

**MT 16 / MT 200 Glendive to Fairview
Corridor Planning Study**

COMMUNITY AND AGENCY PARTICIPATION PLAN

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has initiated a corridor planning study between Glendive and Fairview on MT Highway 16 (MT 16) and MT Highway 200 (MT 200) in Dawson and Richland Counties. The study will address traffic and safety concerns caused by increasing truck volumes associated with growth in the oil industry in the Bakken region in northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota.

This corridor planning study will examine the geometric characteristics, crash history, and existing and projected operational characteristics of MT 16 / MT 200, as well as physical conditions, land uses, and environmental resources within the planning corridor. The planning effort will recommend short-, mid- and long-term improvement options to address corridor issues and concerns. These recommendations will assist MDT in targeting the most critical highway needs and allocating resources appropriately.

1.1 Study Area

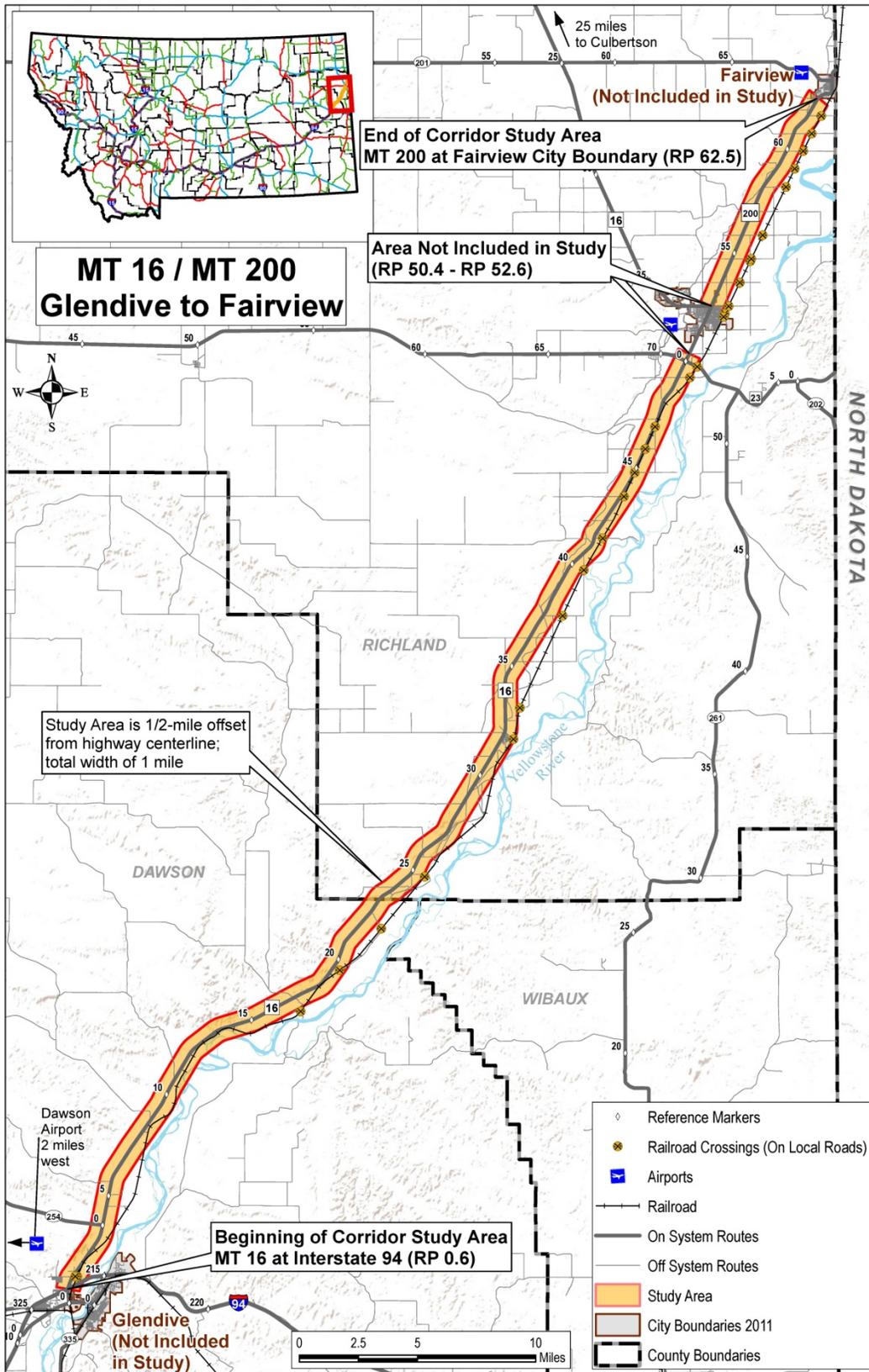
This study will focus on the portion of MT 16 beginning at approximate Reference Post (RP) 0.6 just north of the I-94 Interchange in Glendive and extend northeasterly to the intersection of County Road 123 (RP 50.4) south of Sidney. The study will resume at Sidney's northern city limit boundary (RP 52.6) north of the MT 200 intersection with Holly Street, and extend northeast on MT 200 to the Fairview city limits (RP 62.5). The study excludes areas within the city limits of Glendive, Sidney, and Fairview. The study area is illustrated in Figure 1-1.



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Figure 1-1 Study Area





1.2 Goals of Participation Plan

Community participation and consultation with federal, state, and local agencies are key elements in the corridor planning study process. Throughout the corridor study process, MDT provides opportunities for resource agencies, stakeholders, and community members to participate and provide input on needs, issues, and concerns.

2.0 COMMUNITY AND AGENCY PARTICIPATION

2.1 Study Contacts

Contact information for MDT and the Consultant will be provided in all published materials and is also listed below.

