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Montana Department of Transportation to Host Virtual Foys Lake Road Open Houses
MDT shares plans and welcomes public input on September 10

KALISPELL, Montana (August 26, 2020) – The time has come for the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to share plans for the new and improved Foys Lake Road intersection on the Kalispell Bypass/US 93 Alternate. On Thursday, September 10, MDT will host two virtual open houses via Zoom from **12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** to present plans and collect public input for the project. Registration is required to receive access to the virtual open house. To register, visit bit.ly/FoysKalispell.

“We know the community is eager to hear our plans for the intersection and we are excited to share these plans with them,” said MDT Missoula District Administrator, Bob Vosen. “We appreciate the community’s engagement and the open houses will help facilitate open discussion on our plans and what we can do to make this a better commute for all.”

While full roadway construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2021, MDT’s crews may begin with intermittent utility work this fall. Ahead of that time, MDT understands the public wants to hear more. The open house will be the best opportunity for the public to learn about the project and provide feedback. Here, the project team will be able to answer your questions and discuss what to expect throughout this process.

The existing roundabout at the Foys Lake Road/ Kalispell Bypass intersection was installed with the intent of removing it at a later date when traffic demands became higher, and funding was available. The City of Kalispell has been awarded \$12.7 million in federal BUILD Grant funds to upgrade the intersection to a full interchange and widen the Bypass to four lanes. This is the first of the Kalispell Bypass projects moving into the construction phase. The intersections of Airport Road and BaseCamp Drive are still in the design phase and will not move to construction until at least 2024, once funding could become available.

Public input is an important step for all road projects. Those who would like regular updates or cannot attend either open house can still provide comments by contacting Becca MacLean at becca@bigskypublicrelations.com or by calling the project hotline at (406) 207-4484 during business hours. For more information about the project, visit bit.ly/FoysKalispell.

The Department of Transportation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this Foys Lake Road Interchange Virtual Open House or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Department of Transportation no later than Monday, September 7, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Matt Maze, Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, Montana 59620; telephone (406) 444-5416; Montana Relay 711; facsimile (406) 444-7243; or e-mail to mmaze@mt.gov.

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