
Sidney Truck Route Study

Public Scoping Meeting May 20, 2008



Meeting Agenda:

6:00 – 6:15 p.m. **Introductions**

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. **Presentation**

6:45 – 8:00 p.m. **Questions and Answers**

All comments received will be summarized in a final report and used to guide the study process. Please also feel free to provide additional written comments to Project Team staff at the meeting, or mail them to the address on the comment sheet.

Project Team:

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Project Description:

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has been requested to conduct a truck route study for the Sidney area. The primary purpose of the study is to assess community interest and the need for a truck route, identify potential alignment corridors, generate cost estimates, and explore funding mechanisms and financial feasibility of a truck route. The project will also be helpful in informing pending decisions for other Sidney area roadway improvement projects.

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:

MDT is soliciting your input on the proposal to construct a truck route around Sidney. We request that you consider the following questions:

Is a truck route around Sidney needed? If so,

- 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?

We also encourage you to provide any additional insight that may help us understand the issues and concerns surrounding a potential truck route, and what level of public support you believe exists for a truck route.



Comments and/or suggestions from all interested parties are requested to ensure that the full range of issues are identified and reviewed. Comments or questions should be directed to:

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You may also contact the MDT District Office toll free at: 888.689.5296
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