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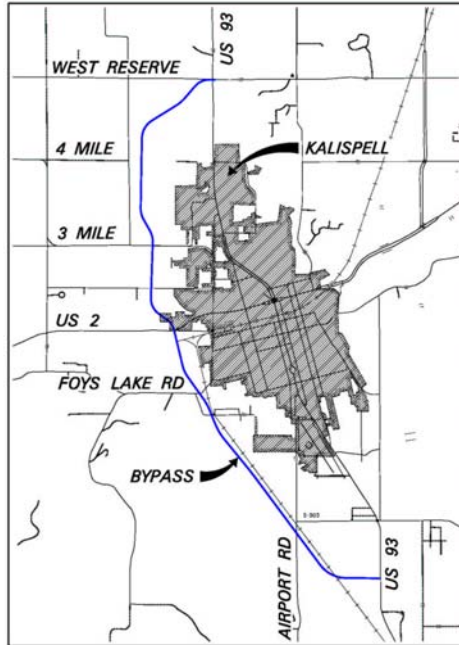
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Kalispell Bypass: Design Continuation

Stelling Engineers, Inc. has been retained by Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to develop the final design for the Kalispell Bypass. This newsletter serves as an introduction to the proposed project and provides key contact information.

The MDT has hired Stelling Engineers to resume the design process from its 1999 preliminary design. The MDT has also retained the firm of Carter-Burgess, Inc. of Denver, Colorado to reevaluate the environmental document for the project. The environmental document must be reviewed to update certain design features and to ensure that it is still applicable for federal funding.

MDT, with assistance from the City and the County, has received funding to continue the Bypass design and right-of-way acquisition which will enable construction of the Bypass. The environmental review and the design are expected to be completed in three years. Construction could begin by 2008.



Proposed Kalispell Bypass

Project History

The US 93, Somers to Whitefish Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) developed various concepts for a Kalispell Bypass. Approved in 1994, the EIS recommended a westside Bypass be constructed around Kalispell. After the EIS approval, MDT hired Neil Consultants, Inc. to provide preliminary engineering to identify right-of-way needs. Neil Consultants held public meetings in 1995 and 1996 with preliminary engineering and right-of-way plans completed in 1999. An 8 mile roadway is proposed to encircle the west side of Kalispell, beginning and ending at US 93.

Based upon these preliminary right-of-way plans, the City of Kalispell and Flathead County have been reserving the Bypass right-of-way as development occurs. MDT has also purchased a portion of the road right-of-way.

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Public Kickoff

Meeting:

June 21, 2004

PRESENTATION: 7:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE: 5:30 – 9:00 PM

LOCATION: WestCoast
Kalispell Center Hotel,
Lake McDonald Room,
20 North Main, Kalispell



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PUBLIC KICKOFF MEETING

A public kickoff meeting for the Kalispell Bypass is planned for **Monday, June 21, 2004**, at the WestCoast **Kalispell Center Hotel, 20 North Main** in the Lake McDonald Room.

7:00 PM Presentation, with an open-house style format between 5:30-9:00 PM.

This meeting will be held to solicit public concerns and re-introduce the interested public to the project. Future public meetings will be held in 2004 and 2005.

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- Call 406-452-8600 and ask to be added/removed from the Kalispell Mailing List
- Fax 406-452-8700 and provide your contact information and request your change
- Send an email to Mail@stellinginc.com with the subject line RE: Kalispell Bypass Mailing List Change

