

Community Comment Matrix (8/10/2012 to 8/31/2012)

Date of Comment (sender)	Comment Identifier	Response
August 16, 2012 (Julie Johnston)	<p>Highway 2 Please provide your comments below: Reduce Speed into Culbertson from the West sooper Also put Rumble Strips across incoming lane to get the attention of drivers to Slow Down - Speed limit signs are not working. Parking on Highway 2 South of Football Field needs to be NO Parking from approximately Schools reader board sign to the corner (west) as trucks park there and you can not see to pull out from the stop sign on the old Highway by VAC Am. Reduce speed heading south out of Culbertson towards Sidney such as 25mph till the guard rail then 35mph till after approach past the railroad bridge then to 45mph till just after the end of the guard rail - Stay 55mph until you have crossed the River bridge then a full speed zone of 60mph for trucks and 70mph for cars. Reverse the speeds for coming into Culbertson from Sidney on Highway 16</p> <p>Name: Julie Johnston Address: PO Box 793 Culbertson MT 59218 Email: juliejohnston59@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Montana Transportation Commission has the authority to change speed limits. MDT will conduct a speed study and make recommendations to the Transportation Commission as appropriate, once a formal request has been submitted by the local governing body.</p> <p>Rumble strips were not considered as part of this project, as this location does not meet MDT guidelines for the installation of transverse rumble strips.</p> <p>The Town of Culbertson has jurisdiction over parking. If parking ordinances are adopted, MDT will assist with signing on state maintained routes.</p>

Please provide your comments below:

Against 7th or 8th Street Couplet!!

Name: David Nickoloff

Address: Culbertson

Email:

Thank you for your comment.

The 7th Street Couplet and the 8th Street Couplet options will not be advanced as recommended improvement options due to impacts to residential streets, school property and public opposition. The options have been moved from

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to

Section 5.2 – Improvement Options Considered But Not Advanced.

Please provide your comments below:

The 7th and 8th Street couplets are not viable options. This would divert fast and dangerous traffic thru residential areas as well as requiring the school to move the football and track complex at additional cost to the taxpayers?

Making US Hwy 2 a four lane is not the only viable option. Why not a 2 way with a turning lane. This would also slow down traffic coming into town. a four lane does not slow down traffic. if anything it will cause traffic to move faster through town.

Name: Tara Nickoloff
Address: Culbertson
Email: tarabull66@yahoo

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To be consistent with the regional TRED Study and the Culbertson – East to North Dakota Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, an improved two-lane was not considered as part of this project.

Please provide your comments below:

We don't feel that the 7th + 8th Street Couplet would not be a feasible option due to it being a residential area with Hospital/Clinic/ER/Ambulance routes.

The immediate removal of trucks off from main street for safety is very important.

Street lights near school and intersection are also needed.

Moving speed signs further out from all directions.

Name: Don & Myrna Oelkers

Address: P.O. Box 521
623 2nd Ave. E.
Culbertson, MT 59218

Email:

Thank you for your comment.

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Although improvement options have the potential to improve safety throughout the corridor, alternate truck routes were investigated to reduce truck traffic through Culbertson. Presently, there is no funding identified for the recommended alternate route improvement option. If funding has been identified, project development could move forward.

Street lighting at the current crosswalk along US 2 has been added to Improvement Option Number 2: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon. Any additional street lighting would be addressed during design level, if a project is forwarded from this study.

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Please provide your comments below:

No - 7th St Couplet

No - 8th St Couplet

1-2 no Alternate's

3-4 no

6 - NO

o Alternate #5 Very Good

o Need A New Speed Study
Move 25 out -

o Need help with funding!

Name: Gordon Oelkers

Address: Box 272

Email: gordon@montana.net

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Potential funding sources have been included in Chapter 7 of this document.

Please provide your comments below:

I am absolutely opposed to routes 1, 2 and 3.
I am adamantly opposed to a 7th street
couplet and an 8th street couplet.
I strongly support alternate route #5
and would like to see it built with
a route south of the railroad tracks
to the west

Name: Robert C. Petersen
Address: 712 3rd Ave East
CJ Petersen
Email: rc.petersen@juno.com

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The County Road 2059 Realignment improvement options calls for a realignment of the existing county road to address truck traffic demands. This improvement option is on a route owned and maintained by the county, and thus the County has implementation responsibility.

