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Polson Area **Transportation Plan**

Final Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2011

6:00 P.M.

North Lake County Public Library

2 First Avenue East, Polson, MT

Your input is greatly appreciated!



Transportation Plan Update

Polson area transportation system improvements

Since the last informational meeting held in Polson on February 24, 2011, the US 93 Polson Corridor Study, which was developed in conjunction with the Polson Transportation Plan, has been completed. The Corridor Study identified two feasible alternate routes that could be considered should the community and MDT decide to pursue an alternate to the existing US 93 corridor. However, as part of any alignment discussion through or around Polson, the existing US 93 corridor will need to be considered as an option. Local government representatives within the Technical Oversight Committee felt strongly that the existing US 93 corridor be considered in any future project-level environmental process.

The Draft Transportation Plan identifies the challenges with the transportation system in the greater Polson community, and contains

specific recommendations for improvement projects and programs that will mitigate existing concerns and/or meet future needs.

A detailed list of the various draft improvement projects can be found in the upcoming Draft Plan, which will be available for review and comment on August 26, 2011 at the following locations:

- Study website: www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/polsontransplan/
- City of Polson – 106 First Street East, Polson, MT
- Lake County Planning Department – 106 4th Avenue East, Polson, MT
- CSKT Tribal Land Planning Office – 42487 Complex Boulevard, Pablo, MT
- North Lake County Public Library – 2 1st Avenue East, Polson, MT

Comments must be postmarked no later than September 9, 2011.



Recommended Improvement Projects

Analysis of the existing transportation system and future traffic conditions indicates a need for numerous improvements in the Polson area. The infrastructure improvement recommendations include five (5) Major Street Network (MSN) projects and sixteen (16) Transportation System Management (TSM) projects. These improvements are summarized on this page with “planning level” cost estimates, and are shown graphically by location shown on page 3. Detailed information regarding each recommendation can be found in the Draft Transportation Plan.

Recommended MSN Projects:

- **MSN-1:** 7th Avenue (5th Street West to Hillcrest Lane) (\$1.8 Million)
- **MSN-2:** US 93 & Rocky Point Road (\$65,000)
- **MSN-3:** 2nd Street East (Kootenai Avenue to 7th Avenue) (\$85,000)
- **MSN-4:** US 93 & MT 35 (South Shore Road) (\$30,000)
- **MSN-5:** 1st Street East (Us 93 to Skyline Drive) (\$2.1 Million)

Approximate total cost for MSN projects:

\$4,080,000

Note: The Transportation Plan also presents various concept plan improvement options along the existing US 93 corridor that may be considered during a future NEPA/MEPA process (Page 4).

Recommended TSM Projects:

- **TSM-1:** US 93 Access Management Plan (\$130,000)

