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The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), local jurisdictions, resource agencies, and the public, has developed a draft corridor study report for West Reserve Drive in Kalispell. The study is examining the roadway between the intersection with US 93 and the intersection with US 2 and north and extending north one-half mile along Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. MDT is hosting a virtual meeting to present the study results. Following the meeting there will be a 30-day comment and review period of the study results posted on the project website.

The study's purpose was to develop a comprehensive long-range plan for managing the corridor and determine what can be done to improve the corridor based on needs, public and agency input, and financial feasibility.

MDT recognizes the importance of this study to the Kalispell community. The public is invited to learn more and provide feedback at two online open houses, hosted via Zoom, on Thursday, September 9th at 11 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Both sessions will provide the same information.

West Reserve Drive Virtual Meeting

September 9, 2021 11:00 am or 5:30 pm Registration is required. Register at: <u>https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/WestReserve/</u>

Community input is a very important part of the process. Both the public and the media are encouraged to participate. The Montana Department of Transportation takes their mission to improve the safety of public roads seriously and values input from the community along with questions or concerns.

Comments may be submitted in writing by mail to Vicki Crnich, Montana Department of Transportation, PO Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620, or by email to <u>vcrnich@mt.gov</u>.

For more information, or to submit comments online, please visit the study website at: www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/westreserve/.

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

Sincerely,

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