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TO: Mayors
Board of County Commissions
Transit Agencies
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Congress passed and the President recently signed the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)*. MAP-21 is a two-year transportation bill providing funding for federal highway, transit, and safety programs through September 30, 2014. The bill also consolidates programs, provides increased flexibility, and eliminates several discretionary programs. MAP 21 information can be found at the following link:
<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/announcement-map21.shtml>

Staff of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is in the process of reviewing the Act to determine program implications. When considering implementation of program changes relevant to MAP 21, we would appreciate your input.

It would be helpful, but not mandatory, to receive your initial comments or questions by August 24 through our MAP 21 web page listed above. The ability to provide input through the website will continue beyond this date.

MDT intends to assemble the comments received and post to the web page. Answers will be developed over time as we gain a better understanding of MAP 21 and as federal guidance and rules develop.

We encourage your input and look forward to hearing from you.

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