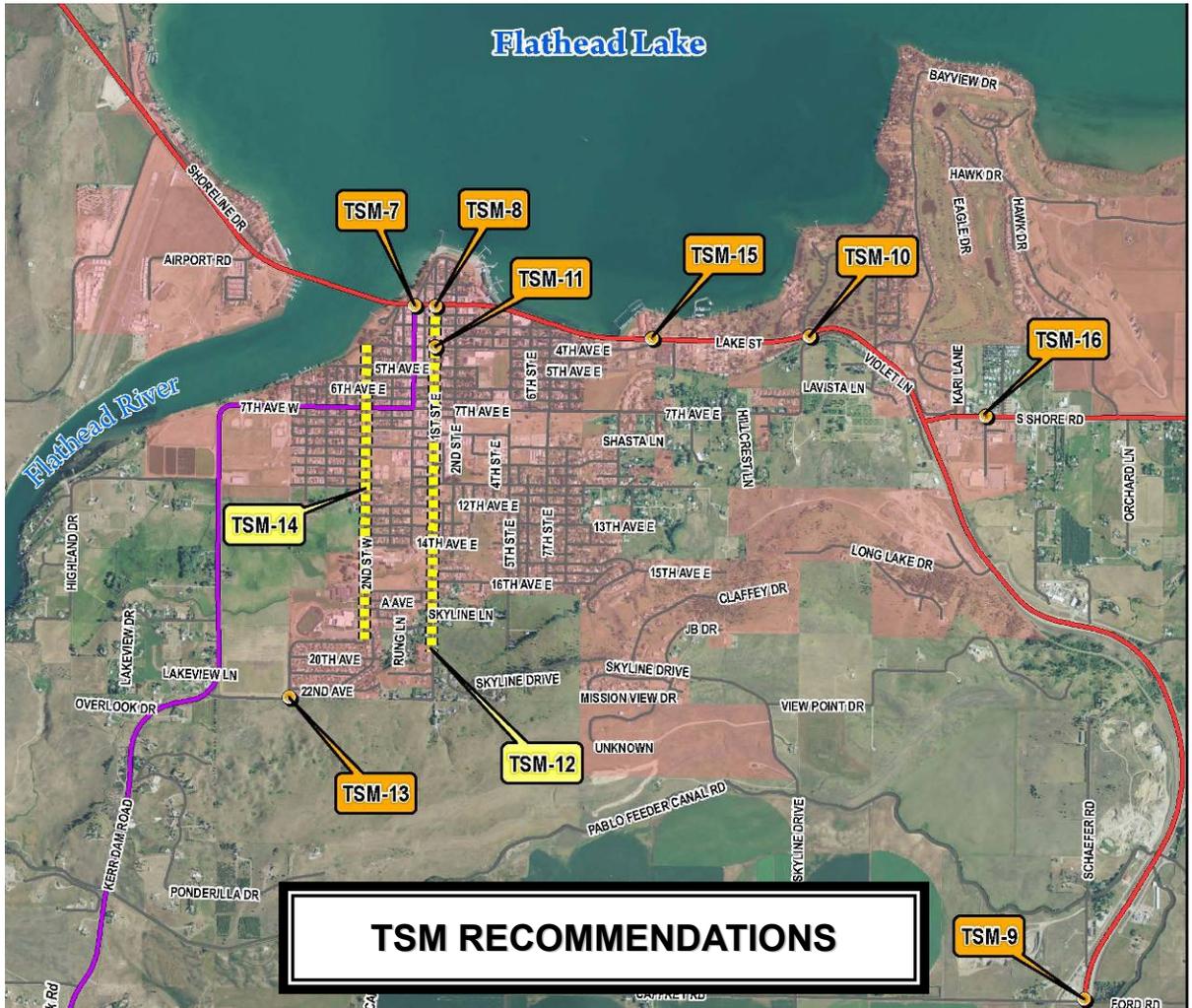
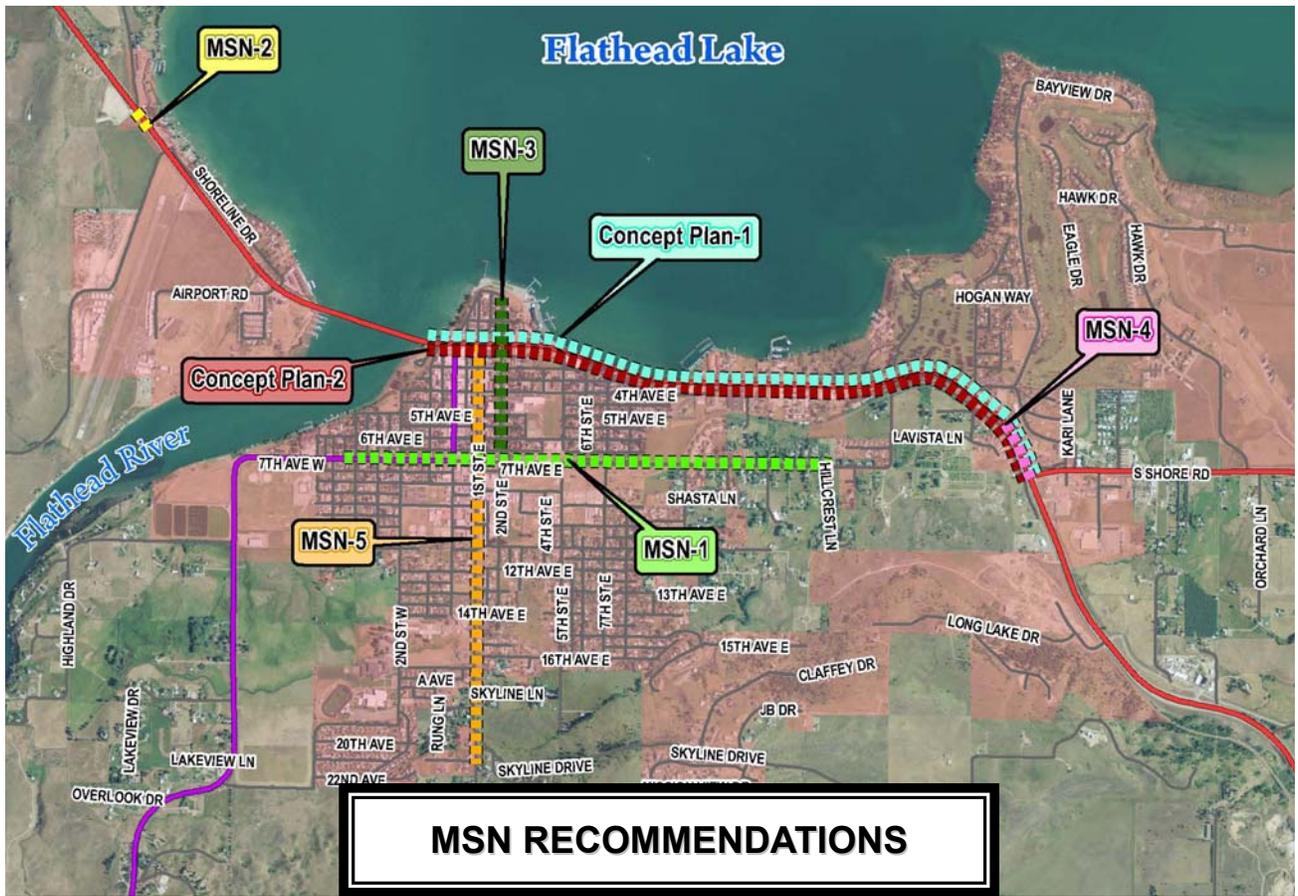
- **TSM-2:** Development of Access Management Regulations (\$15,000)
- **TSM-3:** Polson Area Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (\$25,000)
- **TSM-4:** Downtown Parking Study (\$40,000)
- **TSM-5:** Polson Downtown Master Plan (\$40,000)
- **TSM-6:** US 93 Signal Interconnect (\$45,000)
- **TSM-7:** US 93 & Main Street (\$200,000)
- **TSM-8:** US 93 & 1st Street East (\$250,000)
- **TSM-9:** US 93 & Caffrey Road (\$325,000)
- **TSM-10:** US 93 & Bayshore Drive (\$140,000)
- **TSM-11:** 4th Avenue East & 1st Street East (\$30,000)
- **TSM-12:** 1st Street East Functional Classification/System Redesignation (No Cost)
- **TSM-13:** Sharp Left Turn Sign (Grenier Lane & 6th Street West) (\$1,000)
- **TSM-14:** 2nd Street West Functional Classification (No Cost)
- **TSM-15:** US 93 & 4th Avenue East (\$15,000)
- **TSM-16:** MT 35 & Heritage Lane (\$15,000)

