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Subject: [EXTERNAL] US Hwy 93: Missoula to Florence, Bitterroot study expansion update

Hello, neighbors,

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) continue progressing on the US Highway 93 (US 93) - Lolo to Florence Corridor Study. **MDT and RPA are now including US 93 from Lolo to the Missoula city limits as part of this roadway study** in response to public feedback. Results from this additional study area will be included with information and proposed alternatives determined for the initial portion from Lolo to Florence.

Moving forward, MDT and RPA will conduct similar data collection and traffic analysis between Lolo and Missoula, extending to the Bitterroot River bridge at the Missoula city limits. The team will be working to facilitate meetings with all landowners, businesses, and stakeholders in the area who are interested in providing feedback. Multiple open house/public meetings will be held in 2023 to continue gathering feedback and presenting ideas and concepts for the Missoula to Florence corridor.

The second round of public and stakeholder meetings will be held in late summer or fall of 2023. The study team aims to provide and discuss the preliminary results at that time. Updates will be provided as this milestone approaches.

MDT and RPA appreciate the feedback received from stakeholders and hope to determine short-term and long-term solutions to increase safety on US 93. The study team still anticipates initial study results (Lolo to Florence) to be available toward the end of 2023. There will be a six-month extension for study results between Lolo and Missoula.

Roadway improvements are a large piece of the equation in enhancing safety and driver focus. Remember to buckle up, be mindful of drivers around you, and limit distractions when driving.

The team would love to hear from you if you have additional information or feedback about the Missoula to Florence corridor. Please email Becca at becca@bigskypublicrelations.com with any questions, concerns, or thoughts about the US 93 corridor.

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Respectfully,
Becca MacLean on behalf of the project team

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