



MT-1 West of Anaconda to Georgetown Lake

Corridor Planning Study

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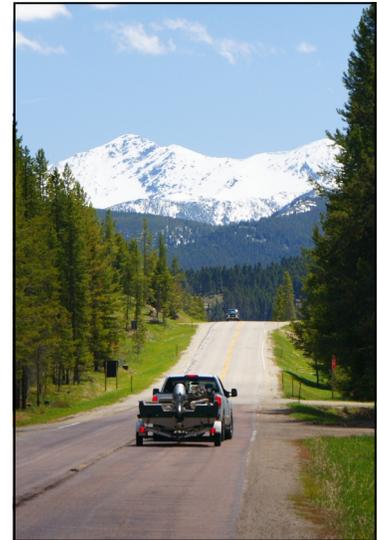
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Study Description

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), in partnership with Anaconda – Deer Lodge County (ADLC), has initiated the development of the MT-1 West of Anaconda to Georgetown Lake Corridor Planning Study. The purpose of the Study is to determine financially feasible improvement options to address safety, environmental, and geometrical concerns of the transportation corridor based on needs presented by the community, the study partners, and resource agencies.

MT-1 is functionally classified as a rural minor arterial on the Principal Highway System and is designated as a State Primary Route. The study area is established along MT-1 from Reference Post (RP) 10.06 (Linden Street / North Cable Road) extending approximately 17.3 miles west to RP 27.35 (Georgetown Lake Road).



What is a Corridor Planning Study?

A corridor planning study is an effort that involves early communication with interested parties to help identify needs, constraints and opportunities for a corridor and to help determine if there are implementable improvements given available resources and local support.

The overriding goal for the study is to analyze existing data to determine current and future issues and needs within the corridor, and identify potential mitigation opportunities if projects are identified to move forward.

A Corridor Planning Study is NOT:

- ◆ A NEPA Study or Environmental Study
- ◆ A Preliminary or Final Design Project
- ◆ A Construction or Maintenance Project

MDT has established several steps that will be followed to produce an effective Study. These include:

- ◆ Complete environmental scan
- ◆ Establish existing conditions and projected conditions
- ◆ Identify needs, issues, goals, and screening criteria
- ◆ Determine and evaluate improvement options
- ◆ Recommend improvement options
- ◆ Prepare draft report
- ◆ Proactive community outreach throughout



ADLC, MDT, and RPA attempt to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person participating in any service, program, or activity associated with this study. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request.

For further information, call (406) 447-5000 or TTY (800) 335-7592, or call Montana Relay at 711.

Accommodation requests must be made at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled activity and / or meeting.

Community Involvement Opportunities

Community involvement is important to any successful corridor study process. The purpose of community involvement is to ensure a proactive process that provides opportunities for the community to be involved in all phases of the corridor study. The community is invited to participate in the process through community informational meetings and ongoing study information review and input.

A study website (www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/mt1) has been developed to provide online opportunities to comment on the MT-1 corridor study effort. Dates, times, and locations for all community outreach events will be announced prior to the events through local media and the study mailing list.

The study team will collect and consider

all community comments received to better understand the community view of potential issues. Those with a specific interest in the study are encouraged to join the study mailing list. They can do so by submitting their name and contact information to Jeff Key at jeff.key@rpa-hln.com.

Two community informational meetings will be held over the course of the study. The first community informational meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2011 from 6-8 PM at Smitty's Barn (50 Theatre Lane, Anaconda, MT). The community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

