

Appendix B  
Written Public Comments

(Source: Citizens, May 2008 through June 2009)



Comments Received after  
First Public Meeting  
(May 20 through September 8, 2008)



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# Sidney Bypass Study

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**Public Scoping Meeting**  
**May 20, 2008**

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? yes  
If so,

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

*Safety*

What are the travel concerns?

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

*no*

What are the most logical termini?

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

We also invite your general comments:

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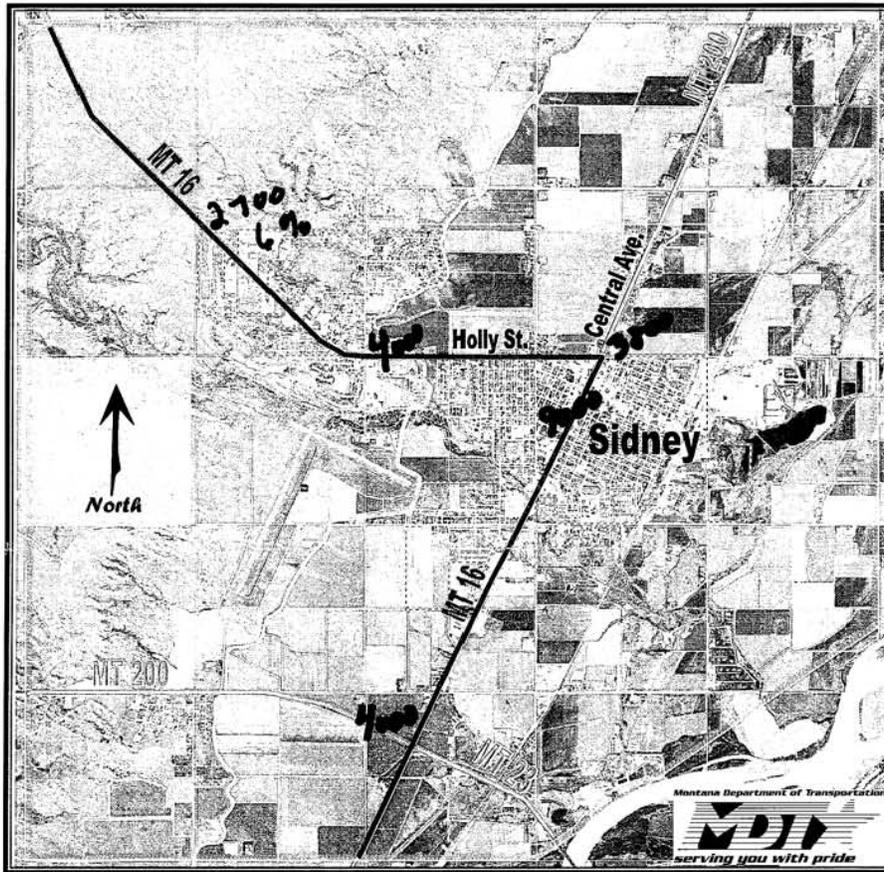
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# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a <sup>Truck</sup> ~~bypass~~ route around Sidney needed? Yes  
If so,

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

What are the travel concerns?

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

What are the most logical termini?

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

We also invite your general comments:

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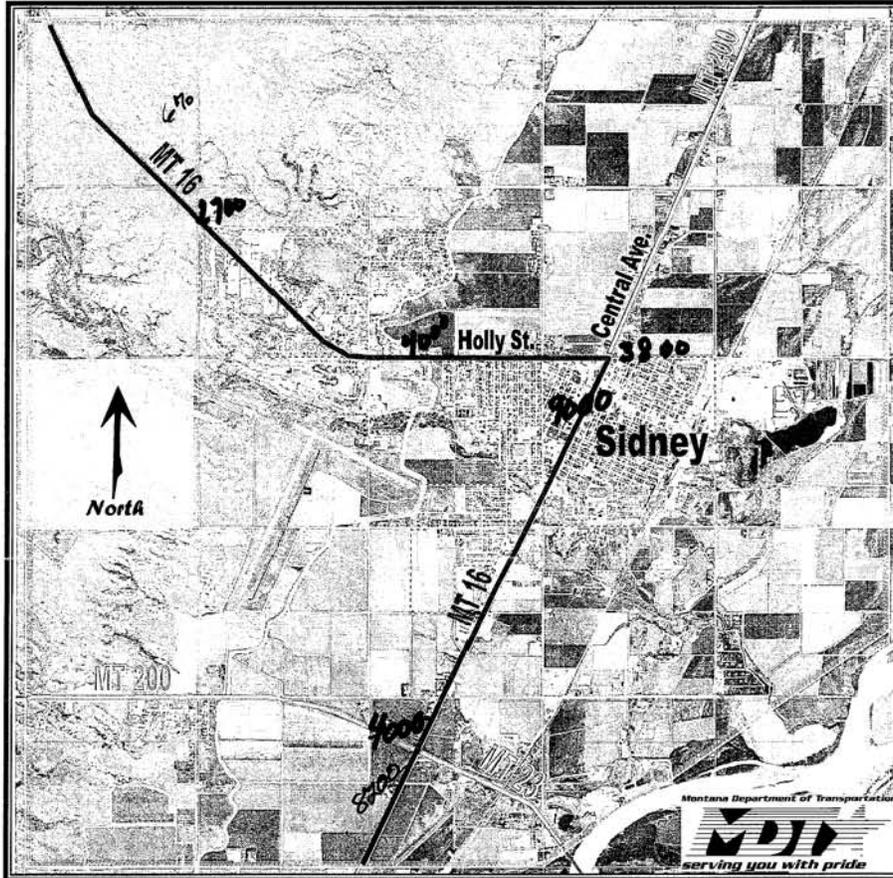
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*25-405 more*

*3400  
1090*



*6378 -05*

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# Sidney Bypass Study

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May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? yes  
If so,

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

get heavy TRUCKS & equipment MOVEMENT OUT OF  
DOWNTOWN

What are the travel concerns?

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

NO

What are the most logical termini?

