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MDT to Host Informational Meetings for US 93 Polson-Somers Corridor Study

FLATHEAD AND LAKE COUNTIES, Mont. — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), in partnership with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), local jurisdictions, resource agencies, and the public, is developing a corridor study of US Highway 93 (US 93) between Polson and Somers.

The *US 93 Polson-Somers Corridor Study* is a planning study that allows for coordination with the public, stakeholders, and environmental resource agencies before any future design or construction projects are initiated. The goal of the study is to identify short- and long-term improvements to address transportation safety, operations, and geometric concerns based on the needs identified. The study will help ensure an efficient transition from transportation planning to future project development and environmental review, if any, based on need and funding availability.

MDT is hosting informational meetings to provide an overview of the study process and summarize initial findings. In-person open house meetings will be held at two locations on two separate dates. Attendees will have an opportunity to view exhibits and talk with study representatives; no presentation will be provided. The format and content of each meeting will be the same.

North Lake County Public Library
Community Room, 102 1st Street E, Polson, MT
Wednesday, September 18, 2024; 4 PM to 6 PM

Somers Fire Hall
784 Somers Road, Somers, MT
Thursday, September 19, 2024; 4 PM to 6 PM

Additionally, MDT is hosting a virtual informational meeting on **Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 12 to 1 PM**, which will include a summary of the same information provided at the in-person events. To attend the virtual meeting, registration is required at:

https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us93polsonsomers

Community input is an important part of the planning process. An interactive commenting map is available online at https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/8be812e68adc46eda930462334df77f3 The map allows members of the public to provide comments about their transportation concerns and view comments provided by others.

Comments may also be submitted at the meetings, online at http://www.mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx or by contacting Jackson Lang at 406-444-3246 or jlang@mt.gov. Please note comments are for the *US 93 Polson-Somers Corridor Study.*

The Montana Department of Transportation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the meetings or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Montana Department of Transportation no later than September 13, 2024, 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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