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Greetings – Please see attached invitation

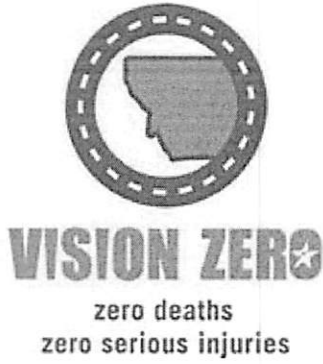
The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is developing the state’s first Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. You, or your agency, have been identified as a local government representative or official to provide your thoughts and input on pedestrian and bicycle travel. Everyone’s opinions and experiences are important to the planning process. This Plan primarily aims to establish a consistent approach for considering pedestrian and bicycle modes on state owned and maintained facilities. The Plan is not intended to identify specific projects, rather it will establish a common vision and goals to meet the needs of bicyclist and pedestrians, improve safety, and establish a more walk- and bike-friendly Montana.

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 an open house format, no formal presentation. Conducting public involvement to effectively engage a broad population in our very large state is challenging. Locations selected represent diverse demographics and environments with unique sets of challenges. Workshops are an in-person opportunity for anyone interested and are just one aspect of our public involvement opportunities. If you are unable to attend a workshop, but would like to provide us with your input, please email your comments to [MDTBikePed@mt.gov](mailto:MDTBikePed@mt.gov) or send us your comments by mail to MDT – Ped Bike, PO Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620.

**Please consider joining us for the local government/officials portion of a workshop from 1:00PM – 2:30PM. If you are unable to attend during that time, you may also attend the public open house anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 PM.**

By engaging Montanans across the state, MDT will gain a better understanding of walking and biking as it is used to meet diverse transportation uses and needs. The Montana Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan will be used by MDT as it works to fulfill this mission for pedestrians, bicyclists, and all who use the state’s transportation system.

For questions about the workshops or the planning process, please email the Project Team at [MDTBikePed@mt.gov](mailto:MDTBikePed@mt.gov)



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