BUILD a Box around the city, 3 miles & 3 miles

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

We also invite your general comments:

people that want to stop in town will, a TRUCK BYPASS  
WOULD NOT Kill DOWNTOWN

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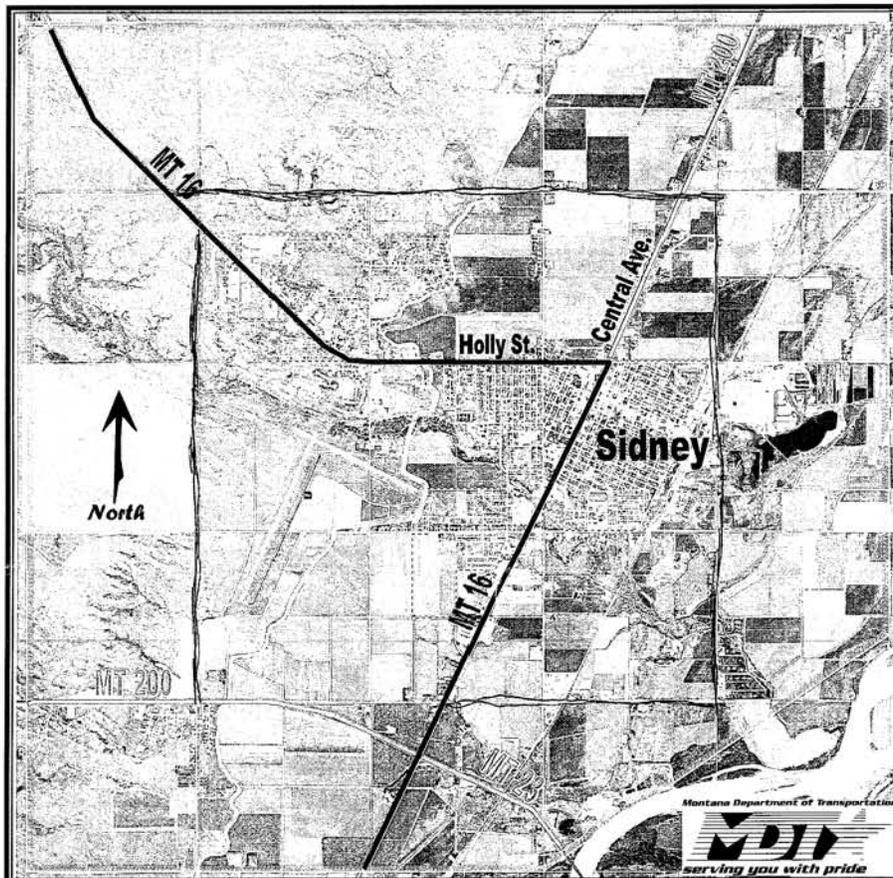
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Comment #3 (cont.)

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# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? YES  
If so,

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

TO REDUCE HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC FROM  
CENTRAL AVE

What are the travel concerns?

HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC - 8' PARKING ON CENTRAL

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

YEAR ROUND TRAFFIC

What are the most logical termini?

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

W/ A BYPASS THE CITY COULD DEVELOP DOWNTOWN

We also invite your general comments:

BRET SMELSER - THANKS FOR YOUR WORK!

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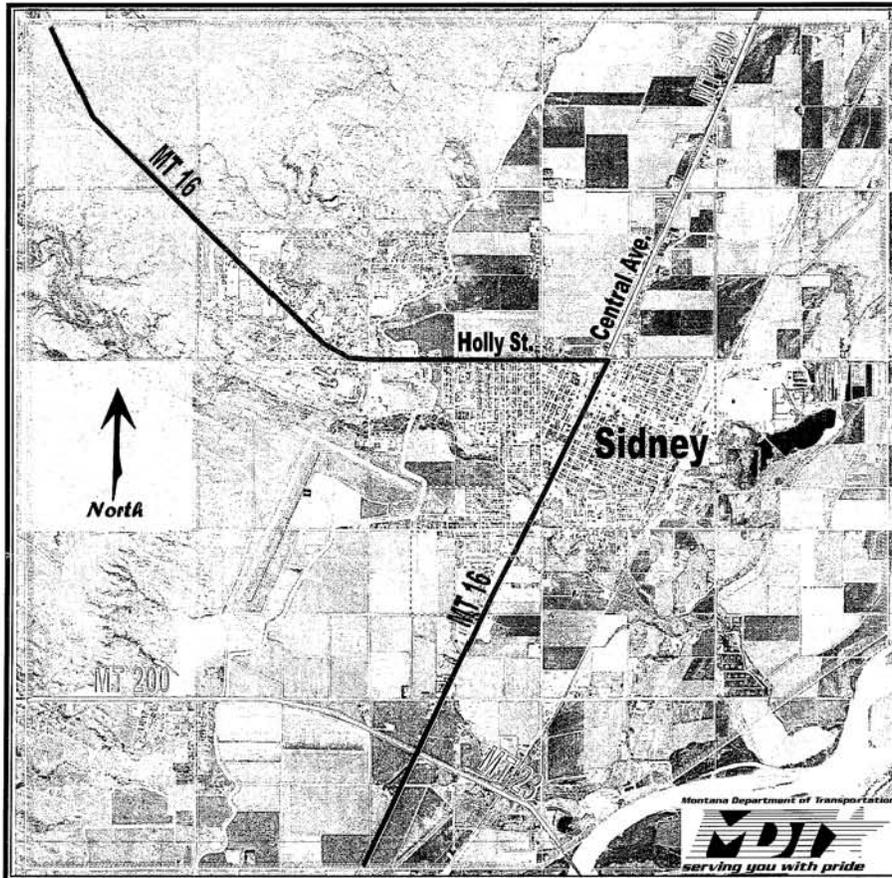
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# Sidney Bypass Study

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Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed?   No    
If so,

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

What are the travel concerns?

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

What are the most logical termini?

