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Hello, Bitterroot Valley Neighbors,

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) are continuing on the US Highway 93 (US 93) - Missoula to Florence Corridor Study.

For those who may have missed the previous project update, **MDT and RPA are including US 93 from Lolo to Missoula as part of this roadway study** in response to public feedback received. Results from this additional study area will be included with information and proposed alternatives determined for the initial area from Lolo to Florence.

Environmental analysis began in the Missoula to Lolo area at the end of April. Traffic data collection will begin this summer, with follow-up data collection in the fall to capture operations near the new Lolo School.

The project team still anticipates initial study results (Lolo to Florence) to be available in late 2023 or early 2024. There will be a six-month extension for study results between Lolo and Missoula. MDT and RPA appreciate the feedback received from the public and local stakeholders, and hope to determine short-term and long-term solutions to enhance safety on US 93.

This Bitterroot Valley corridor is a priority for MDT, and this study is focused on identifying needed safety improvements. As existing funding is limited, MDT and RPA are working to seek supplementary funding to address safety concerns across the region, and for this US 93 corridor specifically. Please know that we recognize the urgency for improvements.

If you have additional information or feedback about the Missoula to Florence corridor, the team would love to hear from you.

Please email me at becca@bigskypublicrelations.com with any questions, concerns, or thoughts about the US 93 corridor. The second round of public and stakeholder meetings will be held in the summer or fall of 2023. The study team's goal is to provide and discuss the study's preliminary results with stakeholders, residents, and businesses at that time. Updates will be provided as this milestone approaches.

Thank you,
Becca MacLean on behalf of the Missoula to Florence Corridor Study Team

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