

Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee 12-04-17

Chrm Steve Lavin & Committee Members

I would like to provide an update on the Grass Range Round -A-Bout.

As you are aware the \$4 million Project has been Scrapped thanks to the "Voice of the People"

Hundreds signed Petitions in opposition as the Project was perceived to be ill-conceived and a waste of money when in fact there was a better fix to address the Safety Issue at the Junction of Hwy's 200 and 191.

Going forward, we are committed to working with MDT in a Proactive, Deliberative Manner.

We have a proposal that addresses the Safety Issue and at a much lesser cost.

We would propose that the balance of the \$4 million would go towards addressing other Safety Issues on Hwy 200.

It is in that spirit that we are asking Dir Tooley to schedule a Public Hearing in Lewistown in the near term, to discuss our proposal.

One message from the Petitioner's "We are sick and tired of Wasteful Spending and a MDT Bureaucracy that won't listen to the People"

MDT'S attitude on Fed Funds has been, "Its Federal Funding and we are going to spend it."

It should be noted, "We are not opposed to Round-A-Bout's, they have their place."

However when there is a better fix at a lesser cost, MDT should consider making better use of the Fed Funding to do as much Hwy Upgrading as possible, "Getting the most out of every Hwy \$."

Secondly, I would be interested in what Legislative Interim Committee is in charge of carrying out the mandates as prescribed in HB 473;

- * Establishing more Accountability and Transparency in MDT.
- * The MDT Audit before the 2019 Legislative Session

I would appreciate a response, Thanks

Cordially

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

Be It Resolved – We the people are very pleased that MDT scrapped the Round-A-Bout Safety Project at the Jct of Hwy’s 200 & 191 at Grass Range.

Be It Resolved – We the Montana People, are committed to working with MDT in a Proactive, Deliberative Manner in our mission to Construct an Adequate Transportation System in the Treasure State.

Be It Further Resolved – We have drafted a commonsense, cost effective proposal that Addresses the Safety Issue at the Jct of Hwy’s 200 & 191 at Grass Range, Mt

Now Therefore Be It Further Resolved – We, the People are Requesting MDT to hold a Public Hearing in Lewistown to Discuss our Proposal, at the earliest possible date.

On behalf of the People

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