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

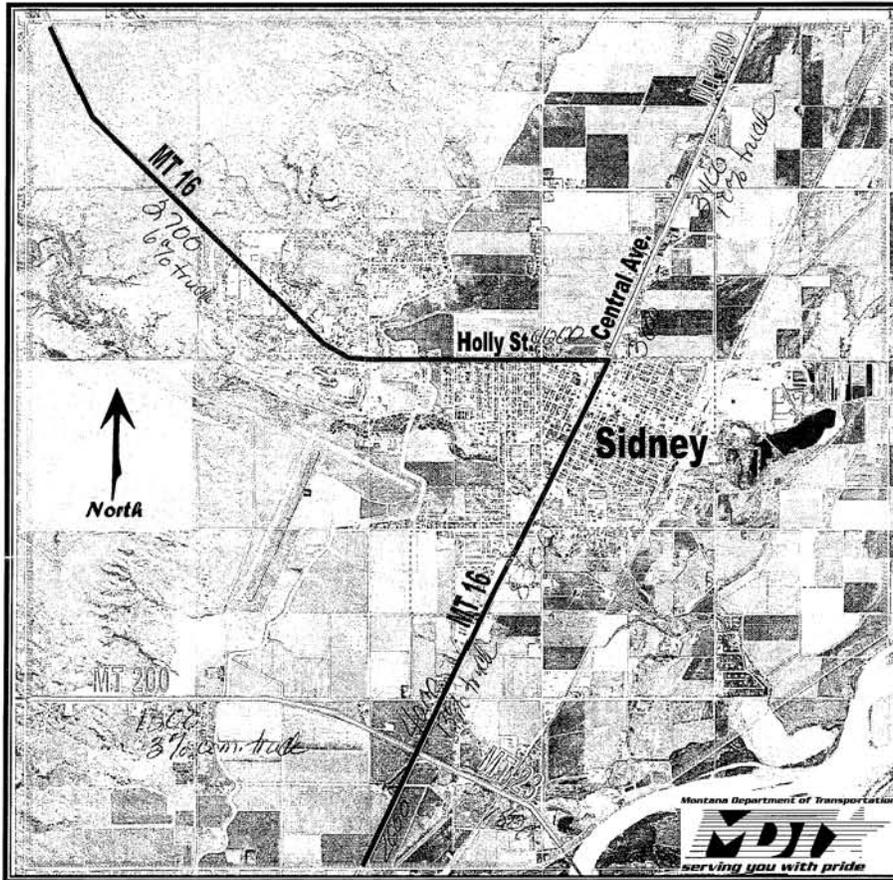
We also invite your general comments:

  We are the land owners that would be affected    
  by the west by-pass    
  The road that parallels the MT trust land (which    
  we lease) between CR 134 & the airport is a private    
  oil well road. We run cattle in all that area. We    
  are concerned about the impact truck traffic would have    
  across our ranch and to our registered herd of cattle.

Comment #5 (cont.)

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*Work started in Sidney*

# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? YES  
If so,

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?  
''' SAFETY '''  
REROUTE TRUCKS

What are the travel concerns?  
''' SAFETY '''  
TRAVEL EASE THROUGH TOWN

Are the travel concerns seasonal?  
NO

What are the most logical termini?

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

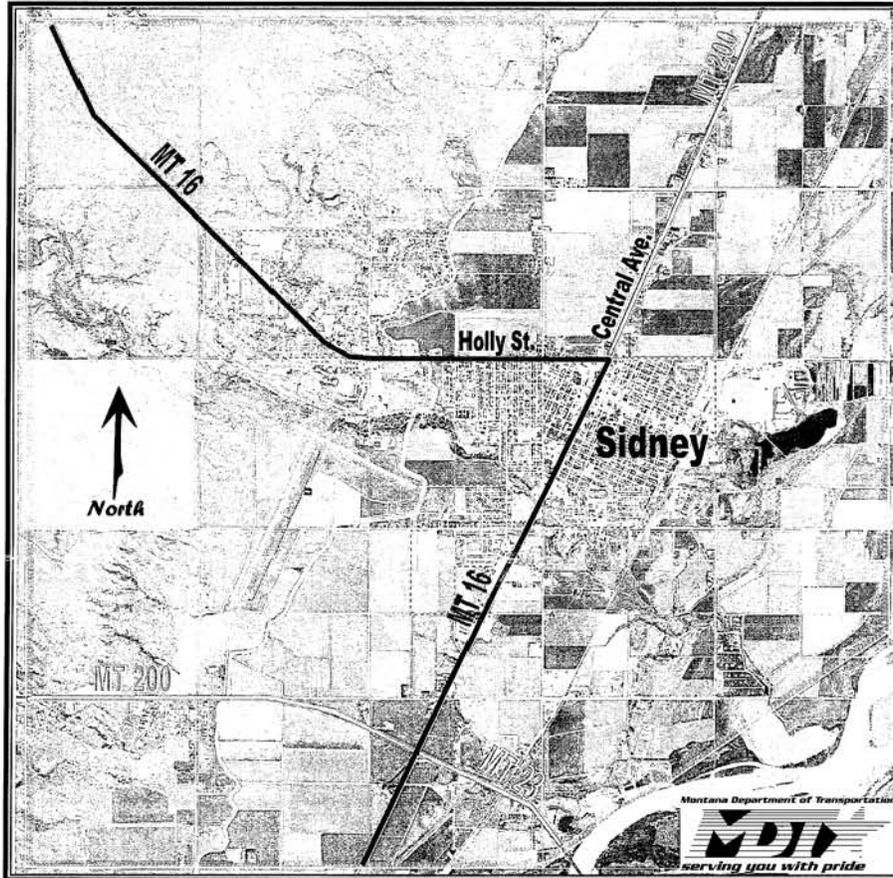
We also invite your general comments:

RE-MODELING CENTRAL - (3 LANES - SYNC LIGHTS)  
NEEDED ~~AND~~ REGARDLESS OF BY-PASS  
TWO BY-PASSES ARE NEEDED DUE TO THE  
JUNCTIONS INVOLVED  
CANADA TRUCKS, LOCAL CONTRACTORS, ~~PASSENGER~~ LOCK  
TRUCKS CERTAINLY NEEDED IMPROVED EAST ROUTE  
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Comment #6 (cont.)

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e-mail: jnyden@midriver

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# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? Not if it means existing residents  
if so, would be displaced or at a total inconvenience.  
Fixing current truck route is needed.  
What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

What are the travel concerns?

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

What are the most logical termini?

