p>I am the Executive Director for a Montessori School serving 72 families with 14 employees on Spring hill lane. Our community constantly complains about the lack of bike accessibility to our school. We are a nature-based school, and our families come from Bozeman and Belgrade. Right now, they have no other option than to use single-car transportation (though, a few of our braver members do bike, but they are scared to commute with their children in trailers/ training wheels along the busy road).</p> <p>A bike/pedestrian pathway would be so healthy for our community, our children, and for our families. Our school families and employees would regularly use it to commute to work/ school drop-offs and pick-ups. In fact, I would actively incentivize our community to use the bike/pedestrian pathway.</p> <p>If MDT would like to visit our school, see our parking issues, and understand our commitment to creating a healthy community for the next generation - there is an open invitation. Our non-profit school has been in existence for 31-years, and we support the bike/pedestrian pathway.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_82061767578125</p>
36	10/31/2016 Roger Fischer	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 13:56:55 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Roger Fischer Email Address: roger.fischer@montana.edu</p>

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		<p>Comment or Question: Many people in the Gallatin Valley use bicycles as their primary form of transportation. Those who live in Belgrade and work in Bozeman (or vice versa) would benefit greatly from a safe and efficient bike route. Please consider approving the proposed project that would result in construction of a bike path from Bozeman to Belgrade. Thank you.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_12335205078125</p>
37	10/31/2016 Trish Preheim	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 21:27:33 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Trish Preheim Email Address: trish.preheim@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Re: Belgrade to Bozeman Corridor Study: As a new Bozeman resident, it has quickly become apparent that anything we can do to extend and enhance our safe biking opportunities must be carefully considered. Given the housing issues in the area and the overall ability to enhance alternative commuting, I strongly support this initiative.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_3668212890625</p>
38	10/31/2016 Jan Boyer	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 20:51:33 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jan Boyer Email Address: jkboyer@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I'm writing to express my support for construction of a bike path between Bozeman and Belgrade. I am a Bozeman resident and four-season bike commuter. While Bozeman's older core street grid is extremely bike friendly, the roads rapidly get more dangerous to bike on as you move into west Bozeman and Belgrade.</p> <p>I've biked from Bozeman to Belgrade via the Valley Center Rd bike path and Jackrabbit Rd, which is currently the best of several bad possible routes. I bike over 250 days a year, and am generally very comfortable biking in traffic, but riding a bike on Jackrabbit Rd scares me.</p> <p>If Gallatin County wants to continue encouraging alternate forms of transit (the Streamline buses are great, and biking and walking infrastructure is quite good downtown) I believe a Belgrade to Bozeman bike path along Frontage Rd should be prioritized. The reality is that Bozeman housing prices are pushing a lot of folks who work or attend college in Bozeman out to housing in Belgrade. It would be awesome if Belgrade residents who want to commute via bike had a safe route to do so.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_843963623046875</p>
39	10/31/2016 Betty Stroock	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 17:14:30 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Betty Stroock Email Address: bstroock@gmail.com</p>

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		<p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>A safe bike path between Bozeman and Belgrade - one that is completely separate from the roadway - is urgently needed and long overdue. The Frontage Road linking these two communities is exceedingly dangerous for bicyclists. (Having once tried to bicycle that 9 mile distance, years ago, I learned never to attempt that ride again.) All of Gallatin Valley's residents will be far better off when a safe bicycle path is developed to link the increasingly inter-connected communities of Bozeman and Belgrade. Once a safe bike path is emplaced, more and more citizens will be able to travel safely without the pollution and parking hassles inherent in automobile travel. A safe bike path will benefit the health of our citizens, will improve our two communities and will help reduce greenhouse emissions into our atmosphere. Please count me a very strong supporter of a separate bike path extending the bike trails of Bozeman out to downtown Belgrade. Thank you, Betty Stroock</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_817596435546875</p>
40	10/31/2016 Victoria Wallace	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 16:47:15 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: VICTORIA WALLACE Email Address: awallace13@avc.edu Other Details: KATIE POTTS</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>PLEASE BUILD THE ROAD, BIKERS AND PEDESTRIANS NEED AN ALTERNATIVE SAFE TRAVELING ROUTE. THIS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL BY SAVING LIVES AND THE PLANET. CURRENT SITUATION IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR BIKERS AND PEDESTRIANS SINCE THE ROADS SHOW NO MERCY WITHOUT A DESIGNATED PED/BIKER LANE. THE RISK OF FATALITY WOULD BE LESSENED. ANOTHER BIKE ROUTE WOULD ENCOURAGE LESS DRIVING WITH A LOWER OUTPUT OF HAZARDOUS FUMES INTO THE ENVIRONMENT. BOZEMAN FOR THE MOST PART IS BIKE FRIENDLY SO MAKE BELGRADE LIKEWISE. CONNECTING BIKE/PED PATH BETWEEN BELGRADE AND BOZEMAN IS A NO-BRAINER THIS IS NEEDED!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_603515625</p>
41	10/31/2016 Audrey Wooding	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 10/31/2016 15:43:07 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Audrey Wooding Email Address: audreywooding@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>I won't be able to make the Nov 1st mtg to discuss the separated bike lane from Bozeman to Belgrade but wanted to voice my support for this important project. Thanks, Audrey Wooding</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_685028076171875</p>