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2.2 Print Media

Meeting announcements will be developed by DOWL HKM and advertised by MDT at least two weeks prior to informational meetings. Advertisements will announce the meeting location, time, and date; the format and purpose of the meetings; and the locations where documents may be reviewed (if applicable). The following print newspapers will carry display advertisements:

- The Glendive Ranger Review
- Sidney Herald

2.3 Radio and Television

MDT may announce informational meetings on local radio and television stations. Specific media outlets will be identified during the study, as appropriate.

2.4 Document Availability

2.4.1 Newsletters and Meeting Materials

DOWL HKM will develop two newsletters during the course of the study. The first newsletter will be issued before the first informational meeting and will introduce the study and describe its purpose, illustrate the study area and study components; and describe key findings from the Existing and Projected Conditions Report. The second newsletter will be distributed before the second informational meeting and will present recommendations from the Draft Corridor Study Report, including recommended improvement options within the highway corridor. DOWL HKM will also develop meeting materials for each set of informational meetings, including agendas, static exhibits, and other presentation materials. Print copies of newsletters and meeting materials will be available at the informational meetings for this study. MDT will publish electronic versions of newsletters and meeting materials on the study website. Print copies of newsletters will also be mailed to a limited distribution.

2.4.2 Reports

MDT will publish electronic versions of reports on the study website. Print copies of the Draft Corridor Planning Study Report will be available at the MDT Statewide and Urban Planning Section Office (2960 Prospect Avenue; Helena, MT). It is anticipated that print copies of this report will also be made available at the following locations.



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- MDT Glendive District Office (503 North River Avenue; Glendive, MT)
- Glendive Public Library (200 South Kendrick; Glendive, MT)
- Sidney Public Library (121 3rd Avenue Northwest; Sidney, MT)
- City of Glendive Public Works (300 South Merrill Avenue; Glendive, MT)

2.5 Meetings

2.5.1 Team Meetings

Team meetings will be scheduled every two weeks for the duration of the six-month study period. Meeting participants will discuss study progress, analysis methodologies, and any issues or concerns that arise during the study. The team will serve in an advisory role and will review study documentation prior to publication. Team members are listed in Table 2.1

Table 2.1 Team Members

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County public works officials will also be invited to participate in team meetings.



2.5.2 Stakeholders

DOWL HKM will develop a list of stakeholder contacts, including representatives from local businesses and agencies. Potential stakeholders were contacted via telephone in February and March 2012 to encourage attendance at informational meetings and seek input on issues and concerns within the study corridor. The following businesses and agencies will be included in the initial stakeholders list. Additional stakeholders may be added as the study progresses.

- MT Legislature - HD 38 Representative
- Colorado Tube and Pipe (CTAP)
- Sidney Sugars, Inc
- CHS, Inc. - BNSF Grain Elevator #2358
- Richland County Sheriff
- Dawson County Sheriff
- Dawson Rural Fire Department
- Richland County Ambulance Service
- Glendive Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
- Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
- Fairview Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
- Glendive School District
- Sidney Public Schools
- Fairview Schools
- Dawson Community College
- Cross Petroleum Services, Inc.
- Fisher Sand & Gravel
- Iba Drilling Company, Inc.
- Nabors Well Services
- Williston Basin Interstate Pipe Co.
- Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.
- Mitchell's Oil Field Service, Inc
- Hi-Line Trucking
- Eagle Oil Field Service
- PB Oil, LLP
- St Mary Land & Exploration Company
- XTO Energy
- Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project
- CHS Farmers Elevator
- Yellowstone Livestock
- Mondak Trucking, Inc.
- Rick Partin Trucking
- Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.
- Wildcat Trucking LLC
- Macgrady Cody Trucking
- Golden Eagle Trucking, Inc.
- Tvedt Trucking, Inc.
- Bacon Trucking
- C W Molloy Trucking
- Westmoreland Coal Company



2.5.3 Informational Meetings

Two sets of informational meetings will be held during the course of the study. Meetings will be held in Glendive and Sidney, MT.

During the first set of informational meetings, the Consultant will introduce the study, present findings from the Existing and Projected Conditions Report, and solicit feedback about issues and concerns in the corridor.

The second set of informational meetings will occur toward the end of the study process. Community members will be asked to provide feedback on recommended improvement options presented in the Draft Corridor Study Report.

Comments will be considered throughout the course of the planning process. Individuals who attend informational meeting will be added to the study mailing list.

2.5.4 Resource Agency Meeting

At the time of the first informational meeting, the Consultant will facilitate a separate resource agency meeting to discuss natural resources occurring within the highway corridor, anticipated impacts that could result from improvement options, and potential mitigation strategies. This meeting will be conducted using web conferencing software Go-To-Meeting and MDT's polycom teleconferencing system.

2.6 Consideration of Traditionally Underserved Populations

MDT will attempt to involve traditionally underserved segments of the population in the corridor planning study process through the following measures:

Plan Meeting Locations Carefully

- MDT will host informational meetings in locations that are accessible and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Seek Help from Community Leaders and Organizations

- MDT and the Consultant will confer with community leaders and representative organizations about how best to involve traditionally underserved populations.



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Be Sensitive to Diverse Audiences

- MDT and the Consultant will attempt to communicate as effectively as possible during informational meetings by avoiding technical jargon and exercising appropriate conduct and judgment. Alternative accessible formats of study materials will be provided upon request.

2.7 Study Schedule

The MT 16 / MT 200 Glendive to Fairview Corridor Planning Study began on January 23, 2012 and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2012. Figure 2-1 illustrates the anticipated study schedule.



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Figure 2-1 Anticipated Study Schedule

