Sidney Truck Route Study
Project Team

- City of Sidney
- Richland County
- Montana Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- DOWL HKM
Project Development Process

Policy Direction
Statewide/Metro
Transportation Plan/Other

Corridor Study/Plan
-- Alternatives Analysis
-- Purpose and Need

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Project Implementation
Project History

- West and East Truck Route proposed in 1983 County Transportation Plan as two-lane, minor arterials

- City officials contacted the state late last year to initiate a truck route study
2006 Traffic Volumes
Purpose of the Truck Route Study

- To assess the need for a truck route
- To gauge the level of public support for a truck route
- To identify potential corridors for a truck route
- To inform decisions on pending Central Avenue improvements
- To generate conceptual cost estimates
- To explore private/local/state/federal funding mechanisms and financial feasibility of a truck route
Quantm

- New corridor and route alignment planning tool
- Successfully used in other areas of the country, and on other MDT projects
Proposed Sidney Truck Route Study Area
Corridor Constraints
Known Constraints

- Parks
- BOR canal
- Airport
- Golf Course
- High School
- Developed residential areas
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Hazardous materials
- Public water supplies
- Oil wells / pumping stations
- Topography
What are your major issues and concerns?

- Is a truck route around Sidney needed?
  - What are the primary transportation needs for the truck route?
  - What are the travel concerns?
  - Are the travel concerns seasonal?
  - What are the most logical termini?
  - What are some major opportunities and constraints?
What goals and objectives should be used to evaluate alignment options?

Examples may include:

- Optimize operations of existing roadway network
- Minimize cost
- Minimize impacts
- Avoid environmentally sensitive areas
Next Steps

- Establish Stakeholders Group
- Assessment of existing conditions and future development
- Corridor Modeling - Quantm
- 2nd Public Meeting to discuss corridor options and screening process
- 3rd Public Meeting to present study results
Further Opportunities for Involvement

- Website –
  www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/sidneytruckroute/
- Comment Sheets
- Press Releases
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