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42	11/01/2016 Rachel Rockafellow	<p style="text-align: right;">BELGRADE to BOZEMAN corridor FRONTAGE ROAD study</p> <h2>COMMENT FORM</h2> <p>Informational Meeting #2 – November 01, 2016</p> <p>Please Submit Your Comments:</p> <p>I wish to support the request for the separated path for bike/ped use along this stretch of road. By way of disclosure, I am a member of the Bozeman Area Bicycle Advisory Board, AND I am <u>not</u> speaking from that role. My comments are as a private citizen & registered nurse to speak on the many health benefits communities get from promoting safety & healthy lifestyles. We have needed a safe Bozeman's Belgrade bicycle route for far too long and this project is ripe for doing it NOW! I commute from home to work by bicycle yearround to maintain fitness & enjoy getting the added benefits of seeing neighbors on the trails and making new friends. PLEASE consider incorporating the bike/ped path in this project.</p> <p>(Please don't offer cookies at meetings - contributes to obesity & diabetes epidemic.)</p> <p>See study area map on other side</p> <p>Please mail or email your comments to: Katie Potts, Project Manager MDT Statewide and Urban Planning Section PO Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620-1001 406-444-9238 Email: kpotts@mt.gov</p> <p>To receive further study information, please provide your name and address: Name: <u>Rachel Rockafellow, RN</u> Address: <u>1202 S. Spruce Dr</u> <u>Bozeman, MT 59715</u> Email: <u>dave.rach13@gmail.com</u></p>

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43	11/01/2016 Melanie Simmerman	<p style="text-align: right;">BELGRADE to BOZEMANcorridor FRONTAGE ROADstudy</p> <h2>COMMENT FORM</h2> <p>Informational Meeting #2 – November 01, 2016</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Please Submit Your Comments:</p> <p>Strongly urge creation of a bike/pedestrian path from Belgrade to Bozeman. Benefits to the community, include :</p> <p>(1) alternative transportation - a path will encourage non-vehicular travel.</p> <p>(2) economic development (esp. for Belgrade) a path will increase visitation to Belgrade + Bozeman encouraging spending in local businesses</p> <p>(3) health/wellness - a path that gets people out of cars, moving, promotes health.</p> <p>(4) Safety - current riders must be in the road Belgrade particularly lacks the system of walking/biking paths that Bozeman enjoys, so this path would greatly enhance quality of life for Belgrade residents.</p> </div> <p>See study area map on other side</p> <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Please mail or email your comments to: Katie Potts, Project Manager MDT Statewide and Urban Planning Section PO Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620-1001 406-444-9238 Email: kpotts@mt.gov</p> <p>To receive further study information, please provide your name and address: Name: <u>Melanie Simmerman</u> Address: <u>15 Leaf Lane</u> <u>Bozeman, MT 59714</u> Email: <u>jennylibby@yahoo.com</u></p> </div>
44	11/01/2016 Jack Tyler	<p>This is intended as a formal set of comments to be submitted WRT the above named study.</p> <p>First, thank you for the excellent presentation done tonight at the Bozeman Best Western. Access to the consultants beforehand along with the displays was an excellent intro and the presentation was exceptionally coherent, detailed and well presented. I was very impressed and left far better informed as a result.</p>

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		<p>My main comment is to urge the study's stated needs to include (and emphasize) the benefits of a non-motorized, separated shared use pathway parallel with the widening and other improvements associated with Frontage Rd. There are five Gallatin Valley non-profit community organizations which have endorsed the need for this alternative means of travel. Their uniform conclusions are that the need is associated with local use, not just to provide a Belgrade-Bozeman Bikeway of some kind.</p> <p>While I don't belong to any bike clubs or other dedicated sports groups in the area, I do commute when possible by bike to the airport from Bozeman and back. The safety (lack of it, really) excludes any consideration for using Frontage Rd. as a means to accomplish that route without using motorized vehicles. You only have to visit Bozeman, with its high incidence of walking & bike riding, to understand the importance of this need to this community.</p> <p>Thank you for including my remarks in the ongoing study.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Jack Tyler 1006 Twin Lakes Ave. Bozeman MT 59719</p>
45	11/02/2016 Barbara Geller	<p>I attended the meeting at the Grantree last night.</p> <p>I wanted to let you know that I support the idea of a shared use, separated pathway alongside the frontage road from Belgrade to Bozeman.</p> <p>I've tried biking from Valley Center Spur Road to Nelson Road or to the subdivision to the west (Mountain View?) and it's scary biking on that road!</p> <p>Barbara</p>
46	11/02/2016 Jennifer Dunn	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/02/2016 09:54:20 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jennifer Dunn Email Address: jennifer.a.dunn@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study</p> <p>This is an busy road that would greatly benefit a separate bike lane that I would love to use and feel much safer on. I fully support seeing this put in place.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_182281494140625</p>
47	11/01/2016 Bill Freese	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 22:33:28 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Bill Freese Email Address: iedbf@montana.edu</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p>

