

## The US 93 Corridor Plan: Missoula to Florence

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) recognizes the critical importance of the US 93 corridor to the daily lives of area residents and the traveling public. The corridor provides connections between home and work, school, shopping and as access to businesses that drive economic activity for Missoula and the region. The corridor also affects growth, based on the degree to which it provides sufficient capacity, effective access, and safe connections to other routes. It is with this significance in mind that MDT has selected this corridor as its first corridor planning project.

The purpose of the US 93 Corridor Plan (the Plan) is to identify the most needed improvements to US 93 between Missoula and Florence that will meet the corridor's operational requirements and user needs for the next 20 years. The planning process will consider the needs of local residents in Missoula, Lolo and Florence along with other residents in the region and the traveling public. Both the current and future demands of personal and commercial travelers throughout the region will be considered.

In general, the Plan will include a review of existing traffic, land use and environmental conditions, projection of future multimodal travel needs and potential, development of corridor goals and identification of the most appropriate recommended improvements based on available funding and policies to meet corridor and resident needs through 2030. The specific steps and schedule of planning activities are listed on the reverse side of this brochure.

## The US 93 Corridor Study Area: Missoula to Florence



## Who will complete the Plan:

The Montana Department of Transportation will manage the process and has hired HDR Engineering, Inc., a national consulting firm with a Missoula office, to lead a team of consultants in completing the Plan over the next 18 months.

The **Planning Process** will be collaborative in nature, involving area elected officials, agency representatives, transportation organizations, user groups and landowners to ensure local perspectives are represented. An **Advisory Committee** will afford ongoing participation and guidance by key stakeholders, entities and organizations. The **Public** will also be included in the process through public open house events (see schedule on back) and ongoing project information review and input. The project web site will provide on-line opportunities to comment on the needs for the region's transportation system and the draft plan recommendations. The first public open house will be held in February 2006. Dates, times and locations will be announced through the local media, the project web site and a mailing list.

## How to be involved:

- ♦ Join the mailing list - contact KMP Planning
- ♦ Attend a public open house - see schedule on back
- ♦ Visit the project web site - see address on back
- ♦ Provide comments - via web site / comment line

(see brochure back for contacts and web site details)

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## Planning Steps & Schedule

<b>Step #1</b> Identify issues ♦ Stakeholder interviews ♦ Meet with elected officials	Oct / Dec 05
<b>Step #2</b> Assess existing transportation / environmental / land use conditions	Nov 05 thru Jan 06
<b>Public Open House #1</b> Project kickoff—Identify issues, discuss goals	<b>Feb 06</b>
<b>Step #3</b> Analyze future travel demand and performance	Jan 06
<b>Step #4</b> Confirm purpose & need / goals	Feb 06
<b>Step #5</b> Develop preliminary improvement options	Mar / Apr 06
<b>Public Open House #2</b> Confirm possible improvement options	<b>Late Spring 06</b>
<b>Step #6</b> Analyze improvement options	Jun / Jul 06
<b>Step #7</b> Identify feasible improvement projects and policies	Jul / Aug 06
<b>Public Open House #3</b> Present draft feasible improvements	<b>Late Summer 06</b>
<b>Step #8</b> Develop draft recommendations	Sept 06 thru Jan 07
<b>Public Open House #4</b> Present draft corridor plan	<b>Fall 06</b>
<b>Step #9</b> Prepare final corridor plan	Spring 07

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*A long range transportation plan to determine needed improvements to US 93 from Missoula to Florence*

