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Public Meeting for
HWY 486/North Fork Flathead Road
Corridor Study





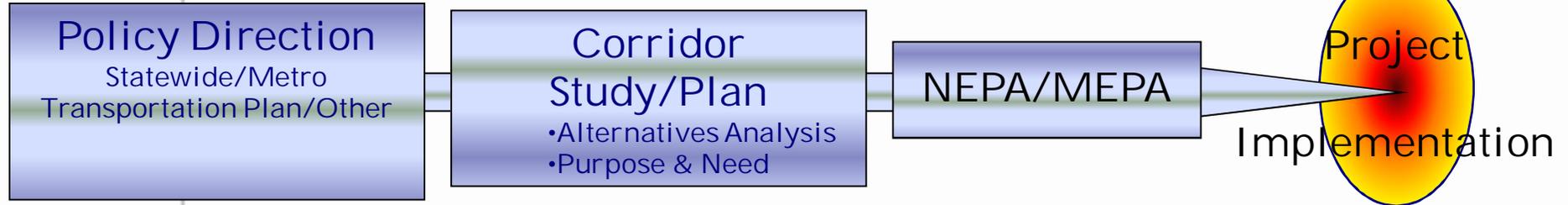
Meeting Purpose

- Introduce the North Fork Flathead Road Corridor Study
- Explain the Corridor Study and public involvement process
- Discuss the study area boundaries
- Share information we have heard so far
- Ask for your input on the Study area
- Answer any Study Process questions
- Discuss next steps





Goals and Purpose of Corridor Study

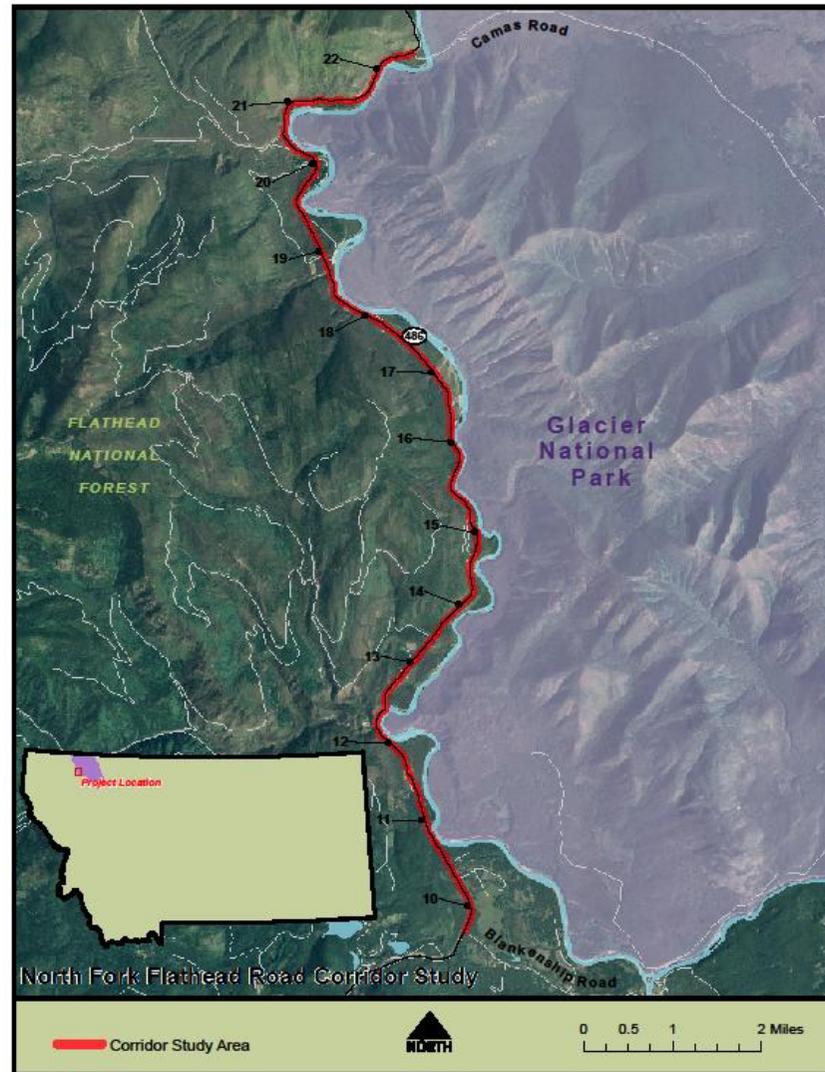


- Engage the public early
- Identify constraints
- Identify short and long range improvement possibilities
- Develop planning level cost estimates
- Develop information and data to be forwarded into the environmental process as a project moves forward from the study





Corridor Study Area





Corridor Planning vs. NEPA/MEPA

What is the Corridor Study Process?

- NOT a NEPA/MEPA* study or environmental study
- NOT a preliminary or final design project
- NOT a construction or maintenance project
- NOT a right of way acquisition project

** The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) / Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) is a policy for the protection of the natural environment and human health and welfare and is carried out by promoting efforts to prevent or eliminate damage to the environment*





Corridor Study Approach

Corridor Studies:

- Are a "High-Level" Scan
- Define transportation issues/problems
- Assess a broad range of options
- Consider social, economic and environmental effects at an EARLY stage and throughout the study process
- Provide a level of analysis that can support informed and sustainable decisions





Stakeholders/P.I. Activities/Schedule

Study Team

- Flathead County
- Flathead National Forest
- Glacier National Park
- Federal Highways Administration/Western Federal Lands
- PB Americas (formerly Parsons Brinckerhoff)
- Montana Department of Transportation

Stakeholders (potential)

- North Fork Landowners Association
- Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Personnel
- County Sheriff and MT State Highway Patrol
- Resource and Regulatory Agencies
- Others





Public Involvement Activities

- Two public informational meetings
- Outreach to select landowners and stakeholders
- Other outreach efforts
 - Project newsletters
 - Website
 - Informal meetings





Schedule

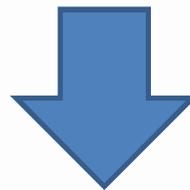
- Project kick-off meeting – March
- Public Information & Resource Agency meetings - April
- Draft Corridor Study Document -- July
- Final Corridor Study Document – August





Complete Existing Conditions

- Corridor description
- Existing traffic volumes
- Existing crash trends
- Environmental resources
- Environmental scan



- Begin analysis of transportation needs
- Begin identification of potential improvement options for the corridor





WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Today - please give us your input on issues within the Corridor Study area – we're hear to listen!
- As the Corridor Study process continues - please comment on potential options and recommendations

Comments accepted via the MDT website, regular mail and email. Please provide comments about your issues and concerns so that we may include with our initial analysis period

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/northfork/>

or see handout for email and regular mail addresses.

WHAT ARE YOUR CORRIDOR STUDY PROCESS RELATED QUESTIONS?





Thank You for Participating

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