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		<p>I understand there is a possibility for a separated multi-use pathway on the Frontage Road between Bozeman and Belgrade. Count me as a supporter of the idea. Bicycles and pedestrians should not be on the shoulders, and they currently are even where there are no shoulders. This is an idea whose time has more than come. Save some lives. Make a lot of tax payers happy.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_311492919921875</p>
48	11/01/2016 Jeanine Allen	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 19:52:22 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jeanine Allen Email Address: delozierallen@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am in full agreement that we need a bike pathway between Belgrade and Bozeman. Just last week, I dropped off my husband's truck at the airport and rode on my bicycle back to Bozeman. I rode down Frontage Road, and what a mistake!! That is the most dangerous, bike-unfriendly road in Bozeman. There is either no shoulder, or when there is a shoulder, it's full of sand and gravel. The white line is bumpy and pockmarked, so I was forced to ride on the road, alongside cars driving 60 mph. It was frightening! Please put a bike path of Frontage Road!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_11883544921875</p>
49	11/01/2016 Kathleen Johns	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 17:29:24 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Kathleen Johns Email Address: dkjohns5@msn.com Other Details: Multi-Use Pathway</p> <p>Comment or Question: Re: Belgrade to Bozeman Multi-use pathway. I totally support this project! I live in Mountain View Subdivision (on Painted Canyon Drive) off the Frontage Road. Between me and 2 other adults in my home, we drive the Frontage Road at least 6 times per day. There is at least one Cyclist living in our subdivision who cycles from Mountain View to Bozeman. It is VERY dangerous for any cyclist to be on Frontage Road, given that there is NO shoulder whatsoever. In order to pass safely around a cyclist, cars must drive over the center lane. There is no buffer room for cars coming the other way, and the whole event is stressful and unsafe. Please consider a Multi-use pathway. If such a pathway were constructed, I too, would ride my bicycle. I would love to bike from my home to Cherry River fishing access (off of Frontage Road just as it turns to North 7th). Thank you for your attention and for your past work to make Frontage Road safer! We greatly appreciate the pull-out from Valley Center Spur and also the re-alignment of the traffic lanes at the same location. I also appreciate the lowered Speed Limit. Please keep that enforced (at least at the Valley Center Spur - a very dangerous and deadly area in the past). Thank you! Sincerely,</p>

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		<p>Kathleen Johns, For Don Johns and also Nathanael Johns 867 Painted Canyon Drive Bozeman MT 59718</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_224456787109375</p>
50	11/01/2016 Theresa Sinopoli	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 16:56:02 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Theresa Sinopoli Email Address: terimt223@gmail.com Other Details: INCLUSION OF A BIKE LANE WHEN IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE.</p> <p>Comment or Question: I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING 11/1 REGARDING A BIKING LANE ON THE FRONTAGE ROAD BELGRADE TO BOZEMAN; HOWEVER I AM SUPPORTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CORRIDOR TO INCLUDE A BIKE LANE. I LIVE ON AIRPORT ROAD, HAVE THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS, AND WE ALL LIKE TO BIKE. THE LANE WOULD PROVIDE A SAFE TRANSPORT FOR US AS WELL AS THE BELGRADE/BOZEMAN COMMUNITY. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT IN PLANNING TO IMPROVE THIS WELL TRAVELED ROAD THAT A BIKE LANE WILL BE PART OF THE PLANS. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_60400390625</p>
51	11/01/2016 Susan Byorth	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 15:26:50 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Susan Byorth Email Address: sbyorth@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: In regard to the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study, please develop a SEPARATE MULTI-USE pathway between Bozeman and Belgrade. This is a major congested commuting corridor between these two towns, and a separate pathway will reduce traffic, encourage an active lifestyle and SIGNIFICANTLY reduce risk to bikers/walkers. My family lived on Springhill Rd for 15 years and I would not let my kids bike on the Frontage RD because it was FAR too dangerous. Often, when a car is stopped and turning left on the Frontage road, other cars pass them on the right, pulling far into the shoulder where bikers are currently forced to ride. This is extremely dangerous conditions for bikers. We want to encourage biking/walking and active lifestyles and a separated multiuse pathway is in the best of interest of Bozeman and Belgrade. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Best, Susan Byorth (Bozeman and former Belgrade Resident)</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_138916015625</p>
52	11/01/2016 Kathleen Williams	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 12:00:17 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p>

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		<p>Name: Kathleen Williams Email Address: KathleenHD61@bresnan.net</p> <p>Comment or Question: I strongly support incorporating SAFE bicycle/multipurpose access along the Frontage Road between Bozeman and Belgrade. It would enhance safety, property values, traffic flow, and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Rep. Kathleen Williams, HD61</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_601165771484375</p>
53	11/01/2016 Sandra McManus	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 10:42:27 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Sandra McManus Email Address: sjmcmanus@aol.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am a cyclist and am hard pressed to mention but a few places it's safe to ride a road bike in this entire valley. There is always a funding issue and there always will be. It is baffling that this heaven of recreational activity is so lacking in bike paths and especially safe bike paths. It is frightening to ride on the shoulder of a paved road, not knowing when a distracted driver will come by and wipe a cyclist out. I have ridden on Seattle and Tucson bike paths, to mention two, and they are incredible. Yes, they are cities but they had the foresight to put these in years ago when land was available, and build on them. People travel from all over the country to cycle there--thus they have tourist dollars.</p> <p>At one of the meetings, someone on a panel flippantly said cyclists want everyone to pay for what they alone will use. I take offense to that comment. I pay for schools and I don't even have children. It's the community thing to do. Thank you for your time. Sandra McManus</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_611480712890625</p>
54	11/01/2016 David Kirk	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 09:59:19 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: David Kirk Email Address: info@kirkframeworks.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I am writing to give my full-fledged support for a separated bike and pedestrian pathway between Bozeman and Belgrade. I think such a pathway is vital for the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians and would encourage more to commute by bike and to recreate for fitness and well-being. I know I would use it frequently and I'm sure I'm not alone. Thank you for listening. Dave</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_690093994140625</p>
55	11/01/2016 Kim Wilson	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/01/2016 09:42:27 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Kim Wilson Email Address: kwilson56@hotmail.com</p>