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

We also invite your general comments:

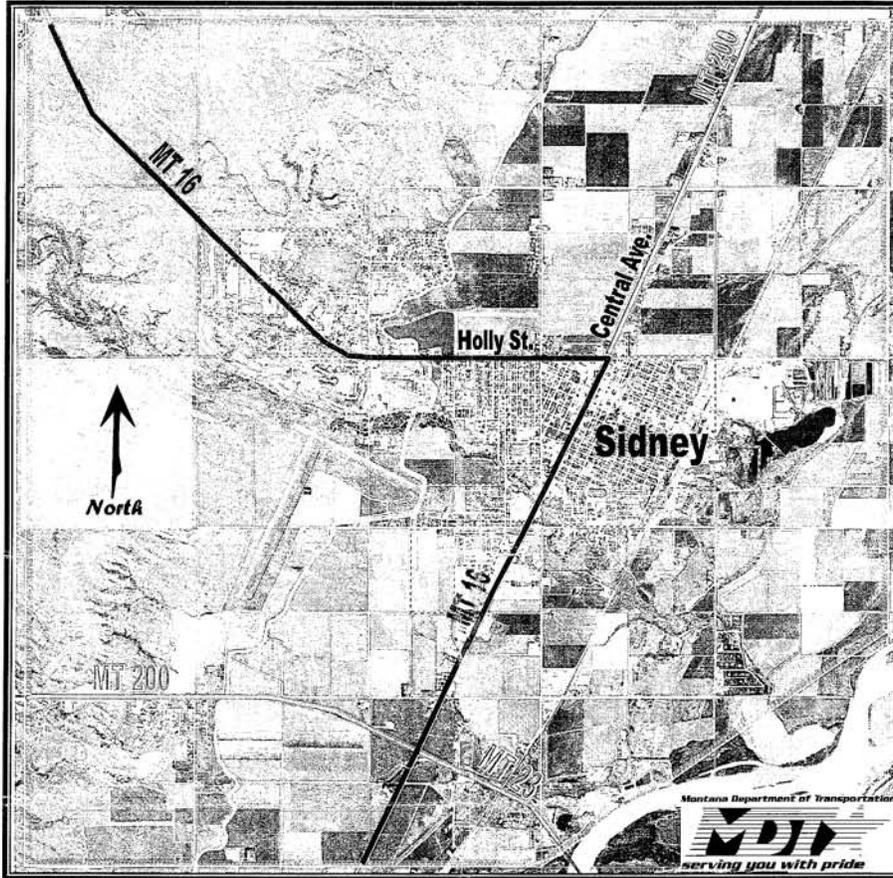
My husband & I live on the SE side of existing truck route. There are quite a few trucks that go by & this existing truck route does need fixing. S.W. part of town would be ideal in that it would get trucks to their destinations quicker a lot of oil activity goes to the west, however we were told money wise, it would be more costly there than on the SE side of town. Not only on the SE side are there residents, but an electrical & gas substation. Putting a truck bypass would not keep trucks from going down Central Ave, as these trucks would not come from A & B as quick as possible.



Comment #7 (cont.)

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To receive further project information, please provide your name and address:

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# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? yes

If so,

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

1. Relieve pressure on Central Ave.
2. Improve safety and access at Central & Holly St.
3. Most important - Safety on Central Ave.

What are the travel concerns?

1. Change Central Ave to three lanes. Pedestrian safety, school zone, dual use of the turn lane.

Are the travel concerns seasonal? No.

What are the most logical termini?

Highway 16 North - Highway 200 So at Great Plains Supply.

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

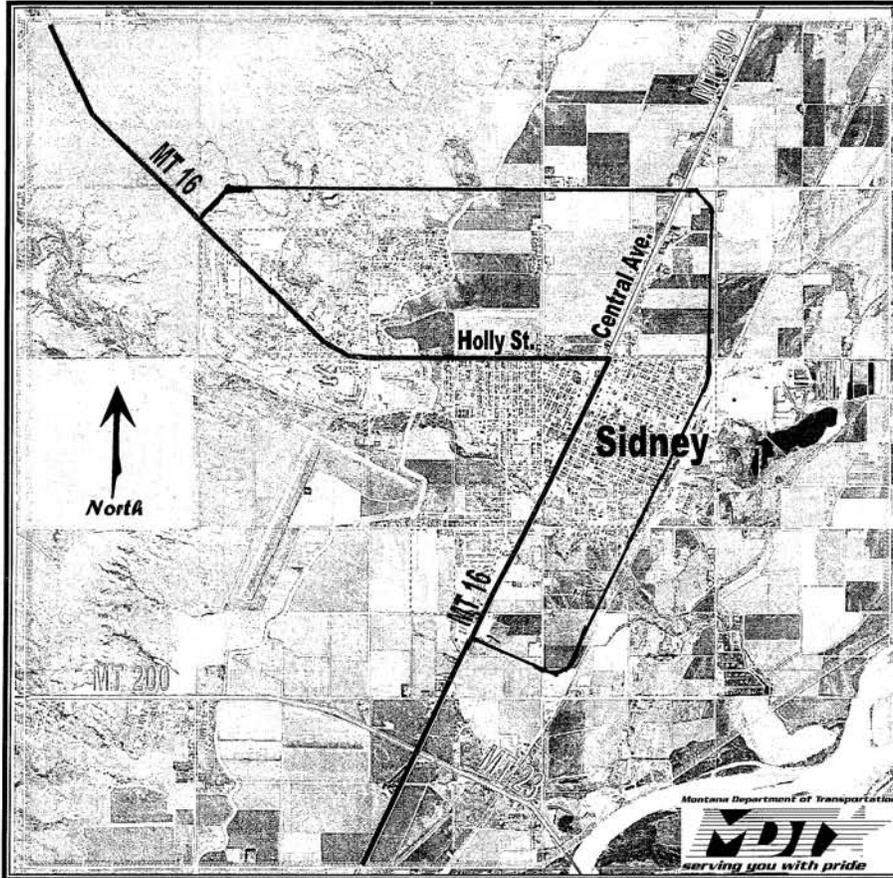
Logical way to utilize one route to relieve the two state routes - Hwy's 16 & 200.

We also invite your general comments:

Will allow for industrial development at both the North junction at Hwy 16 and at the South junction of Hwy 200. Eliminates the need for a roundabout, signage, traffic lights or re-build of the highway junctions at Holly Street and Hwy 200 & 16 at the Post Office.

