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Open house and informational meeting scheduled for August 25, 2015 to discuss the reconstruction and potential realignment of MT 201 north of Fairview in Richland County.

Meeting Scheduled

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is conducting an open house and informational meeting to discuss the reconstruction of approximately six miles of Montana Highway 201 (MT 201) west of the Town of Fairview in Richland County. The segment of MT 201 proposed for reconstruction extends from the junction of MT 201 and Montana Highway 200 (MT 200) in Fairview to Reference Post (RP) 63.6, located approximately six miles west of the community. This includes the potential realignment of approximately two miles of highway beginning near RP 67.4 (just west of the Fairview Airport) and ending at the intersection with MT 200 at the Montana / North Dakota border.

The open house and informational meeting are scheduled for **Tuesday, August 25, 2015** at the Fairview School cafeteria (713 South Western Ave.). The open house will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. A presentation will be made at 7 p.m.

Project team members will be available during the open house and after the presentation to discuss the project.

What is Proposed?

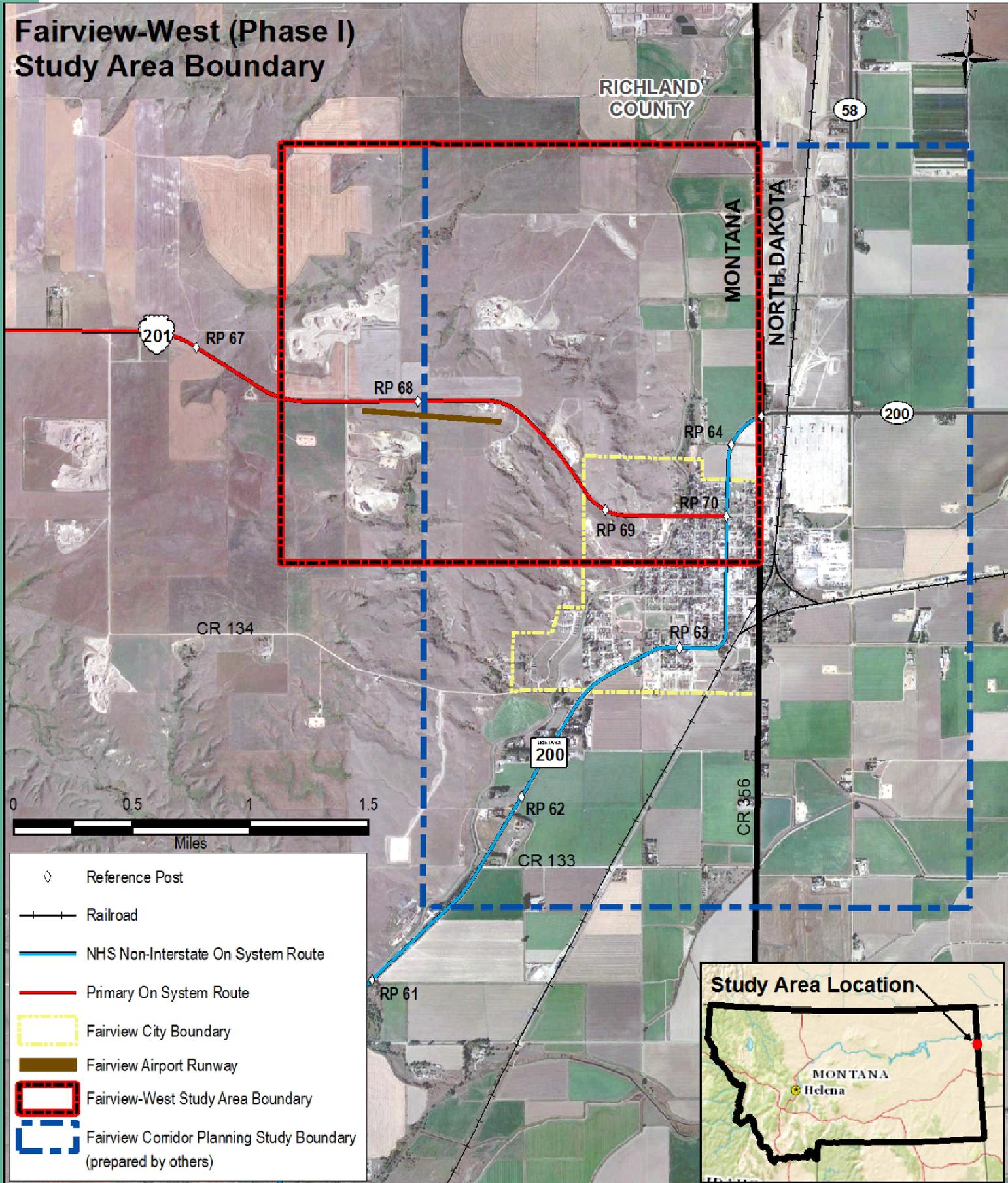
Proposed work includes reconstructing the existing roadway to current design standards to include a wider finished top width (including shoulders), plant mix surfacing, seal and cover (chip seal), rumble strips, upgraded pavement markings and signage, and intersection improvements.

