

MT 16 / MT 200 Glendive to Fairview Corridor Planning Study



What is a Corridor Planning Study?

A Corridor Planning Study is a **planning-level assessment** of a study area before project-level environmental compliance activities under the National and Montana Environmental Policy Acts (NEPA/MEPA). The corridor study process is designed to determine what, if anything, can be done to improve the corridor and to facilitate a smooth and efficient transition from transportation planning to environmental review and potential project development. The process involves conducting a planning level review of safety, operational, and geometric conditions and environmental resources within a corridor to identify needs and constraints. The process also allows for early coordination with members of the community, resource agencies, and other interested stakeholders.

What are the Needs in the Corridor?

Corridor needs and objectives were developed through a review of existing and projected conditions, input from community members and resource agencies, and coordination with MDT staff.

Need 1: Improve safety within the MT 16 / MT 200 study corridor, where practicable

Need 2: Improve the operation of the MT 16 / MT 200 roadway facility within the study area, where practicable

Need 3: Preserve and maintain the MT 16 / MT 200 roadway

View the full list of corridor needs and objectives online at
<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/mt16>

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Please Join Us for an Informational Meeting!

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Sidney High School
Cafeteria
1012 4th Avenue SE
Sidney, MT
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Dawson Community College
Lecture Hall (UC 102)
300 College Drive
Glendive, MT
6:00 p.m.

OR

The purpose of the meetings is to present recommended improvement options and request feedback. Both meetings will follow the same format. We hope to see you there!

Recommendations include corridor-wide and location-specific improvements.

Implementation timeframes range from immediate (2012) to long-term (20 years).

Planning level **cost estimates** range from \$500 for new signage to \$165 million to provide a four-lane facility throughout the corridor. Cost estimates reflect anticipated construction costs only.

Many of the corridor needs and objectives are best addressed through **combined implementation of education, enforcement, and engineering solutions**. Improvement options may be implemented at the local level, through MDT maintenance programs, or the MDT project development process as funding allows.



Access Management

- Conduct access management study

Education & Enforcement

- Conduct public outreach campaigns
- Increase law enforcement in the corridor

Geometry

- Realign county road intersections
- Address highway transition south of MT 16 / MT 23 / MT 200 intersection

Passing Opportunities & Capacity Improvements

- Construct passing lanes in appropriate locations throughout the corridor
- Evaluate no passing zones at low-volume intersecting roadways
- Provide four-lane highway if passing lanes do not sufficiently improve corridor operations

Pavement Preservation

- Rehabilitate roadway surfacing at the appropriate time within the maintenance schedule

Public Transportation

- Conduct transit study and construct park and ride facilities in Glendive, Sidney, and Fairview

Roadside Safety

- Provide slope flattening or guardrail installation in 14 locations
- Relocate overhead sign post north of Holly/Central intersection

Speed

- Conduct speed study to identify appropriate speed limits for all vehicles

Traffic Control & Warning Devices

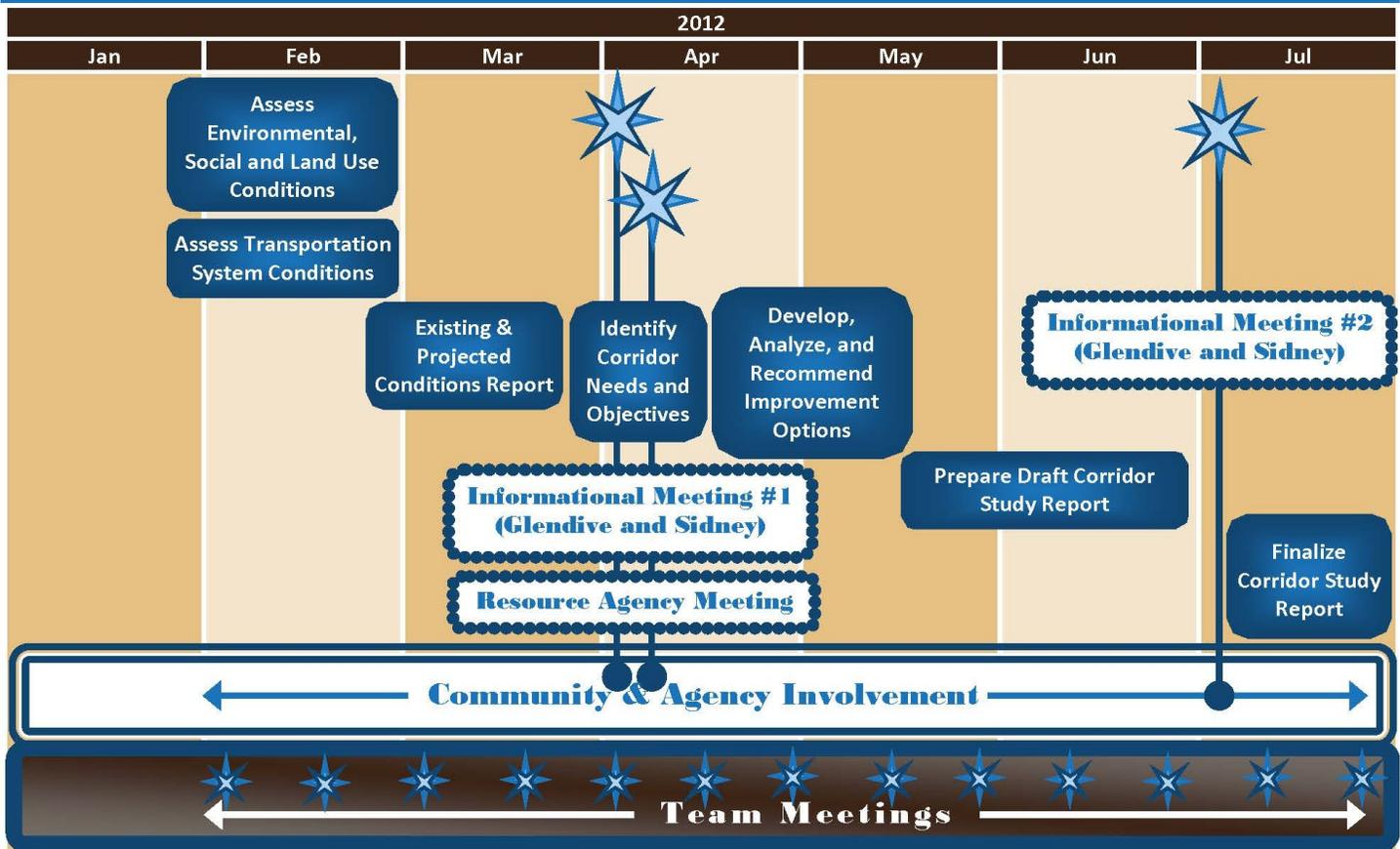
- Install intersection signalization and warning beacons, where appropriate
- Conduct signing and striping inventory
- Provide shoulder and centerline rumble strips throughout corridor
- Extend overhead lighting outside of Sidney and Fairview city limits

Turn Lanes

- Construct new left- and right-turn lanes in appropriate locations
- Reconstruct existing right-turn lane at County Road 126

Review the Draft Corridor Study Report online at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/mt16>

Study Schedule



How can I stay involved in this study?

Please join us for Informational Meetings on **Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Sidney High School Cafeteria, 1012 4th Avenue South East in Sidney or **Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Dawson Community College, 300 College Drive, Lecture Hall (UC 102) in Glendive. To review additional information about the study and to submit comments electronically, visit the study website at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/mt16>

Please submit comments by July 25, 2012

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