Comment #8 (cont.)

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# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? NO - Not on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.  
If so, yes if you go with a west Bypass.

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

To keep The TRUCK TRAFFIC off of CENTRAL AVE. & off of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.

What are the travel concerns?

we don't need HAZARDUS MATERIAL going Thru town on CENTRAL AVE. OR 9<sup>th</sup> AVE, S.E.

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

NO - with the oil boom. it is year AROUND, there is no truck PARKING so people who want to shop Sidney, will shop by smaller vehicles.

What are the most logical termini?

West Bypass only way to go, Secondary Road would be 55-70 MPH Speed Limit.

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

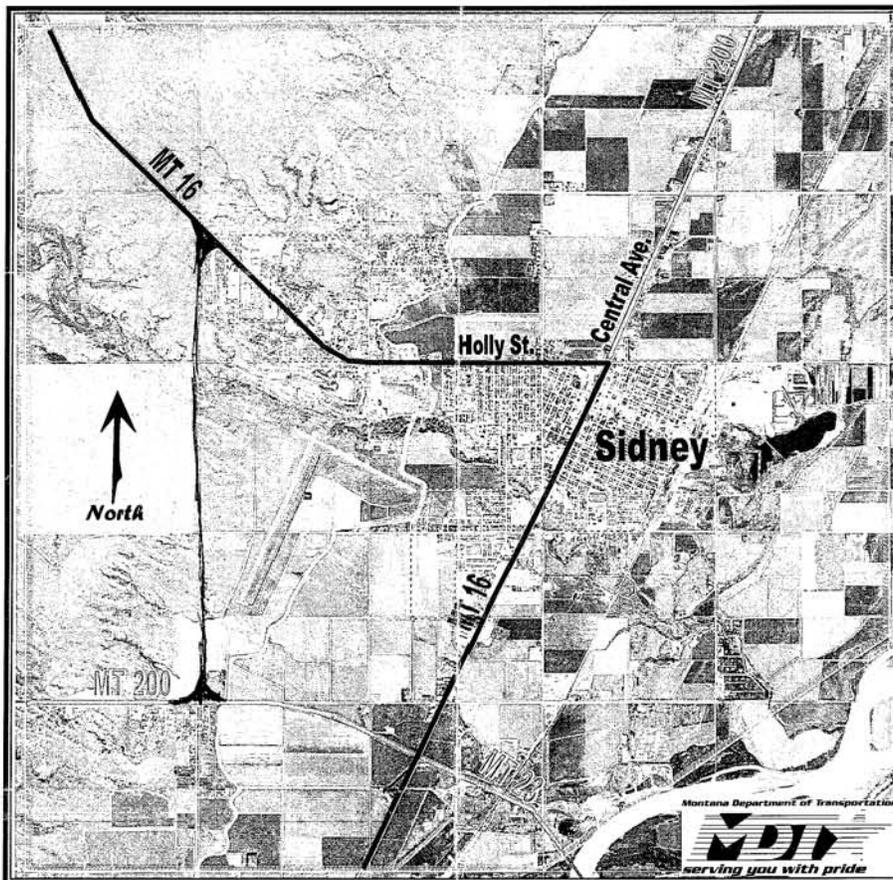
We also invite your general comments:

If you're going to eliminate the traffic on 200 & 16 a West Bypass is needed.

TRUCKERS don't HAVE ANY PARKING so How are we going to Loose Revenue from the TRUCKERS.

Comment #9 (cont.)

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# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Scoping Meeting  
May 20, 2008

Please help us answer the following questions:

Is a bypass route around Sidney needed? yes  
If so,

*I would like to be  
part of the  
Stakeholders Group*

What are the primary transportation needs for the bypass?

*Wide & high with gentle corners,*

What are the travel concerns?

Are the travel concerns seasonal?

*Beet harvest is about 3 weeks, oil activity is 12 months*

What are the most logical termini?

*Corner of Highway 16, 200 + Hailey St. with a Traffic light at this intersection*

What are some major opportunities and constraints?

*There will be a number of property owners upset so the price must be more than fair, even if the city & county have to put their money where their mouth is.*

We also invite your general comments:

*I understand the route we have been using for a "truck route" isn't even though it is marked as such. for as long as I can remember therefore it should be easy to make this route useable simply make wider & corners bigger raise the low hanging wires. Purchase the extra right of way & make it happen.*

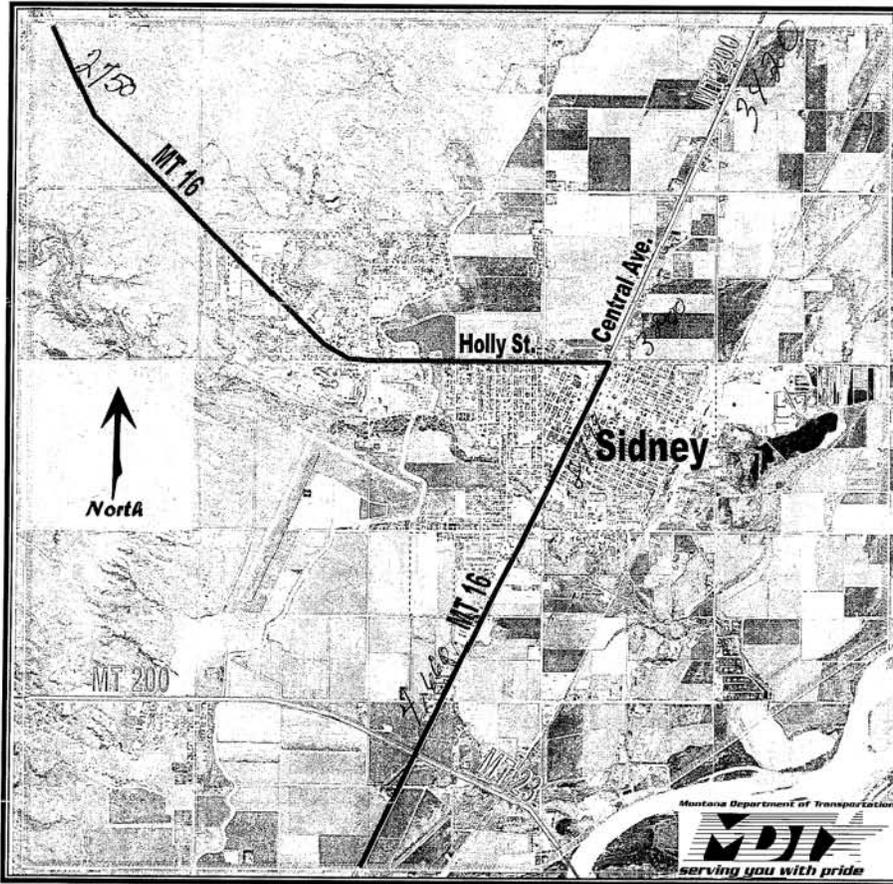
*Install a traffic light at corner of Hailey &*



Comment #10 (cont.)

