

# US93 Corridor Plan

Missoula to Florence



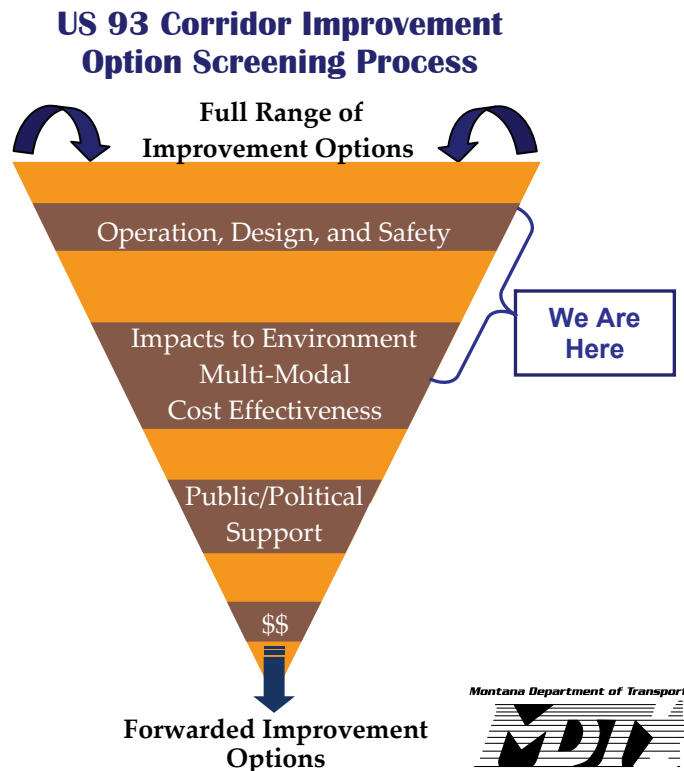
## Project Description and Status

The US 93 Corridor Study is being conducted by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to identify the most needed transportation improvements in the US 93 corridor between Missoula and Florence that will meet operational requirements and user needs for the next 20 years. The planning process considers the needs of local residents in Missoula, Lolo, and Florence along with other residents and the traveling public throughout the region.

To date, the planning process has included a review of existing traffic and corridor use, land use and environmental conditions, and socio-economic data and trends. Corridor goals have been drafted based on public input and the operational characteristics of the corridor. The goals have been used to guide the identification of improvement options and as a basis for screening possible improvement options.

## Improvement Option Screening Process

The US 93 Corridor Plan Screening Process is being used to prioritize improvement options depending on which one best meets the Goals and Objectives of the project. The following graphic illustrates the process.



Planning Steps & Schedule	
<b>Step #1</b> Identify issues ♦ Stakeholder interviews ♦ Meet with elected officials	Oct / Dec 2005
<b>Step #2</b> Assess existing transportation / environmental / land use conditions	Nov 2005 thru Jan 2006
<b>Public Open House #1</b> Project kickoff—Identify issues, discuss goals	<b>Feb 2006</b>
<b>Step #3</b> Analyze future travel demand and performance	Jan 2006
<b>Step #4</b> Draft goals and objectives	Mar / Apr 2006
<b>Step #5</b> Develop preliminary improvement options	Mar / Apr 2006
<b>Public Open House #2</b> Introduce possible improvement options	<b>June 2006</b>
Temporary Project Break	
<b>Step #6</b> Analyze improvement options	Summer 2007
<b>Step #7</b> Identify improvement options for further study	July / Aug 2007
<b>Public Meeting #3</b> Present improvement options for further study	<b>Aug 2007</b>
<b>Step #8</b> Screen improvement options	Fall 2007
<b>Public Meeting #4</b> Present screened list of improvement options	<b>December 2007</b>
<b>Step #8</b> Develop draft recommendations	Winter 2008
<b>Public Meeting #5</b> Present draft corridor plan	<b>Spring 2008</b>
<b>Step #9</b> Finalize corridor plan	Spring 2008

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# US 93 Public Meeting

## August 15 & 16, 2007

### AGENDA

Wednesday, August 15th Lolo School  
Thursday, August 16th Missoula Quality Inn

Presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

#### Primary purpose of the meeting:

- To confirm draft corridor improvement options*
- To discuss the screening process that will be used to prioritize improvement options*
- To discuss and gather comments on the draft policy recommendations*

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

*Sheila Ludlow, MDT Project Manager*  
Shane Stack, MDT Missoula District  
Bob Burkhardt, FHWA  
*Darryl James, HKM Engineering; Consultant Project Manager*  
Jennifer James, HKM Engineering  
Sarah Nicolai, HKM Engineering



#### II. Project Development Process and Status

#### III. Improvement Options

#### IV. Screening Process

##### Goals:

- Improve Corridor Operation and Design
- Improve Corridor Safety

##### Objectives:

- Minimize Impacts to the Environment
- Ensure Cost Efficiency and Fundability
- Enhance Multi-Modal Transportation



#### V. Policy Tools

#### VI. Comments / Next Steps

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