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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Jim Skinner
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Dear Jim Skinner,

The City of Libby wishes to voice its continued support for the US 2 Swamp Creek Project. The needed reconstruction is approximately 8 miles in length. This portion of highway was originally built in the early 1930's and has received very few upgrades in the past 75+ years.

We understand funding for this proposed project will accelerate the development and construction of this portion US Hwy 2/ Swamp Creek to widen the highway to 32 feet, including two 12 foot wide travel lanes with 4 foot shoulders. The proposed alignment will flatten horizontal and vertical curves, along with numerous other safety concerns. This segment of the US 2 Corridor extends from milepost MP 44.9 approximately 8.3 miles southeast of Libby to MP 53.2. It has been very well documented by the local community that this portion of road extremely dangerous.

This important 8 miles of connectivity to the City of Libby, City of Troy and the community's of Yaak, and McCormick. It is our only link to the State of Montana. Although is one other route to Montana it has it's on safety concerns. The communities utilize the road for vital medical and dental services and access to regional State offices in Kalispell and links to most of the rest of the State. Our schools must also utilize this dangerous section of roadway to transport School children to school or school activities. We support efforts to enhance the safety of the traveling public by construction of this road way.

We thank you for your continued efforts concerning this project and look forward to its completion. Please contact Mayor Doug Roll at 406- 283-1721 regarding any questions or additional information you may need from the City of Libby.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Roll".

Doug Roll

Mayor of the City of Libby

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Dear Mr. Skinner:

Please accept this letter in support of the US 2 Swamp Creek Project. As you know, this road was built many years ago (early 1930's) and has received very few upgrades since it's construction. It has deteriorated to the point where it can be considered unsafe to travel during certain times of the year.

This road is the main link between St. John's Lutheran Hospital and higher-level medical care in Kalispell. Several times a month, we transport patients via ambulance to Kalispell. This stretch of road is traditionally difficult for our patients as it is narrow and bumpy. It is also hard on our emergency vehicles, which get "beat up" as they traverse this section.

Over the years, many accidents have occurred on this section of highway. This road is also used by many locals to travel for specialty care and school children who need to attend sporting and events at other schools.

I hope that the many letters of support you are receiving from our communities will sway you to support this very important project.

Sincerely,



William D. Patten, Jr., MA, FACHE, MT(ASCP)
CEO/Administrator