Approximate total cost for TSM projects:

\$1,271,000

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Concept Plans to Existing US 93

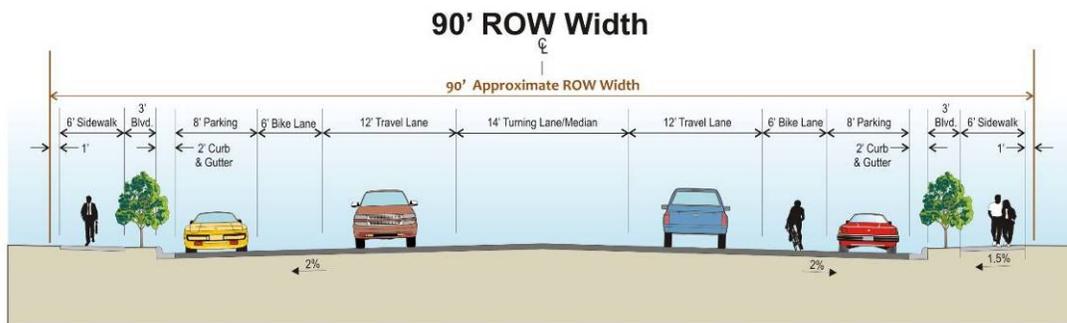
The Transportation Plan presents various conceptual options for improvements to the existing US 93, between the intersection of US 93 with MT 35 and the east end of the Flathead River bridge. The conceptual options are summarized below and addressed in detail in the Draft Transportation Plan:

Conceptual Options - With Alternate Route in Place

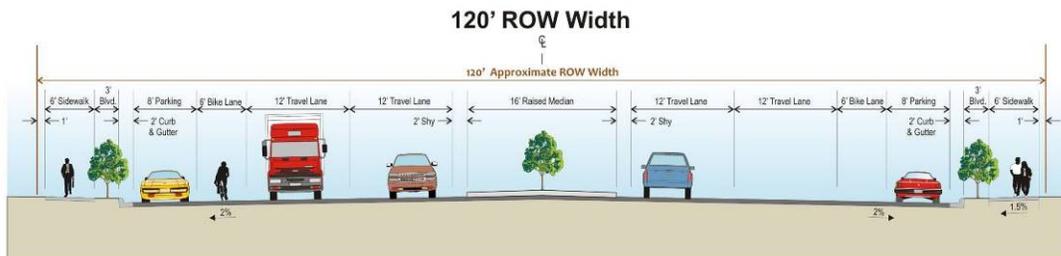
- Three-Lane Section without Urban Amenities
- Three-Lane Section with Urban Amenities

Conceptual Options - Without Alternate Route in Place

- Five-Lane Section without Urban Amenities
- Five-Lane Section with Urban Amenities



Urban 3-Lane Section with Amenities



Urban 5-Lane Section with Amenities

Would you like to comment on the Transportation Plan?

Opinions, comments, and concerns may be submitted orally or in writing at the informational meeting on September 1, 2011. Comments may also be submitted by:

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We hope to see you
September 1, 2011!