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This e-news update will run bi-weekly as a progress report on the development of the Russell Street / South 3rd Street Environmental Impact Statement.

Since August, HKM has been talking with previous participants in the project development process to gain a better understanding of various community viewpoints. We have also conducted a door-to-door canvass of business and homeowners in both the Russell Street and South 3rd Street West corridors to ensure that we understand their individual issues and concerns.

The environmental review process has officially resumed with the Public Information Meeting held on October 26th, at Franklin School. The meeting began at 5:00 p.m. with an Open House featuring three stations on the Project Development Process, Alternatives Considered, and Roundabouts. At 6:00 p.m. Darryl James talked about the history of the proposed project, the federal environmental review process required to develop a transportation project, and the current status of the proposed project. To view the entire presentation, go to our website www.hkminc.com and click on the Russell/South 3rd Project. From approximately 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., those in attendance asked questions about the intended schedule, potential impacts, remainder of the decision-making process, and several people made comments on the Preliminary Preferred Alternative.

There were over 120 people at the October 26th public meeting and with the help of Ginny Merriam and Amber Blake, at the City of Missoula, we are using numerous outreach tools to make people aware of the proposed project. We knocked on all doors in both corridors and if we did not get a chance to speak to you, we are happy to set up a meeting with you, your neighborhood group, or your business to discuss the proposed project.

For the next few weeks, we are going to be reviewing the previous analysis conducted to develop and evaluate alternatives, and to identify the Preliminary Preferred Alternative. Please visit our website for more detailed project information, a description of the Preliminary Preferred Alternative, and continual updates of our progress. Also, watch for the next e-news update in the coming weeks.

If you would like to be removed from the mailing list or have an address you would like to add, please contact me at jpeterson@hkminc.com.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the project!

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