The work also involves the identification and analysis of potential new alignments for the eastern portion of the project between MT 200 in Fairview and RP 67.4 on MT 201. The alternative alignment analysis is intended to inform the decision of the best alignment possible to increase safety and reroute truck traffic as they enter Fairview.

Phase I Study Area

The study area for the “Phase I” analysis begins just west of the Fairview Airport and terminates along the Montana/North Dakota border (to the east). Note that a separate study is also underway (by others) that is examining National Highway System (NHS) Route 200 through Fairview.

Fairview-West (Phase I) Study Area Boundary



Why is There a Phase I and Phase II?

The project has been set up in two phases:

- **Phase I** is the “Alternative Alignment Analysis” phase and is intended to evaluate potential new alignments for the eastern portion of the project corridor between MT 200 in Fairview (at the Montana / North Dakota border) and RP 67.4 (just west of the Fairview Airport) on MT 201.
- **Phase II** will begin after Phase I is complete and will include reconstruction of approximately 6 miles of Montana Highway 201 (MT 201) west of the Town of Fairview in Richland County. The segment of MT 201 proposed for reconstruction extends from the junction of MT 201 and Montana Highway 200 (MT 200) in Fairview to RP 63.6 located about 6 miles west of the community (see MAP below).



**Phase II
(~6 Miles)**

ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE ON AUGUST 25, 2015!

Learn more about the project and the potential alignments being explored for the last two miles of MT 201 entering Fairview.....

Phase I Schedule

Fairview-West (Phase I) began in April 2015 and is slated for completion by the end of August 2015. Phase II project development activities will begin in the Fall 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS MILESTONES / DELIVERABLES	APRIL (week 2)	APRIL (week 3)	APRIL (week 4)	MAY (week 1)	MAY (week 2)	MAY (week 3)	MAY (week 4)	JUNE (week 1)	JUNE (week 2)	JUNE (week 3)	JUNE (week 4)	JULY (week 1)	JULY (week 2)	JULY (week 3)	JULY (week 4)	AUGUST (week 1)	AUGUST (week 2)	AUGUST (week 3)	AUGUST (week 4)
Project Newsletter No. 1																			
On-Site Field Review																			
Draft Environmental Scan Report																			
Support Quantum Analysis																			
Draft Alternative Alignment Analysis Report																			
City/County Presentation																			
Project Newsletter No. 2																			
Press Release																			
Public Meeting																			
Final E-Scan and Alternative Alignment Analysis Report																			
Meeting Agendas and Minutes																			

City/County and/or Public Meeting
 Major Report Deliverable
 Project Newsletter(s) / Press Release



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Public Participation

An open house and informational meeting are scheduled for **Tuesday, August 25, 2015** at the Fairview School cafeteria (713 South Western Ave.). The open house will begin at 6 p.m. and a presentation will be made at 7 p.m. We encourage you to attend and provide feedback about your issues, concerns and/or support for the project! More information on the project is available at:

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/fairviewwest>

Community participation is a very important part of the process, and the public is encouraged to attend. Opinion, comments and concerns may also be submitted in writing at the meeting, by mail to Shane Mintz, Glendive District Administrator, MDT, Glendive District office at PO Box 890, Glendive, MT 59330-0890, or online at:

www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

Please note that your comments are for project UPN 8650000. Submit comments **by September 16, 2015**.

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