

# You Are Invited to Attend the Public Scoping Meeting for the *US 93 - Somers to Whitefish* (*Kalispell Bypass Only*)

## Re-Evaluation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is conducting a re-evaluation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for a proposed US 93 bypass around Kalispell, Montana. The bypass route would pass on the western side of Kalispell and would provide an 8-mile long connection with US 93 to the north and south of Kalispell. The FEIS re-evaluation for the bypass is anticipated to take approximately 9 months to complete.

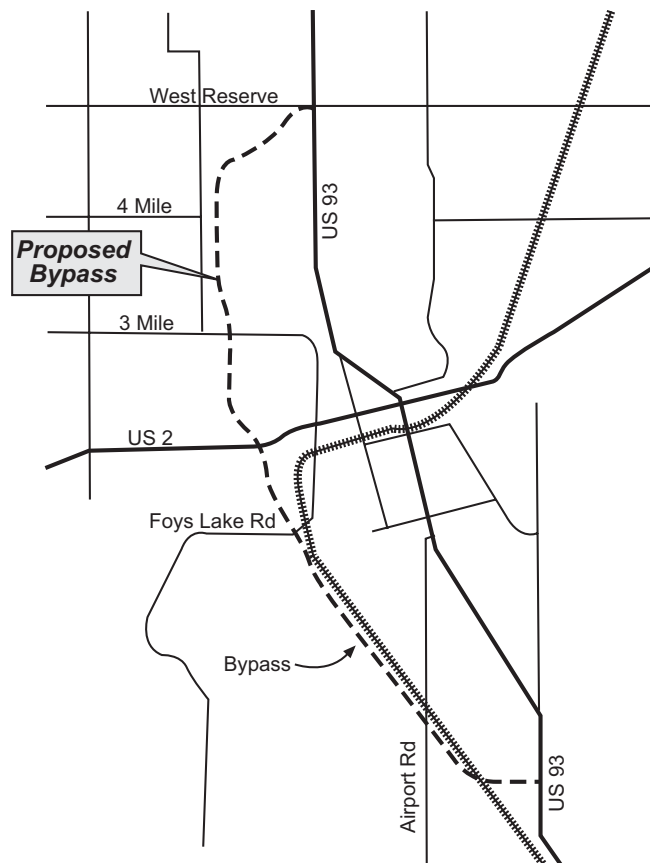
The US 93 – Somers to Whitefish FEIS, originally approved in 1994, covered an approximately 50-mile long corridor of US 93 from Somers to Whitefish, including a bypass segment around Kalispell. Since that time, MDT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) decided that proposed design changes to the Kalispell bypass segment required a re-evaluation.

On August 24, 2004, MDT is hosting a public scoping meeting to re-familiarize community members with environmental issues that arose during the FEIS process and to discuss implications of proposed changes to the Kalispell bypass segment. Community members are encouraged to provide comments to help MDT focus the re-evaluation.

### FEIS Topics Include:

- ◆ Land Use
- ◆ Farmland
- ◆ Social/Economic
- ◆ Traffic/Safety
- ◆ Pedestrian/Bicycles
- ◆ Air Quality
- ◆ Noise
- ◆ Water Quality
- ◆ Wetlands
- ◆ Wildlife/Fisheries
- ◆ Floodplains
- ◆ Threatened and Endangered Species
- ◆ Historic/Cultural
- ◆ Hazardous Waste Sites
- ◆ Visual Quality
- ◆ Construction

### Kalispell Bypass Project Location





## Public Scoping Meeting:

**Date:** Tuesday, August 24, 2004

**Time:** Open House from  
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Presentation at 6:00 pm  
followed by a question  
answer period



**Location:** WestCoast Kalispell Center Hotel  
20 N. Main Street, Kalispell, MT  
Banquet Room A

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