Appendix A

Public Comment Matrix  (8/26/2011 to 9/9/2011)

The matrix below contains comments received during the Draft Transportation Plan Document comment period (8/26/2011 to 9/9/2011) and includes a response when clarification is required.

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| September 9, 2011 (Gil Mangels) | **From:** Miracle of America Museum [mailto:museum@cyberport.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2011 3:19 PM  
**To:** Ludlow, Sheila  
**Subject:** Polson | Thank you for your comments.  
Comments re: Polson area  
I feel a street through from Cougar Ridge, (across from Memory Lane) and Hwy 93 junction, and carry it through to one of the avenues (between 7th and 16th) would alleviate a lot of the downtown congestion. Draw areas include both the Middle and High schools, Hospital, Rest homes, WBC Woodys and Western Bee customers and workers.  
Some inter city dwellers would also access the aquatics center via this road, totally avoiding HW 93.  
Polson dreams of itself as a resort community, but most tourists do not see it as such. On a survey we did, a majority of people said if there was a bypass they wouldn’t give Polson a second thought. It is often bypassed on the East shore now by folks bent on seeing Glacier Park.  
While some project a future need for a bypass, the current trend of government is to close down renewable resources like timber. Larger vehicles are frowned upon and there is a push on for smaller vehicles. Can we assume then that there will be more traffic? Your studies show that there has been less. Montana is unfriendly enough to business which is sending our own children away for gainful employment.  
To violate virgin land and riverbed by a bypass to alleviate the summer traffic problem seems totally wasteful. A bypass will definitely have a negative financial impact on Growth projections were planned for the community of Polson as described in Chapter 3 of the report. |
this area.

City owned day parking would be a better investment of funds. There are vacant lots and waste areas within view of hwy 93 and within easy walking distance, or at least taxi distance of downtown, which should be investigated for parking areas.

As the founder of the Miracle of America Museum, we are acutely aware of the importance of easy traffic movement for the tourist. We traveled around the nation, studying locations, effects of bypasses, signage, parking, etc. We interact with our visitors, ask their opinion and visit personally with probably more than most of the businesses in the area.

Sincerely, Gil Mangels, 406-883-6804 or 6264