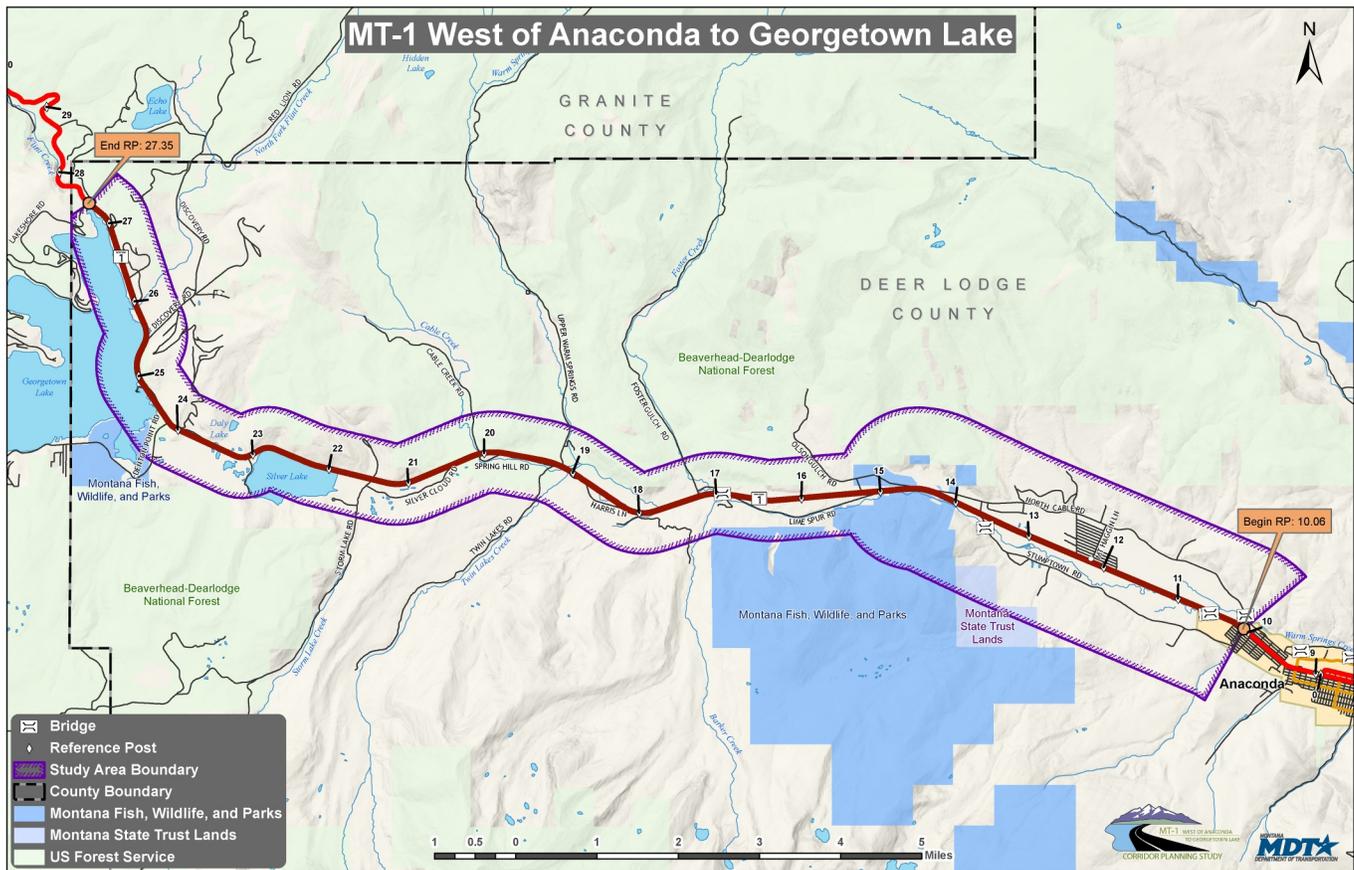
Check the local media and study website periodically for information relating to the time and location of future community meetings and other community outreach events.

Study Area

The termini of the MT-1 Corridor Planning Study is between Reference Post (RP) 10.06 on the west end of Anaconda and RP 27.35 (the intersection of MT-1 and Georgetown Lake Road).

The study area generally includes a 0.5-mile buffer on each side of MT-1, except the first four miles west of Anaconda which includes a one-mile buffer each side of the road. The study area location is shown in the figure below.

Study Area Boundary



Community Informational Meeting #1

Monday, July 25, 2011

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Smitty's Barn

50 Theatre Lane, Anaconda, MT

The community is welcome and encouraged to attend. **We hope to see you there!**

