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Montana Department of Transportation Proposes Safety Improvements on Secondary Highway 473 and West River Road

HAMILTON - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to notify the public and seek comments on a proposal to install safety improvements in Ravalli County on Secondary Highway 473 (S-473) and West River Road.

The proposed project includes visibility improvements at the following two sites:

- . Site 1 (south of Darby on S-473): install reflective delineation from reference post (RP) 0.0 to RP 14.4 with additional delineation located in the curves at RP 5.0 and RP 5.5.
- . Site 2 (north of Hamilton on West River Road): replace the existing curve signs and install additional curve signs on the southeast side of the roadway for the 90-degree curve located about 0.4 miles east of the Ricketts Road intersection.

The purpose of the project is to help reduce roadway departure crashes.

The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2019, depending on completion of all project development activities and availability of funding. No new right-of-way or utility relocations will be needed.

For more information, please contact Missoula District Administrator Ed Toavs at (406) 523-5802 or Project Design Engineer Scott Gerken at (406) 444-5446. Members of the public may submit written comments to the Montana Department of Transportation Missoula office at P.O. Box 7039, Missoula, MT 59807-7039, or online at:

mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml