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Transportation Commission

Montana Department of Transportation Ravalli County Commissioners

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Dear Commissioners:

As one of the groups that advocated for lowering the speed limit to 45 mph on the Woodside Cut-Off Road (SR 373) between the town of Corvallis and U.S. 93, the Corvallis Civic Club would like to thank you for approving this change. We greatly appreciate your attention to the safety concerns expressed by Ravalli County and residents of Corvallis. There is no question that the newly instituted 45 mph speed limit has improved safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists along this critical stretch of road in our rapidly growing community.

Last month, Ravalli County Commissioner Chris Hoffman spoke to the members of the Corvallis Civic Club about the March meeting of the Transportation Commission. He relayed to us the concern expressed by commissioners for safety on SR 373. In light of that concern, we would like to note that a Transportation Alternatives funded safety project, approved in 2016, to install pedestrian activated crossing signals on SR 373 and SR 269 began construction this month. The effectiveness of the crossing signal on SR 373 will be enhanced by the lower speed limit that has been implemented.

Unfortunately, another important safety project along SR 373 has experienced delays and currently appears stalled. The construction of a pedestrian span linking two legs of the Woodside to Corvallis bikepath next to the narrow 1954 bridge across the Bitterroot River was approved for Transportation Alternatives funding in 2014. We remain hopeful that this serious safety issue and major gap in the non-motorized transportation network will still be addressed in the near future by the Montana Department of Transportation. When that occurs SR 373 will finally become safe for all users.

Sincerely,

Tonia Bloom, Secretary

Cc: Ravalli County Commission  
Corvallis School District  
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