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South Avenue Bridge Project Informational Meeting

Missoula County Public Works is inviting the public to an informational open house to provide an update on the status of the environmental review and preliminary engineering process for the South Avenue Bridge project and gather public input on design considerations for the new bridge. The proposed South Avenue Bridge will replace the existing one-lane Maclay Bridge at the end of North Avenue crossing the Bitterroot River. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at the Big Sky High School Cafeteria, 3100 South Ave W, Missoula, MT 59804.

This meeting will include an update on the current project status and provide information on the process moving forward. Key project elements include updates on the environmental review process; the design elements of the new bridge over the Bitterroot River, including: sidewalks, bike lanes, trail crossings, drainage, retaining walls, and street improvements; and other relevant topics. **A formal presentation will be provided promptly at 6 p.m.**, with the presentation continuing to run throughout the evening. Members of the project team will be available at designated stations to provide detailed information associated with the presentation, collect written comments from the public and answer general questions.

Opinion, comments, and concerns may be submitted in writing at the meeting, by mailing to: HDR Engineering, Inc., attention Dan Harmon, Project Manager, HDR, 700 SW Higgins, Suite 200, Missoula, MT 59803, or online at the project website at southavenuebridge.com. Additionally, a court reporter will be on hand during the meeting for anyone wanting to provide verbal comments.

The Missoula County Public Works department is administered by the Chief Public Works Director and management staff including: Deputy for Engineering, Deputy for Surveying and four division managers. The Director also serves as the manager of five water and sewer districts. The Public Works department is responsible for developing and managing the preparation of multiple master plans for future development within the county.