



Hamilton Area Transportation Plan 2009 Update

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Notes September 21, 2009 – Meeting Number 4

Introduction

The fourth Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for the Hamilton Area Transportation Plan (2009 Update) project was held on Monday, September 21, 2009, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to continue TAC involvement on the project, and to more specifically discuss the retail and non-retail job projections and assignments. The opportunity was taken to also begin the discussion about transportation impact fees. The following TAC members were present for this fourth meeting:

- Keith Smith (City of Hamilton)
- Sheila Ludlow (Montana Department of Transportation – Helena)
- Shane Stack (Montana Department of Transportation – Missoula)

Ron Uemura (RAM Engineering), John Lavey (Ravalli County) and Dave Ohnstad (Ravalli County) were unable to attend due to previously scheduled commitments. The meeting was facilitated by CDM's project manager, Jeff Key.

Discussion Items

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the retail and non-retail job assignments made by CDM out to the planning horizon year (year 2030). Jeff summarized the methodology used to arrive at the total job forecasts between the year 2010 and the year 2030. The methodology was as described in the *Socio-economic Data, Growth Trends and Land Use Assignments Technical Memorandum* submitted a week before the meeting. The results of the discussion led to a general agreement that the projections seem reasonable for this planning level document, and the job forecasts seem to be spread out over the relevant areas anticipated for growth - with appropriate allowance for in-fill development.

Jeff then started a discussion about transportation impact fees. This discussion was intended to expose the group to impact fees and the relevant legislation that allows communities to implement the fees. The relevant legislation was modified via Senate Bill 85 during the 2005 legislature. The revisions to the law heightened the level of documentation required for communities to pursue this funding strategy. To that end, much of the documentation required to be in compliance with the legislation will be found in the Transportation Plan document. CDM will structure the document to be in compliance with the

legislative requirements for documentation, such that the City or County can initiate a *Transportation Impact Fee Study* at a later time.

Conclusion & Action Items

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of logistics and scheduling of the next meeting. **The next meeting of the TAC (meeting number 5) is scheduled for Monday, November 2nd, 2009 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.** The location is City Hall.