

# Meeting Minutes

## Informational Meeting – Number 2

### MEETING DETAILS

**Location:** Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Resource Center Room  
4201 Giant Spring Road, Great Falls, MT

**Date:** August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

### MEETING NOTIFICATION AND OUTREACH

A press release for the meeting was released to area media outlets on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Display ads were printed in the Great Falls Tribune on July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>. Information about the meeting was posted to the study website: [www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/riverdrive](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/riverdrive). A study newsletter was distributed to identified stakeholders and adjacent landowners prior to the meeting.

*Meeting minutes are intended to capture the general content of meeting discussions and to document comments made by attendees. Meeting minutes may include opinions provided by attendees; no guarantees are made as to the accuracy of these statements and no fact checking of specific statements is provided or implied from the publishing of final meeting minutes.*

### ATTENDANCE

Approximately 20 people attended the meeting, 15 of which signed the sign in sheet (see attached). The following Advisory Committee Members attended the meeting:

- Steve Prinzing (MDT Great Falls)
- Jerilee Weibel (MDT Great Falls)
- Corrina Collins (MDT)
- Andrew Finch (Great Falls)
- Scott Randall (RPA)
- Jeff Key (RPA)

### AGENDA

The second informational meeting for the River Drive Corridor Study was held on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to present the draft corridor study report and to discuss the recommended improvement options. The meeting began at 6:00 PM and concluded at 7:30 PM.

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Scott Randall provided a 40-minute PowerPoint presentation focused on the corridor study report and specifically the recommendations made in the report. A discussion period was held following the presentation. Attendees were asked for questions and comments on the presentation and report. In addition, comment sheets were available for all member of the audience. A summary of the comments and questions received during the meeting is presented below:

- Consider the long-term vision of the corridor when implementing short-term improvements.
- Need a formal overlook with designated parking and defined access points.
- The intersection with Giant Springs Road has operational issues and is tough to see.
- Rail traffic seems to be increasing.
- East/west left-turn phasing at the intersection with 15<sup>th</sup> Street North should be considered.
- A roundabout at the intersection with 25<sup>th</sup> Street North is a good idea if it is designed to accommodate large trucks.
- Consider how construction would affect adjacent businesses.
- A pedestrian refuge island should be considered at the intersection with 19<sup>th</sup> Street North.
- There are some drainage issues that should be addressed near the business district.

After concluding the question/answer portion of the meeting, the attendees were invited to talk informally with the project team and to submit written comments by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The meeting concluded at 7:30 PM.