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To: City and county planners, road supervisors, and public works directors

Subject: Local Projects on Designated State and Federal Highways

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State law requires the Transportation Commission let all projects on designated state and federal highways (60-2-111, MCA). This applies even if MDT is not funding the project. The purpose of this statute is to ensure the safety of our system, that improvements are not contrary to Department standards, and will not conflict with any future planned development by the Department. Once a year, we ask about your local projects and take relevant projects to the Commission. The Commission then takes an action to delegate authority to local agencies.

Please let us know by November 27, 2015 about any construction projects, pavement preservation activities and/or maintenance activities you are planning on state and federal highways over the next year. You can use the enclosed local project report form. The form can be accessed on-line at: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/planning/forms/MDT-TPL-014-ON STATE SYSTEMS REPORT.pdf>

Each project must include this information:

- location
- scope of work
- estimated cost
- year to be let
- details regarding public involvement associated with the project

I've enclosed a map to help you identify designated state and federal routes. These routes show up as blue, red, green, and orange lines. If you don't plan any projects on these routes over the next year, you do not need to submit a report.

We appreciate your help. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the guidelines, please contact David J. Schnittgen at (406) 444-9236.

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Enclosures

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