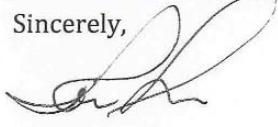
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		<p>Comment or Question: Frontage Pathway - separated multiuser pathway between Belgrade and Bozeman.</p> <p>I see many people attempt to traverse this stretch by bicycle and their safety is at risk... I would guess people only try this once or twice before giving up. This may be the reason we do not see more people using their bicycle to commute.</p> <p>Once a person is in Bozeman there are many bike pathways - but, there is no A to Z bike pathway. Which limits the usage of bicycles as an alternative to powered vehicles.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_103851318359375</p>
56	11/03/2016 Alicia Smith	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/03/2016 01:49:11 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Alicia Smith Email Address: alicia@aliciasmith.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Given the activity level in our communities, and to keep everyone safe on our roads and trails, I support the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study. This will allow for provide for safe travel by those on foot or non-motorized vehicles.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_40191650390625</p>
57	11/06/2016 Emily Thrasher	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/06/2016 13:04:52 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Emily Thrasher Email Address: emily@thrasherarts.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Pathway Project: As a person who used lives on the eastern edge of the Belgrade School District, I find the fact that we don't have a safe pathway for those who would wish to bike to and from Belgrade disappointing.</p> <p>I used to live in Denver where there is a vast network of biking/walking trails throughout the city and surrounding suburbs. I think Bozeman-Belgrade deserves this consideration for other means of recreation such as the pathway for those people who may not be able to take advantage of the rocky terrain, higher elevations, and sometimes strenuous hiking and biking trails already in existence.</p> <p>As a person who once worked at the Airport and would have to be there at 4:30 am, I can assure you that many people walk between Bozeman and Belgrade on a fairly regular basis in the dark, early hours of the morning on that barely-there shoulder. I urge you to consider the safety of those people who have no other means of transporting themselves between the two towns and construct a safe pathway linking the two communities.</p> <p>Truly, this pathway would be used 24 hours a day! Thank you.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_474517822265625</p>

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58	11/06/2016 Jessi McCloud	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/06/2016 15:14:30 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Jessi McCloud Email Address: jessi_mccloud@live.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Every single day, I drive Frontage Road and there is always someone biking or walking. With little to no shoulder and no walk way, thus becomes extremely dangerous for the biker and pedestrian, and also the drivers.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_140869140625</p>
59	11/06/2016 Erin Jackson	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/06/2016 16:32:15 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: Erin Jackson Email Address: erinjackson19@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I strongly support the Belgrade to Bozeman bike path proposal. As Bozeman becomes more expensive, more people will need to commute from Belgrade. Having a detached bike path will provide a safe route for bike commuters, and as a bike commuter myself, I know how scary it can be to bike on a busy road with a high speed limit. This would also enable people to choose biking over driving to save money and decrease greenhouse gas emissions to lessen the effects of global warming. Further, it will allow people who do not have cars to commute and be self-reliant. It's important that the infrastructure is available for people who choose to travel by bike--this will only help make our community more sustainable, resilient and accessible to all. Thank you for your consideration of the many benefits of this bike path.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_07080078125</p>
60	11/06/2016 Laurie Stanley	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/06/2016 16:44:40 Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman Name: laurie stanley Email Address: lmstewdog@yahoo.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: Please put forth the pathway from Belgrade to Bozeman!!! Encourage biking and walking and the safety for those who want to do so!!!!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_23248291015625</p>
61	11/07/2016 Sarah Bothner	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 11/07/2016 05:41:40</p>

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		<p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: Sarah Bothner</p> <p>Email Address: sarahbothner@gmail.com</p> <p>Other Details: Frontage Pathway</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>The Frontage Pathway would be a fantastic upgrade to our community. Please let me know how else I may support this project!</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_42095947265625</p>
62	11/06/2016 Mike Vogel	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p> <p>Submitted: 11/06/2016 21:26:06</p> <p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: Mike Vogel</p> <p>Email Address: mvogelhousewares@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>I am commenting on the proposal to create separate walking/bicycle pathway along the frontage road between Bozeman and Belgrade. For the past 21 years I have lived in the Mountain View subdivision adjacent to the frontage rd. Since living in the subdivision and working in Bozeman I have had the desire to bike into Bozeman; however since the frontage road is so narrow, does not have shoulders and the traffic is so heavy and moves so fast it too dangerous for biking safely - even to go 1/2 mile to get to Valley Center Road. While the 50 mph speed limit has helped to slow traffic speed the volume of traffic, especially with large/wide trucks continues to make it a very dangerous road. With the new MDT maintenance shops, and the numerous gravel pits along the frontage road, despite having the new airport interchange the frontage road is a challenge for anyone brave enough to walk or ride a bike. I pathway would greatly reduce this challenge.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_90911865234375</p>
63	11/16/2016 Crowell Herrick	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study</p> <p>Submitted: 11/16/2016 16:12:24</p> <p>Project/Study Commenting On: BelgradeToBozeman</p> <p>Name: Crowell Herrick</p> <p>Email Address: jackstraw92@gmail.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>Regarding the Belgrade to Bozeman Corridor.</p> <p>I am a bicyclist and would like to see a dedicated bike path constructed between Belgrade and Bozeman. Growth in the Gallatin Valley has been significant and as a result the two cities have become "closer" together. There are a number of people working in Bozeman who cannot afford to live there and as such live in Belgrade.</p> <p>Conversely, Belgrade has grown as an alternative location to establish a business taking advantage of lower rental/property rates. Therefore, many of these individuals wishing to use a bicycle as a means of commuting, as well as recreational cyclists, need to have an efficient and safe travel route. The Frontage Road doesn't currently serve this purpose and the alternate routes are less than ideal. Valley Center Rd has a bike path however access can be problematic since it requires using either Jackrabbit</p>

