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Montana Department of Transportation Hosts Public Open House Workshops for the Montana Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

STATEWIDE - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is seeking input from the public on developing the state's first pedestrian and bicycle plan.

A series of open house workshops will be hosted across the state to help develop the vision and goals for the Montana Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

The workshops will be held between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

HAVRE: May 15, Best Western Plus Havre Inn & Suites/Banquet Room, 1425 Highway 2 NW

GLENDIVE: May 23, Eastern Plains Event Center (EPEC), 313 South Merrill Avenue

BILLINGS: May 24, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel/Ballroom C, 27 North 27th Street

BUTTE: May 29, Butte Civic Center/Lobby, 1340 Harrison Avenue

MISSOULA: May 30, Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown/Garden City Ballroom, 298 South Pattee Street

HELENA: May 31, Carroll College/Upper Campus Center Lobby, 1601 North Benton Avenue

Attend a workshop at any of the locations to share your thoughts on pedestrian and bicycle travel, and to learn about the planning process. A collaborative effort will help MDT develop and implement a plan to meet the needs of transportation users across the state.

Public input will help MDT assess focus areas for non-motorized transportation such as safety and education, system preservation and maintenance; mobility, health, and economic vitality; accessibility and connectivity; and barriers and challenges.

For more information on the Montana Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, please visit the project website at:

www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/pedbike

Your participation and feedback are important to the planning process. An electronic survey is also available on the website to help assess the existing needs for pedestrian and bicycle transportation in Montana. To submit comments, go online at the above web address or mail your comments to MDT - Ped Bike, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620.

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any service, program, or activity of the department. If you require reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call Jan Nessel at (406) 556-4707 at least two days before the meeting.

Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request by contacting Alice Flesch, Human Resources and Occupational Safety Division, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620; (406) 444-9229; TTY (800) 335-7592; fax (406) 444-7243; or e-mail to aflesch@mt.gov. Those using a TTY may call (800) 335-7592 or through the Montana Relay Service at 711.

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