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Sidney, MT 59270

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment #10 (cont.)

The way I see this whole issue is just purchase the additional right way on the corner & on east side of 9<sup>th</sup> ave S.E. & 9<sup>th</sup> ave N.E.

The lot on corner of Highway 16 + 14<sup>th</sup> St. S.E. if you owned it would make a nice gentle turn to the east on "Designated Truck route."

I understand this route would be located on the south side of the High school, however this route has been here before the high school was built as far as I know.

The Irrigation Ditch on the north of route & south of school could easily be in a pipeline, as the Lower irrigation project did on North side of Sidney.

Comment #11

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I am unable to attend the meeting about the Truck By-pass in Sidney. Would you PLEASE read the following for me at the meeting?

Creating a truck bypass around Sidney really worries me. Our downtown businesses are struggling the way it is. If you create a truck bypass, don't you think all travelers will want to take it to avoid town traffic? That means that people won't stop to get a snack, or fill up with gasoline, or grab something to eat, or maybe even shop? We already have a truck route. Can we some-how enforce truck use of it? If we can't, then how can you enforce use of a truck by-pass? Please consider again.

Thank you  
Robyn Heck, Sidney

Comment #12

**From:** Eldean & Sandy Flynn [mailto:esf@wb.midrivers.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2008 7:59 PM  
**To:** James, Darryl  
**Subject:** Sidney Bypass

Darryl James

I would like to comment on the bypass at Sidney.  
Sidney needs two bypasses one around the west of town and one around the east.

I pull a 53' trailer and give up taking the truck route because I can't negotiate the corners very well with the heavier traffic. It becomes easier and faster to go down town.

If you visualize trying to make the turn at the post office and go east. If some one is trying to make a left turn to go down town I can't make the turn east. Traffic backs up all around.

Then the turn at the Pepsi plant going south. I need to get in the on coming lane to make the turn right, because of the cut across of the trailer. If the traffic is heavy I can't make the right turn. The trees and trailers houses make it impossible to see. So if traffic is heavy I will stop it, trying to make the turn.

The right turn at the High School if the traffic is heavy I can't make the right hand turn because I need to take all of their lane to keep out of the ditch.

The left turn at UBC stop light is ok.

You need a light at the post office intersection

Than you  
esf@wp.midrivers.com

Comments Received after  
Second Public Meeting  
(March 12 through April 8, 2009)





# Sidney Bypass Study

**Public Information Meeting**

**City of Sidney Invites Your Comments:**

**March 12, 2009**

I FAVOR FULL BYPASS ROUTE, STARTING AWAY FROM POPULATED AREAS (14th AVE & HOLLY)

STARTING SOUTH OF SIDNEY, GOING NORTH OF SIDNEY TO 200, THEN ALSO INSTALL RD TO HIGHWAY 16 ACROSS NORTHERN ROUTE

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Name:

Jerry Nypher

Address:

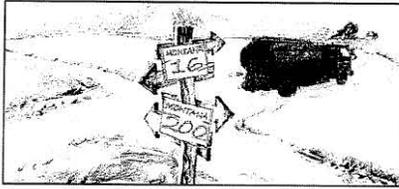
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SIDNEY, MT  
59270

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2701 Prospect Avenue  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Please indicate comments are for the Sidney Bypass Study and submit comments by **March 27, 2009**.





# Sidney Bypass Study

**Public Information Meeting**

**City of Sidney Invites Your Comments:**

**March 12, 2009**

I own and operate a C-Store with truck stop, parking, fuel on Highway 16 on the northwest end of Sidney. Truck traffic is a large part of our business so I would be opposed to a North East ~~to~~ bypass around my business for selfish reasons. I think the existing truck pattern would be adequate if Holly and 9th were rebuilt along with a new corridor to get away from the high school. I also believe that a street light on Holly & Central is absolutely essential no matter what. Central in my opinion should be 3 lane.

To receive further project information, please provide your name and address:

Name: Greg Miller

Address: 323 23rd Ave N.W.  
Sidney, MT

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**DOWL HKM**





# Sidney Bypass Study

**Public Information Meeting**

**City of Sidney Invites Your Comments:**

**March 12, 2009**

Living on 14<sup>th</sup> SE - There is so much traffic - with school - hopefully you can "by-pass" 14<sup>th</sup> and go the south route - I would really like to see the for west + north - new route for truck traffic. would also help with the farmers & beet harvest.

To receive further project information, please provide your name and address:

Name: Robert & Joan Bell

Address: 203 14<sup>th</sup> ST SE  
Sidney, MT

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## Comment #4

**From:** Garth Kallevig [mailto:gkallevig@stockmanbank.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009 2:45 PM  
**To:** Mengel, Ray  
**Subject:** FW: Deana please print this on Bank Letter-Head Thanks!

Montana Department of Transportation

Re: City of Sidney Truck Bypass

To: Ray Mengel

Thank you for the hard-work and detailed presentation on Tuesday evening!! I now understand why these projects take so long from start to finish.

I am a "hometown" boy of 56 years and for the last 28 years have worked at Stockman Bank. I am also a retired Sidney Volunteer fireman of 20 years. My office sits on the corner of Central Avenue and West Main Street.

**Comment #1**---with regards to safety and common sense---I have witnessed many accidents and near misses due to the 4 lanes of traffic on central avenue. The three lane idea is GREAT!!!

