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Kalispell City Council
City of Kalispell
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RE: Main Street/Highway 93 Infrastructure Changes

Dear Council Members:

After review and consideration of the Kalispell downtown plan, the Board of Flathead County Commissioners wishes to officially comment on the transportation infrastructure changes proposed by Kalispell for U. S. Highway 93 through Kalispell.

This north-south route through Flathead County and Kalispell is vital to county citizens commuting through the Kalispell area for work or shopping. The proposed change to a two-lane travel corridor in the Kalispell downtown will impact both local citizen commuters and tourists, requiring them to avoid this route by using other routes or urban streets to get around the downtown, adding time and safety concerns to commutes.

County roads like Willow Glen are sure to see increased traffic impacting homeowners along these routes not designed for the increase. We encourage Kalispell officials to abandon any plans that have the potential to degrade the connectivity, efficiency and safety of highways, streets and roads within Flathead County. We will continue to urge MDOT to stay the course for Highway 93 through the Kalispell area and concur with the traffic statistics that MDOT has provided.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA

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Gary D. Krueger, Chairman

A blue ink signature of Philip B. Mitchell, written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Mitchell, Member

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Pamela J. Holmquist, Member



c: MT Dept. of Transportation