



# Russell Street / South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

## Environmental Impact Statement

### Public Information Meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006

#### Meeting Agenda:

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Open House

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presentation

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Questions and Answers

All comments received will be summarized in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please also feel free to provide additional written comments to Project Team staff at the meeting, or mail them to the address on the comment sheet.

7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Open House

The following stations are set up for your review: Environmental Process, Alternatives Considered, and Roundabouts. Project Team staff are available to discuss your issues and concerns.



#### Project Team:

##### City of Missoula:

Joe Oliphant, Project Development  
Coordinator  
Steve King, Public Works Director  
Ginny Merriam, Public Information/  
Communications Officer

##### Montana Department of Transportation:

Dwane Kailey, Missoula District  
Administrator  
Miki Lloyd, Consultant Design

##### HKM Engineering:

Darryl James, Project Manager  
Jennifer Peterson, Public Involvement  
Zoe Miller, Project Planner

##### Federal Highway Administration:

Craig Genzlinger, Operations Engineer

#### Project Description:

The City of Missoula, in cooperation with the Montana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, initiated a study to examine the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with the proposal to widen Russell and South Third Streets. The proposed project is based on the needs outlined in the 1999 Transportation Plan Update and is intended to address local traffic capacity issues. A No Build alternative, four action alternatives, a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, as well as three sets of trail options are currently being considered.

## Purpose of the Study:

The City of Missoula, in cooperation with the Montana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, is preparing an **Environmental Impact Statement** on the proposal to widen Russell and S. Third Streets.

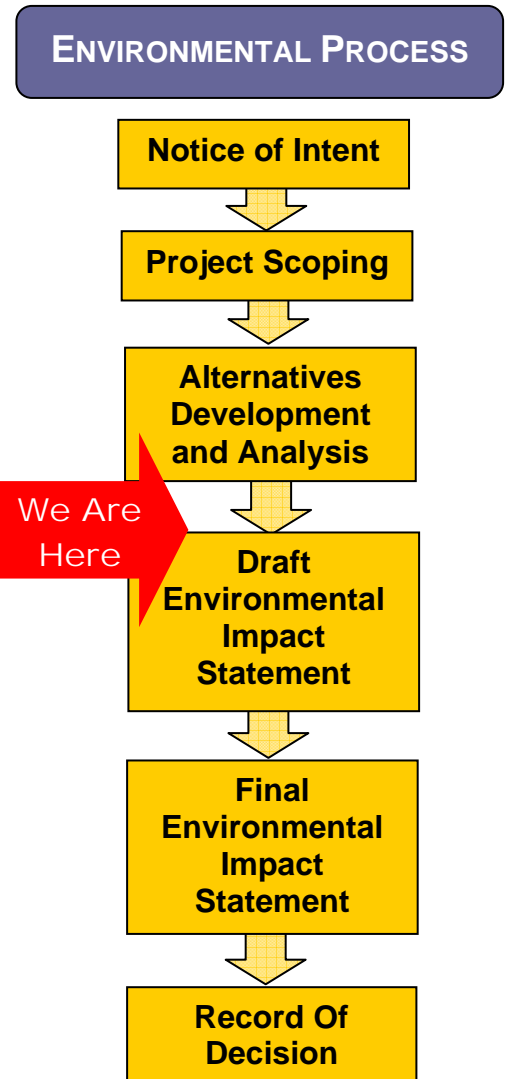
The study follows the **National Environmental Policy Act** and **Montana Environmental Policy Act** regulations. This process will ensure a full and fair discussion of all potential social, economic, and environmental impacts before specific decisions are made on the corridor improvements.

This process has several distinct phases illustrated in the graphic at right. There are two key aspects to this study: a proactive public participation program to ensure that we understand your concerns, and a rigorous exploration of alternatives to ensure that we are being responsive to the needs of the area residents and users of the area's transportation facilities.

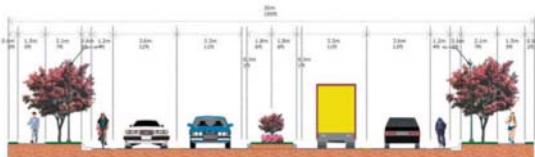
Comments and/or suggestions from all interested parties are requested to ensure that the full range of issues are identified and reviewed. Comments or questions should be directed to:

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**HKM Engineering**  
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## Preliminary Preferred Alternative:



Preliminary Preferred Alternative  
 Russell Street – South Segment



Preliminary Preferred Alternative  
 Russell Street – North Segment



Preliminary Preferred Alternative  
 South Third Street – Central Segment

### Proposed Russell Street Improvements:

- 4-Through Lanes & Center Turn Lane/Median
- Roundabouts at South 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>
- Traffic Signals at Mount, Wyoming, and Broadway
- Bike Lanes and bike/pedestrian underpasses
- Sidewalks, curb, and gutter

### Proposed South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West Improvements:

- 2-Through Lanes & Center Turn Lane/Median
- Roundabouts at Curtis/Schilling, Johnson, and Catlin
- Bike Lanes and bike/pedestrian underpasses
- Sidewalks, curb, and gutter