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### **Montana Department of Transportation Schedules Informational Meetings to Discuss Billings Bypass Project**

Montana Department of Transportation Schedules Open House Meetings to Discuss Billings Bypass Project

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to invite the public to attend one of two open house meetings to receive updates about a new arterial roadway connecting Lockwood and Billings Heights.

The first open house is in Billings on Wednesday, September 27, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Independent Elementary School cafeteria, 2907 Roundup Road.

The second open house is in Lockwood on Thursday, September 28, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Eileen Johnson Middle School Commons at the Lockwood School, 1932 U.S. Highway 87 East.

Proposed work includes a new arterial roadway that will connect Lockwood and the Billings Heights communities. Construction will occur in segments, and the first segment is tentatively planned to begin in 2019, depending on completion of preconstruction activities and availability of funds.

New right-of-way and relocation of utilities will be required. MDT staff will contact all potentially affected landowners prior to performing work on their land. Staff will again contact landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits.

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any service, program or activity of our department. If you require reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact Peaks to Plains Design at (406) 294-9668 at least two days before the meeting.

Community participation is a very important part of the process and the public is encouraged to attend. Opinions, comments and concerns may also be submitted in writing to Billings Bypass, P.O. Box 31318, Billings, MT 59107 and at [billingsbypass@dowl.com](mailto:billingsbypass@dowl.com), or sent to the Billings District Administrator Stefan Streeter at P.O. Box 20437, Billings, Montana 59104-0437, or online at:

[www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment\\_form.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml)



Please indicate comments are for project UPN 4199001 Billings Bypass and submit comments by October 27, 2017.

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