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		<p>Lane (and the I-90 Interchange) or Alaska Road. A much more circuitous route is using Penwell Bridge Rd but that also necessitates riding on Springhill Road which ends on North 19th, not North 7th.</p> <p>The numbers currently may not show justification for the bike path. I would strongly recommend conducting surveys to obtain information on what the potential use of a Frontage Road bike path would be. Merely observing cyclists on various roads between the cities won't tell the whole story. Meaningful input will have to be obtained by reaching out to the cycling community as well as many of the larger employers (MSU, Deaconess Hospital, Mystery Ranch, Simms, Bacterin and the numerous tech companies) in the valley. I'm sure there are many people in the valley who would use the bike path if it were constructed.</p> <p>I'm sure most of the study concerns will be focused on vehicle traffic and safety so I strongly urge incorporating a bike path and not just adding a wider shoulder.</p> <p>With the traffic volume that would be expected on the improved roadway, shoulder usage by bicycles doesn't create an acceptable safety "barrier" for many riders. A properly constructed bike path will have a very long lifespan which won't require maintenance as frequently as the roadway.</p> <p>Thank you for letting me comment.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_481109619140625</p>
64	11/16/2016 Jonathan Ferree (MT FWP)	<p>From: Ferree, Jonathan Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 9:49 AM To: Wambach, Deborah Subject: Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study</p> <p>Deb, I did get a little feedback from the regional fish biologist.</p> <p><i>Jonathan, I looked this over and it appears to be relatively accurate on fisheries resources, etc. It's hard without details to make specific comments on fish passage. I would say that aquatic organism passage and stream simulation efforts could be addressed at this stage in terms of standards. Frequently I receive designs for culverts from engineers that, a priori, don't consider passage. As you know there is a wealth of information on stream simulation designs and numerous state and federal guidance documents that have focused on fish passage. Passage of all species, terrestrial and aquatic, should be addressed up front as well. Folks come here for the natural resources – infrastructure planning should mirror those concerns. Not sure if this helps. Best, Dave</i></p> <p>I'm hoping the regional wildlife biologist will chime in as well. Nothing yet though.</p> <p>Jonathan Ferree, C.P.G. SPA Program Manager Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks</p>
65	11/27/2016 Ed Guza	<p>From: Ed Guza [mailto:eguza@gnplaw.com] Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2016 9:24 PM To: Potts, Katie Subject: Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road</p> <p>Hello Mrs. Potts,</p> <p>I am writing to add my comment on the Frontage Road Corridor Study. I have lived in the Wildflower Subdivision since 1999. Wildflower is about 5 miles down Nelson off Frontage. That means that I drive on Frontage Road at least two times a day. Members of my family also drive that road. I am aware of the many deaths and accidents that have occurred on that road over the years. While lowering the speed and the new interchange have made some difference, it remains a busy and poorly designed</p>

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		<p>road. Somewhat ironically, the benefits of lower speed and the interchange have been decreased somewhat by the addition of the new MDT headquarters with heavy trucks and cars actually increasing the traffic on Frontage.</p> <p>Entering on to Frontage from Nelson is a sketchy experience. At certain times you have multiple cars grouped together traveling at high speeds that requires you to take your opportunity to jump in and accelerate quickly. The same holds true when you take a left turn (west) from the Valley Center underpass. Again, the recent addition of the MDT trucks and cars has added to the risks.</p> <p>It seems to make complete sense to replace the flashing lights with actual traffic lights at the Nelson/Frontage and Valley Center/Frontage intersections. MDT studies surely support the fact that traffic lights control the flow of traffic by slowing it down and reducing accidents when entering the flow of traffic. Isn't that the reason for a traffic light?</p> <p>I say this with a heavy heart as I hate traffic lights for the very reason why they are necessary. Slows my commute to a crawl. But, I have kids that now drive so I would want the road that they must use every day to be as safe as possible.</p> <p>Please verify that you received this email and include me on future emails on this subject. Thanks you.</p> <p>Edward "Ed" J. Guza</p>
66	05/17/2017 Priscilla Dolaln	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/17/2017 18:58:47 Project/Study Commenting On: Other Project or Activity Name: Priscilla Dolaln Email Address: smdola@aol.com</p> <p>Comment or Question: I cannot imagine not adding a bike path to Frontage Road from Bozeman to Belgrade as it is upgraded. If not now, I am afraid it will be far in the future. It must be cheaper to do it now. Bozeman, Belgrade and Gallatin County should try to support transportation other than automobiles....buses, bicycles, walking. Non motorized vehicles reduce air pollution and noise. More trails and bike paths/lanes add to the quality of life here and is an attractant to newcomers. Also I am a county tax payer and want my tax dollars spent on projects to reduce car use. Using a shoulder is not acceptable for bicycles or pedestrians because of the car speed.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_22900390625</p>

