

BELGRADE to BOZEMAN corridor FRONTAGE ROAD study



Please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, August 25th at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Hyalite Conference Room at the Gran Tree Inn, Bozeman.

Informational Meeting Scheduled for the Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and in coordination with Gallatin County and the cities of Belgrade and Bozeman, is developing a corridor study of the Frontage Road between Belgrade and Bozeman. The study area includes the Frontage Road beginning in Belgrade at the intersection of Main Street and Jackrabbit Lane and extends nine miles to the east to the Interstate 90 Exit 306 westbound ramps. The study area also includes East Valley Center Spur Road.

An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25th in the Hyalite Conference Room at the Gran Tree Inn, 1325 N. 7th Avenue, Bozeman. The meeting will begin with a presentation at 6:00 PM, followed by a question and answer period. Time for informal discussion with the project team will also be available.

The meeting is intended to inform interested parties about the scope and purpose of the planning study and to solicit input on existing conditions and concerns that may be relevant to the planning effort. We encourage you to attend and provide feedback about your issues, concerns, and/or support for the study.

Public input is a very important part of the process. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate. Comments and concerns may be submitted in writing at the meeting or sent to:

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Study Description

The *Belgrade to Bozeman Frontage Road Corridor Study* is a planning-level analysis undertaken before conducting project-level environmental compliance activities under the National and Montana Environmental Policy Acts (NEPA/MEPA). The study involves early communication with interested agencies and the public to help identify needs, constraints, and opportunities for a corridor and to determine if there are implementable improvements, given available resources and local support.

The purpose of the study is to develop a comprehensive long-range plan for managing the corridor and determining what improvements can be made to improve the corridor based on identified needs, public and agency input, and financial constraints. The study will include a package of feasible short- and long-term improvement options intended to address the transportation needs over the next twenty years. Identifying these improvement options will help the study partners define the most critical needs and allocate resources.

Corridor studies are planning activities rather than design or construction projects. The studies are designed to facilitate a smooth and efficient transition from transportation planning to project development and environmental review if a project is forwarded. The studies include consideration of multiple improvement options to address the needs and objectives within the study area. The planning process is distinct from NEPA/MEPA environmental compliance documentation and from the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction phases of an individual project.

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