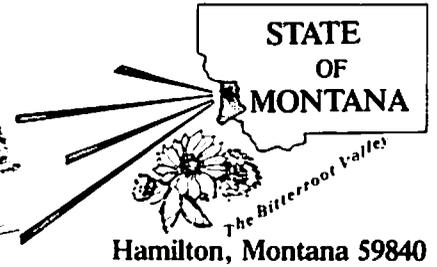
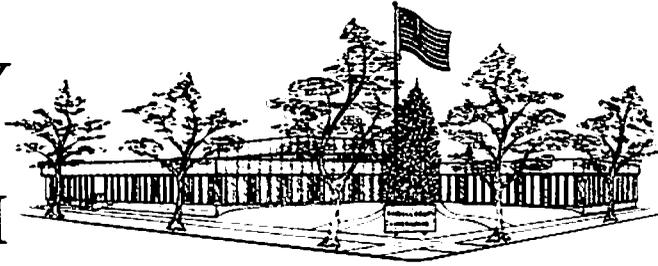


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September 10, 2009

Jim Skinner  
Manager – Program and Policy Bureau  
2701 Prospect Ave  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

Dear Jim,

The Ravalli County Commission wishes to voice its continued support for the projects on US 93. This project includes Bear Creek Road - North, Bear Creek Road - South and Victor Urban.

We understand funding for this proposed project will accelerate the development and construction to complete a 6.29 mile section of a larger corridor improvement effort; the US 93 – Hamilton to Lolo, Montana Corridor through the Bitterroot Valley. This project is located from reference posts (RP) 53.71 to 60.00 on U.S. Highway 93 (US 93).

This section of highway includes two major stream crossings – one at Sweathouse Creek and one at Bear Creek. There is inadequate safety at these water crossings.

U.S. Highway 93 through the town of Victor bifurcates business, school and fire districts, all of which encourage considerable daily highway crossings. Much of the U.S. 93 improvement project has been completed, with most of the highway now four lanes. Bear Creek Road has a significant history of car accidents and fatalities. This middle 6.29 mile section remains two lanes. For obvious traffic safety reasons, the entire length of U.S. 93 through the Bitterroot Valley should be a consistent, four-lane stretch.

We support any effort to enhance the safety of the traveling public by construction of these facilities.

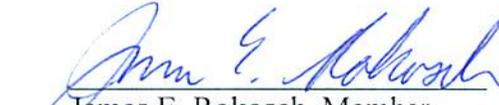
We thank you for your continued efforts concerning this project and look forward to its eventual completion. Please contact Ravalli County Road and Bridge Department Supervisor David Ohnstad at 406-363-2733 regarding any questions or additional information you may need from Ravalli County.

Sincerely,  
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