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67	03/06/2017 Brian Sprenger	<p>February 24, 2017</p> <p>Katie Potts, MDT Project Manager PO Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620-1001 kpotts@mt.gov</p> <p>Jeff Key, Consultant Project Manager P.O. Box 5653 Helena, MT 59604 jkey@rpa-hln.com</p> <p>Dear Ms. Potts, and Mr. Key,</p> <p>For safety and convenience as well as anticipated future growth, I encourage the Montana Department of Transportation to include a separated shared-use pathway as an anticipated future transportation facility the entire length of Frontage Road.</p> <p>This seems like the safest option for pedestrians, cyclists, the handicapped, and the railroad as well as the motorized vehicles traveling between Bozeman and Belgrade including access to the sidewalks and pathways already in existence to the Airport.</p> <p>Sincerely, </p> <p>Brian Sprenger</p> <p>Cc: Jeff Ebert, Butte District Administrator, PO Box 3068, Butte, MT 59702-3068 jebert@mt.gov</p>
68	05/17/2017 Priscilla Dolan	<p>A question, comment or request has been submitted via the "Contact Us" web page.</p> <p>Reason for Submission: Comment on a Project or Study Submitted: 05/17/2017 18:58:47 Project/Study Commenting On: Other Project or Activity Name: Priscilla Dolan Email Address: smdola@aol.com</p> <p>Comment or Question:</p> <p>I cannot imagine not adding a bike path to Frontage Road from Bozeman to Belgrade as it is upgraded. If not now, I am afraid it will be far in the future. It must be cheaper to do it now. Bozeman, Belgrade and Gallatin County should try to support transportation other than automobiles....buses, bicycles, walking. Non motorized vehicles reduce air pollution and noise. More trails and bike paths/lanes add to the quality of life here and is an attractant to newcomers. Also I am a county tax payer and want my tax dollars spent on projects to reduce car use. Using a shoulder is not acceptable for bicycles or pedestrians because of the car speed.</p> <p>Reference Number = prjcomment_22900390625</p>

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69	05/23/2017 Georgia Jenkins	<p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED MAY 23 2017 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</p> <p>COM</p> <p>Informational Meeting #3 – April 18, 2017</p> <p>Please Submit Your Comments:</p> <p>This will get to you after the 14th but still wanted you to know that all the work and effort put into this project, is well appreciated. The last two meetings were right on track with safety and work that needs to be done. My house is one of the swm on the Frontage Rd - mine has an inbackment so every winter accidents. Thank Goodness no injury so far. I was born in Bozeman in 1940 this road was the state highway and after the interstate, was used by farmers and construction traffic mostly. Now another story - since the Air port interchange much better traffic wise - People who live back in Mt Union and Nelson Road have no idea the problems we have, who live on the highway they want what we don't need - walk & bike paths for one. If past planning had known these houses would now have been built this close to the road - but we are & need it fixed - Thank You!</p> <p>See study area map on other side</p> <p>Please mail or email your comments to: Katie Potts, Project Manager MDT Statewide and Urban Planning Section PO Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620-1001 406-444-9238 Email: kpotts@mt.gov</p> <p>To receive further study information, please provide your name and address: Name: <u>GEORGIA JENKINS</u> Address: <u>24111 FRONTAGE RD</u> <u>BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59718</u> Email: <u>MJA</u></p>



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Subject: Montana Rail Link Comments on the Belgrade-Bozeman Corridor Frontage Road Study *Existing and Projected Conditions Report* and *Environmental Scan* Documents

The purpose of this letter is to provide Montana Rail Link's (MRL's) comments on the Belgrade-Bozeman Corridor Frontage Road Study *Existing and Projected Conditions Working Draft Report* dated December 9, 2016 and on the *Environmental Scan Working Draft* document dated May 1, 2015. Thank you for giving Montana Rail Link (MRL) the opportunity to comment on these working draft documents.

Overall, it is clear to MRL that the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has been thorough with preparation of these documents.

We offer the following comments about Section 2.1 of the *Existing and Projected Conditions Report*:

Section 2.1.3 Access and Right of Way: MRL is not in favor of granting additional roadway easements south of the existing easement extents. We recommend the "additional investigation regarding railroad easements" should consider MRL's position on no additional easements southerly of the existing roadway easement as a firm constraint. MRL is open to granting additional roadway easements (up to the northerly extent of our land grant right of way) north of the existing roadway easement.

Section 2.1.6 Railroads: The timetable maximum speed of trains on the main track where crossings with DOT# 060079P, 060078H, and 060077B is 60 miles per hour. Table 7 may be amended to include this maximum speed at those locations. MRL would like to see a clearer description of the "Railroad Viaduct north of Bozeman" because it appears there are two highway viaducts over the railroad tracks in that area. We would like to ensure it is clear in the body of the report that the separation distance remains at 115 feet through and east of the grade crossing at Red Wing Drive (DOT# 060075M).

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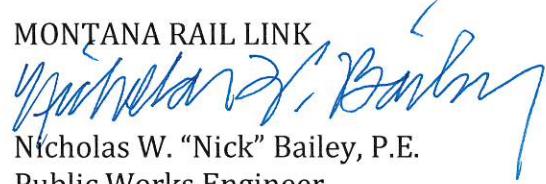
MRL Comments continued

Section 2.1.10 Other Transportation Modes: MRL would like to see verbiage added to the paragraph commencing with the words "The Union Pacific – BNSF Railway ..." as follows: "MRL as lessee is required to seek BNSF concurrence as the underlying landowner on any easement for roadway purposes granted to MDT, and MRL seeks to avoid roadway designs which do not conform to the BNSF's standards."