**Comment #2**---the commercial truck traffic on Central Avenue has created unsafe ruts, potential hazardous material spills, fire, and explosions. We have been very fortunate to avoid anything catastrophic. Any solution to move these trucks from Central Avenue will make our pedestrians, businesses, and moving traffic safer!!

**Comment #3**---I have tried to digest the conceptual corridors and preliminary analysis presented Tuesday night. I think I was fairly open-minded going into the meeting.

Trucks coming from the west on the Culbertson Highway---I think a straight shot to the post-office intersection is the best route---when they get to the intersection (for which we need a light and bigger turning area/radius)---they can either cross to the east truck route (existing) or turn north to the Fairview Highway---thus avoiding downtown central avenue. Trucks coming from the North Fairview Highway would come all the way to the post-office intersection and either turn east or west to either truck route.

Trucks coming from the south on the Glendive Highway---I like the idea of having them turn east by Great Plains and then North parallel to the railroad tracks and then coming onto the east truck route (9<sup>th</sup> Ave). This takes out the commercial trucks and farm to market trucks that now have to all go past the high school area. This also opens up for the future---some industrial growth along both sides of the truck route that turns east at Great Plains.

I hope this helps---and I would be glad to answer any questions that my comments raise.

Thank you,

***Garth N. Kallevig***  
*Branch President*  
*Sidney Office*  
*Phone 406 433 8600 Ext. 8614*



Comment #5

# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Information Meeting

City of Sidney Invites Your Comments:

March 12, 2009

1<sup>st</sup> prefer - widening of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE w Sidewalk on west side curb & gutter on right.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> extend road to south and coming back on to Highway 16 further south of Sidney - Not utilizing 14<sup>th</sup> St. 3<sup>rd</sup> extend north end of truck route out to the county road Busch Ag ~~road~~ <sup>uses</sup> and not using east Holly 4<sup>th</sup> Send North traffic out Co Rd 126 not past the P.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Stop light at Po - eliminate current Credit Union & 2<sup>nd</sup> St Stoplights & add another @ 4<sup>th</sup> St So the Jr high has a light @ Both corners.  
 order of importance 1<sup>st</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Ave 2<sup>nd</sup> North end of Truck Rte 3<sup>rd</sup> South end of truck Rte 4<sup>th</sup> North Run to Culbertson Highway

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*Comment #6*

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**From:** Robert Elliott [mailto:relliott@midrivers.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2009 11:46 PM

**To:** Strizich, Carol

**Subject:** Sidney Bypass

Dear Carol:

I was quite concerned to read about how the DOT is considering using 9th Avenue in Sidney for their truck route.

Elementary school children cross and use 9th Avenue to get to and from school. There are more small children that live on 9th avenue than any other street in the town of Sidney. The old truck route bypasses most of the neighborhoods and no child needs to cross it to get to school. The majority of the people in Sidney would prefer that the DOT leave everything just as it is.

For the safety of the small school children, I urge the DOT to use common sense and not locate the truck route on 9th avenue.

Robert Elliott

3-19-09

## Concerning Sidney Bypass Study:

Being a resident of 9 Ave SE I strongly object to the current proposed route. What would be wrong with just leaving as it is only patching 9 Ave and installing a light by the postoffice. The biggest reason this is being pushed for is because our Mayor wants a three lane central Ave. to his credit. Trouble is, if the three lane was put to a vote it'd never pass.

I think its extremely irresponsible to even be considering a project like this in these uncertain times. Especially when this project stands to greatly impact already stressed 9 Ave residents who would receive no compensation what so ever.

Respectfully

Sharon Mindt  
602 9 Ave SE  
Sidney Mt.

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Sidney Truck Route Study;

I live on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E. Sidney, Mt.  
I don't have a problem with repairing  
the 9<sup>th</sup> Ave - but I have a problem  
with widening it.

You need to repair - put a stop  
light by the post office & either  
the city or state needs to  
patrol 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E. because of  
people speeding - not only the trucks.

I don't believe it's right to have  
all this hazardous material &  
oil - salt water - gasoline & fuel  
going through a residential area.  
You better find a better place  
for your truck route.

Times are tough so why are you  
trying to waste 30 million dollars  
on a useless project?

Concerned in Sidney, Mt.  
Leroy L. Minnett  
6020 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S.E.  
Sidney Mt.  
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Comment #9



# Sidney Millwork Co.

Celebrating Our Anniversary



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March 20, 2009

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Attention: Carol Strizich

RE: Sidney-Richland County Truck Route

Dear Carol:

I would like to submit for the record some pertinent facts concerning the proposed truck route and downtown renewal project for Sidney, MT. The late 70's early 80's City-Co planning board retained the engineering firm Marrison- Marlie to study and present a comprehensive plan for Sidney and the surrounding community. The study was to update a 1972 study plan that was outdated shortly after completion. The purpose of the study was to provide orderly growth, expansion, and prevent hit and miss sporadic development. Cost 25,000.00. Their planning suggested that Sidney would have a population of 13,000 by the year 2000. Didn't make it. They cautioned, "watch out for the tendency to get out of the city and prevent development outside the city limits in a crazy quiet pattern of land uses which is not desirable." Strip development tends to rob the downtown area of its main commercial function and should not be allowed. Do not desert the downtown support it. There wasn't much effort extended toward a transportation plan. The Richland County planning board contracted with Carmin Associates of Billings who hired Leigh Scott and Cleary of Denver to prepare a complete transportation plan for the City of

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Sidney and Richland County. This study was completed and delivered to the City and County May 20 1983. The study was very complete and offered much for consideration and direction.

Such things as: Truck Route, Urban Growth, Conceptual Street Plans, Major Arterial Streets, Minor Arterial Streets, Collector Streets, plus much more.

I would like to offer the following for consideration. Starting at highway 16 North, exit east to County Road 126 travel east on 126 cross highway 200 and connect to a re-aligned county road 351. Connect to 9<sup>th</sup> avenue Northeast travel south to 14<sup>th</sup> street Southeast continue approximately 1500 feet past 14<sup>th</sup> South, turn right and travel westerly connecting to highway 200 at a 90 degree configuration. Install a stop light.

