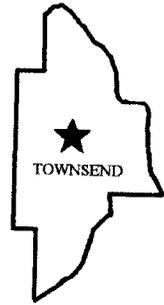


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September 8, 2009

Jim Skinner
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Manager - Program and Policy Bureau
2701 Prospect Ave
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Helena, MT 59620-1001

Subject: Hwy 287 - Townsend South Project

Dear Jim:

The Broadwater County Board of County Commissioners wishes to voice its continued support for the Highway 287 - Townsend South Project.

We understand funding for this proposed project will accelerate the development and construction to rebuild 8.2 miles of U.S. Highway 287 (N-8) south of Townsend in Broadwater County. The proposed project, U.S. 287-Townsend South, begins at the south city limits of Townsend near reference point (RP) 78.1 and ends north of Toston at RP 86.3. This project is currently split at RP 82.5 and consists of the Townsend-South (RP 78.1 to RP 82.5) and Townsend-South Passing Lanes (RP 82.5 to RP 86.3) projects. We support any effort to enhance the safety of the traveling public and local residents by construction of these facilities.

We thank you for your continued efforts concerning this project and look forward to its eventual completion. Please contact me at 406-980-2052 regarding any questions or additional information you may need from Broadwater County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail M. Vennes".

Gail M. Vennes
Chairman of the Board

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