We have no comments or objections to the *Environmental Scan Working Draft* document.

Please continue to advise us as additional study documents become available for review.

Sincerely,

MONTANA RAIL LINK

Nicholas W. "Nick" Bailey, P.E.
Public Works Engineer

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01	<p>According to 2015 environmental scan report, over half of all deer carcasses removed from the entire study area are between mile 26 and 27. This does not include multiple domestic animal fatalities on this stretch. This short section also has multiple private driveways entering frontage rd, children playing in front yards, and bicycle traffic. For these reasons, as the homeowner at 26633 frontage, I strongly suggest a speed limit of no more than 45mph from the Springhill intersection to Moss Rd or Nelson Rd.</p> <p><i>I Agree</i></p> <p><i>Population increases mean traffic increases, and as pointed out in another Description, I-90 already provides a high-speed route to the airport.</i></p>	Automobile	26-Aug-16	4	0	4
02	<p>The section of study area between Reeves Rd and Cherry River Fishing access sees all bicycle traffic between Frontage Rd/Springhill Rd neighborhoods and Bozeman proper, particularly when accessing Bozeman through the Downtown to the Mountains linear trail system. While I strongly support a shared use path along the entire length of the study area, I believe the addition of a separated bicycle/pedestrian path in this section would be a great benefit to community safety and recreation and provide the best cost/benefit of any one section of shared use path.</p> <p>R.Buczala 26633 frontage rd</p> <p><i>I Agree. Both that a shared use path along the entirety of the corridor is needed for safety and that this is a high priority section</i></p> <p><i>I Agree on both points.</i></p> <p><i>I Agree</i></p> <p><i>Especially since the Cherry River access drive is located near a curved overpass from North 7th that potentially affects visibility.</i></p> <p><i>I Agree</i></p> <p><i>I Agree, and budgeted maintenance needs to be included in the plan.</i></p> <p><i>I Agree that this is a high priority section, and if only one part can be made into a path then this should be it. That said. I think it would be folly to not pursue a bike path for the whole route. Bike lanes next to busy, high-speed roads are not enjoyable and do not feel safe. Consequently, they are underused or not used.</i></p> <p><i>I Disagree. Unless a separated path is maintain year round (plowed in winter) Bozeman Muni. code would require a bike rider to ride the path (Sec 36.10.050) and a rider could be seen in violation for not obeying regardless of conditions.</i></p>	Bicycle	26-Aug-16	14	1	13
03	<p>Valley spur is a vital connection for folks living north of I-90 and the tracks to access west Bozeman, Four corners and even Big Sky. It is also an alternative route to and from the airport and Belgrade. Serious study should be given if a bike route is added through this intersection to make it safe for everyone.</p> <p><i>I Agree</i></p>	Automobile	19-Oct-16	5	0	5
04	<p>A separated, shared use, pedestrian and bicycle pathway should be added to this corridor stretching between Belgrade and Bozeman.</p>	Bicycle	20-Nov-16	10	2	8

	I Disagree, as a 30+year bicycle commuter, I dislike separate lanes when compared to a "reasonable" on-road shoulder. Shoulder's of 3-6 foot width stay fairly clean and you have right-of-way for side-streets. Separate paths get filthy with gravel, tend to be not maintained, and you have dangerous road crossings or twice as many stop signs. It is also my impression that the separate lanes that exist in the Gallatin valley are VERY rarely used! Please make roads and intersections "biker friendly" and don't waste resources on by-the-road bike paths.		21-Nov-16			
	I Agree		21-Nov-16			
	I Agree. There is no better way of encouraging bike travel along this critical and heavily used but dangerous corridor than and inviting, safe and separate bike pathway. Less gas burned, healthier - for the bikers and environment - and less crowded highway.		21-Nov-16			
	I Agree. I bike along this road almost on a daily basis to work. A separate pathway would enable me to bike year-round without fear that snow on the slim shoulder would prevent me from biking in the road. It would also be much safer than just extending the shoulder into a bike lane. There would be less road-debris that would end up on a separate path, such as gravel, glass, nails, and trash which are all commonly found on the edge of Frontage Rd now. Not all cars and trucks slow down to pass me, or give me any additional room. This is extremely dangerous for me when trucks with loose cargo or wide loads pass, or even when cars with dogs hanging out the window pass by.		22-Nov-16			
	I Agree, though including a budget for maintaining these paths also needs to be implemented if these paths are to be used and not become cracked and covered in gravel. Without a budgeted maintenance plan the purpose is defeated.		22-Nov-16			
	I Disagree. As one of the few if not only people who regularly commute along here 4+ days a week, all year long, unless there is provision for plowing/upkeep a separate path is useless. A bike lane and ripples on the fog line would be most effective. I haven't had issues riding on the existing road as narrow as it is, a striped dedicated shoulder would be most cost effective and maintainable.		23-Nov-16			
05	It is long overdue that we have a separated bike path from Bozeman to Belgrade and places in between. There is a lot of land between Frontage Road and the railroad tracks where this could go. Thank you!	Bicycle	21-Nov-16	4	0	4
	I Agree, and budgeted maintenance needs to be included in the plan.		22-Nov-16			
06	I am in strong support of a full length separated multi-use path between Belgrade and Bozeman. I caution planners and traffic engineers to work together on insightful, creative solutions to traffic interchanges that don't rely on default solutions like signals. For example, roundabouts (certainly not the only creative solution out there) in certain contexts can suppress traffic speeds at desired locations where speed-related accidents occur, while enhancing traffic flow, resulting in shorter travel times for everyone involved. Again, I encourage multiple interests to work w/ planners and engineers to find traffic controls at critical intersections that enhance vehicle, pedestrian, cyclist, and wildlife safety. Thank you for considering such a fantastic project! -Nigel Waterton	Bicycle	21-Nov-16	5	0	5
	I Agree, Livable communities around the world focus on multi-use pathways. This type of infrastructure development would benefit the economy of the Belgrade-Bozeman area for decades. Dave McWethy		21-Nov-16			
	I Agree, and budgeted maintenance needs to be included in the plan.		22-Nov-16			