Items to consider:

- Eliminates truck traffic on Central Ave.
- Eliminates a need for stop light at Central Avenue and Holly Street.
- Convert Central Avenue to 3 lanes.
- Eliminate stop lights at
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Southwest & Central Avenue
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Northwest & Central Avenue

This will eliminate a number of problems that presently exist. 1. The problem at the intersection at Central Avenue and Holly Street. 2. Remove the truck problems on Central Avenue. 3. Eliminate the congestion at 14<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast, highway 200 & 16 South. 4. Reduce the excessive build-up of the traffic on Holly Street West. 5. Most of all, the improvement of safety

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on Central Avenue and the development and improvement of the business district is extremely important.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dolph".

Dolph Harris  
801 9<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest  
Sidney, MT 59270

Enclosure  
Map Alignment

Comment #10  
March 22, 2009

Carol Strizich  
MDT Planning  
2701 Prospect Avenue  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Proposed Truck Route Changes: Sidney, Montana

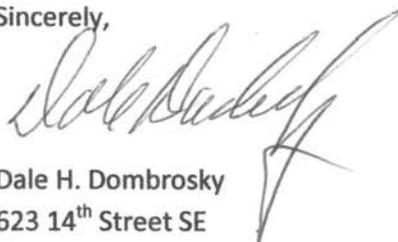
Dear Ms. Strizich;

I am writing to you to comment on the proposed changes to the truck route in Sidney, Montana.

I am a resident of Sidney and have lived along the truck route for nearly 40 years. I am opposed to all three of the design suggestions brought up at the public meeting in Sidney on Thursday March 12, 2009 as are most of my neighbors. The general consensus appears to be relatively simple. Most people would be satisfied with, or approve a plan, to make repairs to the existing route on the north and south corners and installation of a traffic light at Holly Street near the Sidney Post Office. Resurfacing the truck route and a single sidewalk design is also a possibility.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. A formal petition is being planned and will follow at a later date.

Sincerely,

  
Dale H. Dombrosky  
623 14<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Sidney, MT 59270  
(406) 488-2410

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## Comment #11

-----Original Message-----

From: tysses@middrivers.com [mailto:tysses@middrivers.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 4:56 PM

To: Strizich, Carol

Subject: Sidney Bypass Proposal

Carol,

We are commenting on the article "Truck Route Discussed at Meeting" in the March 18, 2009 Sidney Herald. We have been under the understanding that 9th Ave SE is a "Farm to Market Road" that has been used as a truck route.

That was stated at one of the early meeting last fall. We strongly feel if this is made into a truck route, there should be a sidewalk on the east side also. The article states a show of hands favored a sidealk on the west side only. Has anyone polled the people who live on the east side?

We are the ones who will be directly affected. We will be back in Sidney in early April and would like to vist with you on this issue. Our address is 902 9th Ave SE. Please present this concern of ours at the meeting Thursday night, as we are still in Az an are unable to be there.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sandy and Art Tysse

Comments #12-36

March 22, 2009

Carol Strizich  
MDT Planning  
2701 Prospect Avenue  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Proposed Truck Route Changes: Sidney, Montana

Dear Ms. Strizich;

I am writing to you to comment on the proposed changes to the truck route in Sidney, Montana.

I am a resident of Sidney and have an interest in the proposed truck route changes. I am opposed to all three of the design suggestions brought up at the public meeting in Sidney on Thursday March 12, 2009 as are most of my neighbors. The general consensus appears to be relatively simple. Most people would be satisfied with, or approve a plan, to make repairs to the existing route on the north and south corners and installation of a traffic light at Holly Street near the Sidney Post Office. Resurfacing the truck route and a single sidewalk design is also a possibility.

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Sincerely,

Individual form letters sent by the following:

Bryan Gartner	Shannon Erickson	Jodi Heimle	Dan Williams	Walter Reichenbach
Travis Cundiff	Shannon Sletvold	Dusty Sletvold	Scott Joslin	Richard Buxbaum
Chuck Peterson	Cody Johnston	Jeremy Pfau	Dennis Latka	Cherise Partin
Joey Unruh	Tim Partin	Jami Anderson	Leroy Pfau	Park Allen
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Comment #37

March 26, 2009

Carol Strizich

MDT Planning

PO Box 201001

Helena MT 59320-1001

Hi Carol,

As a truck driver that uses the highway system in and around Sidney, MT, I would like to make my thoughts known.

What seems to be the least expensive and most effective would be to use the truck route that already exists, with some modification.

- Starting on the south Side of Sidney going east on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, widen the road with a sidewalk on the north side and make the corner off central (Highway 16) wider.
- Make the corner at 14<sup>th</sup> Street & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue much wider heading north and make 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue wider with a sidewalk on the west side.
- Improve the corner where 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue turns onto Holly Street with a sidewalk on the south side.
- Install a traffic light at the intersection of Holly Street and junctions of Highways 16 & 200

Sincerely,



Duane Mitchell

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## Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

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The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture wishes to express that the Sidney Truck Route public information meeting of March 12, 2009 showed movement in the right direction for our community.

We support the plan to rebuild 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, which is a farm-to-market route, as the first phase. The Chamber believes that it will take truck pressure off of Central Avenue. This creates a Central Avenue which may perhaps be more pedestrian and shopper friendly, and could ultimately help create a 3 lane avenue.

The Chamber recognizes that it may be a hardship and inconvenience for some along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, but also believe it will fashion a more attractive area, and provide sidewalks which the public will enjoy. Overall Sidney will have a better appearance for everyone to appreciate.

Sincerely,  
Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Board of Directors



Comment #39

# Sidney Bypass Study

Public Information Meeting

City of Sidney Invites Your Comments:

March 12, 2009

If you cannot stop trucks from driving on Central Ave. - Sidney, Mt. please consider eliminating parking on Central Ave. + make the highway wider for better flow of traffic. Consider a stop light at intersection of Holly + Central + making the turning lanes wider on existing truck route.

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To receive further project information, please provide your name and address:

Name: Lonnie Price

Address: 2397 So. Central Ave.

Sidney, Mt 59270

Please leave your comments with Project Team staff at the meeting, or mail to:

Carol Strizich  
MDT Planning  
2701 Prospect Avenue  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Please indicate comments are for the Sidney Bypass Study and submit comments by **March 27, 2009.**



