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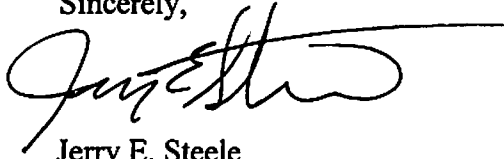
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Subject: Request for Road Improvement Project under
Urban Highway Program

The City of Hamilton and Ravalli County would like to request project approval and funding for a road improvement project under the Urban Highway Program. The Hamilton area was approved in 2013 Legislative Session (SB 111) to be included in the program and the Transportation Commission approved on the area map delineating the boundaries to be included and designating two roads for the initial program, SR 269 (Marcus Street/Eastside Highway) and SR 531 (Main Street).

We propose a project to add curb, gutter, sidewalk, bike lanes, street lights at intersections, and necessary drainage to Marcus Street (SR 269) from US 93 to Freeze Lane/Big Corral Road, approximately 3,945 linear feet. Both the Hamilton Area Non-motorized Trail Plan and the Hamilton Area Transportation Plan recommend Marcus Street to be built to urban standards. The City of Hamilton and Ravalli County do not wish to acquire any additional right of way as part of this project. However; if there are points of constriction that may cause safety concerns that cannot be solved through engineering, we will entertain small right of way acquisition to meet safety standards so long as the acquisition is funded through the Urban Highway Program. The Transportation Plan also recommended left turn lanes be added at Kurtz Lane, Daly Lane, and Skeels Avenue. Due to limited right of way, we are not pursuing the left turn lanes at this time.

We request assistance from Montana Department of Transportation to verify right of way and develop a scope and cost estimate for the proposed project. Please coordinate with Keith Smith, City of Hamilton Public Works Director, at 406-363-6717 during development of this project.

Sincerely,



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