	<i>I Don't think I could express these thoughts any better, I agree Nigel!</i>		23-Nov-16			
07	Any construction along this route must at least include right-of-way and grading preparation for a bike path. If tax funds are not available to complete the path, it can be completed with the use of privately-raised funds. <i>I Agree</i> <i>Especially for cyclists from Belgrade.</i> <i>I Agree</i>	Bicycle	21-Nov-2016	6	1	5
08	I am in strong support of a separated bike path between Bozeman and Belgrade. This would enable folks to commute by bike and decrease CO2 emissions. As the county expands, this will be an excellent way to decrease traffic and make Bozeman accessible to all. As a bike commuter, I urge the county to move forward with this project to provide a safe and accessible way for all modes of transportation. I would like to see the path connect from Oak to Main St to provide South side residents like myself to safely access the path. Thanks for your consideration. This is a great project! <i>I Agree</i> <i>A completely separate bike path would be a great asset for commuters and contribute significantly to public safety. Shared routes expose cyclists to aggressive drivers, and also to debris left by drivers. A dedicated bike path encourages family recreational use as well.</i> <i>I Agree, and budgeted maintenance needs to be included in the plan.</i> <i>As Rouse becomes busier, commuting by bike is not only a fun idea, but necessary. Please continue to expand the project, this is a great way to solicit input from busy people. Thanks!</i>	Bicycle	21-Nov-16	6	0	6
09	I suggest a speed limit of 45mph for vehicles throughout the length of the frontage road. This is due to multiple driveways and side roads, and the frequency of animal collisions. High speed through traffic has the option of the adjacent interstate highway. <i>I Agree. Reduced speeds also mean reduced traffic noise for residents along the frontage road.</i> <i>I Disagree</i>	Automobile	21-Nov-16	1	1	0
10	I strongly support the construction of a dedicated paved bike path along this route. This would greatly improve the possibilities for both recreational and commuter cycling in the north Bozeman/Belgrade area. <i>I Agree</i> <i>I Disagree</i> <i>I Agree: even Three Forks has a separate path. Come on!</i> <i>I Disagree. As one of the few if not only people who regularly commute along here 4+ days a week, all year long, unless there is provision for plowing/upkeep a separate path is useless. A bike lane and ripples on the fog line would be most effective.</i> <i>I haven't had issues riding on the existing road as narrow as it is, a striped dedicated shoulder would be most cost effective and maintainable.</i>	Bicycle	21-Nov-16	7	1	6
11	A safe separated bike path is essential between Bozeman and Belgrade. The times they are a-changin' and this area would do well to accept and optimize that. The Three Forks area is already working on a terrific bike path along frontage road. I can see an opportunity in the future for bicycle vacations and trips along this scenic stretch. <i>I Agree</i> <i>I absolutely agree. With increased traffic, commuters and recreational bikers need alternatives and a bike path along this route would work well towards this goal.</i>	Bicycle	21-Nov-16	2	0	2
12	A needed bike path! <i>I Agree</i>	Bicycle	21-Nov-16	8	0	8

	<p>I am in strong support of a separated bike path between Bozeman and Belgrade. This would enable folks to commute by bike and decrease CO2 emissions. As the county expands, this will be an excellent way to decrease traffic and make Bozeman accessible to all. As a bike commuter, I urge the county to move forward with this project to provide a safe and accessible way for all modes of transportation. Thanks for your consideration. This is a great project!</p> <p>A dedicated bike path from Belgrade to Bozeman would be wonderful for those that want to commute, but are forced to drive a car due to safety concerns. Anyone who has tried to ride their bike on the frontage road can attest to the dangers involved with the nearly non-existent shoulder.</p> <p>I Agree! A safe, multi-use route between Bozeman and Belgrade is needed.</p> <p>Having biked all over the valley, one thought is to complete a 2 mile bike path along Alaska Road south from the I-90 to Valley Center. Once you get on Valley Center, you can safely get to Bozeman as well as Jackrabbit Lane. Financially, it would be a far more reasonable option and a cost effective way to get safely to Bozeman. Long term, the entire frontage road path may be better, but how many years will that take??</p> <p>With the focus on alternative transportation, this bike route is an important link.</p>		21-Nov-16			
13	A spur to Manley would connect to existing trails around Glen Lake Park as well as Main Street to the Mountains system.	Bicycle	21-Nov-16			