Please provide your comments below:

Definitely against the 7th Ave & 8th Ave Couplet options.
Recommend option 5 as most sensible.

Name: Clay Petersen

Address: 5957 RD 1018

Colchester, NH 03218

Email:

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When The New Truck Route is built
I do NOT agree with abandoning
Hwy 16 through Colburn on the
over pass. The State Dept of
Transportation should take care of both
roads (new + old) for snow &
improvements

Name: TERRIL RAAUM

Address: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your comment.

If funding becomes available and the alternate truck route is forwarded to a design project, the County and MDT will discuss and determine the outcome of the current segment of Highway 16.

Please provide your comments below:

Alternate Route #5 looks good. Need sooner
the best.
Need to slow east bound traffic as it
comes into town, especially by school.

Name: Ramona Ross

Address: Culture

Email: _____

Thank you for your comment.

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Please provide your comments below:

1) Have considerations on 1+2 been looked at as future runway extension at airport which will happen in future !!!

2) Couplet options need to go

3.) #5 option is a good one

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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safety of school students = us 2 Speed Study

No couplet, please!
Bulb out sounds good.

Thank you for mediating so well the vocal residents
of our town.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

Thank you for your comment.

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August 17, 2012
(W Bruce Houle)

From: W Bruce Houle [mailto:wbhoule@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 8:26 AM
To: Turner, Grey L.; W Bruce Houle
Subject: Culbertson Corridor Planning Study Comment Period

Grey,

Thanks for taking time all these months to develop and complete this study for Culbertson. At this time I would like to offer my comments on the options made available to Culbertson on both Improvement Options and Potential Alternate Truck Route Options.

Potential Truck Route Options:

I do favor the study's final choice on possible truck routes between Hwy #2 and Hwy # 16 being - Alternate Route # 5.

Improvement Options # 1-15

I favor work to continue on Improvement Options #1,2,3,4,9,10,13,14,15

I do not favor Improvement Option #5 (bulb-out - to me bulb- outs can be a road hazard)

I do not favor Improvement Option # 8 - MT 16 (North) Realignment - I believe this project should be left until TR Expressway is allowed to be fully studied. As TRE has already choose Hwy #16 for a 4 lane roadway to Canada, I feel a study should be allowed to determine if the existing roadway is what is needed or if this roadway needs to be aligned with Hwy 16 (South).

I also favor holding off on Improvement Options # 6 & 7 , until Improvement # 8 has been fully studied.

I do favor Improvement Option # 10 - Four Lane Hwy # 2 - and as soon as possible, with the understanding this roadway would be completed west of Culbertson, past school vs stopping at Hwy # 16 North.

Thanks

W Bruce Houle
Culbertson Chamber of Commerce
Culbertson Town Council

Thank you for your comment.

Alternate Route #5 is the recommended alternate route improvement option for this Study.

Presently, there is no funding identified for the recommended alternate route improvement option. As funding becomes available, project development would follow MDT guidelines, including a public involvement process and environmental documentation.

August 24, 2012
(Larry Bergum)

From: lara bergum [mailto:bergum2010@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2012 11:54 AM
To: cstrizich@mt.gov; Turner, Grey L.
Subject: Culbertson Corridor Study

As a resident of Culbertson, I would like to give my opinion on the truck bypass.

I am fully in support of the bypass route which would run south of the present overpass and go north to Highway #2. You are aware that the present route through town poses a hazard due to three 90 degree corners and school crossings. This truck bypass should not have an adverse effect on the survival of Culbertson. Occasionally, a truck may stop to get a tire repaired or to get fuel and food; but they can always detour into Culbertson when necessary.

With the help of our Congressional Delegation, is it possible to put a bypass on the fast track? This would eliminate the difficulty and dangers of truck traffic going through town. We should follow North Dakota's example of fast tracking a bypass around Williston, ND.

Thank you,

Larry Bergum
101 8th St. E.
Culbertson, MT.
59218
Ph. # 406-787-5535

Thank you for your comment.

Alternate Route #5 is the recommended alternate route improvement option for this Study.

There is no funding currently identified for the recommended alternate route improvement option. If funding has been identified, project development could move forward.