

Public Discussion of Improvement Project on Montana Highway 35 North of Bigfork

The Montana Department of Transportation is hosting an open house on a proposed project to improve 1.2 miles of Montana Highway 35 (MT-35) north of Bigfork.

The open house will be held in Bigfork on Wednesday, May 22, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Bigfork High School Community Room (600 Commerce St.). Project team members will be available during the open house to discuss the project.

The project is located on MT-35 from reference post 32.1 to reference post 33.3, approximately from Peaceful Drive to Chapman Hill Road. The proposed project would provide a 12-foot travel lane in each direction, a center left-turn lane between Peaceful Drive and near the south end of Ice Box Canyon, a raised median barrier through the canyon, and a left-turn lane northbound at Chapman Hill Road. Upgraded pavement markings and signing will also be included.

A construction timeline has not been established. Utility relocation and acquisition of new right-of-way are anticipated. The purpose of the project is to increase roadway safety and improve shoulder width for both motor vehicles and bicycles.

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any department service, program or activity. For reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact Chuck Nemfakos at (406) 444-9323 at least two days prior to the meeting.

Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request by contacting Alice Flesch, Human Resources and Occupational Safety Division, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620; (406) 444-9229; TTY (800) 335-7592; fax (406) 444-7243; or e-mail to aflesch@mt.gov.

Comments may be submitted at the meeting or to the MDT Missoula office at P.O. Box 7039, Missoula, MT 59807-7039, or online at:

mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

Please indicate comments are for project "UPN 8182 Ice Box Canyon" and submit by June 22, 2019.