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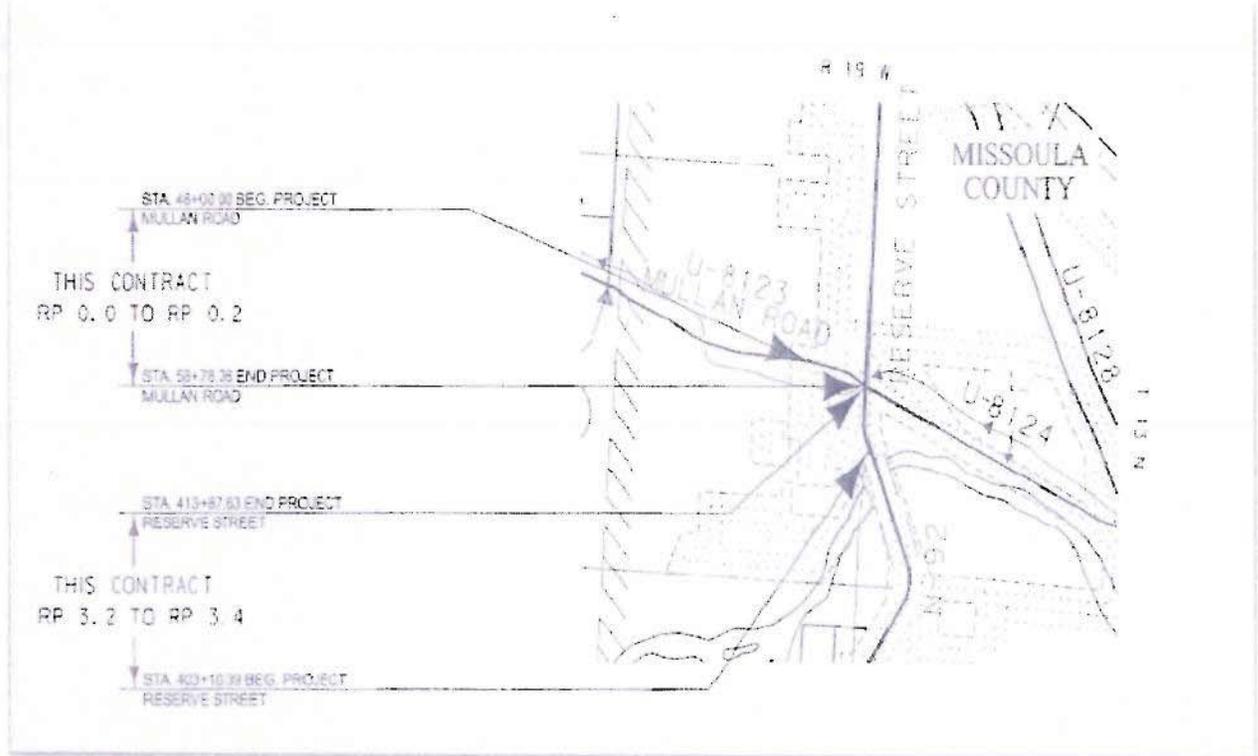
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Subject: Categorical Exclusion-MEPA Documentation
Mullan & Reserve
SFCN 92-1(10)3
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Project Description and Location: The purpose of this project is to add an additional left turn lane at the intersection of Reserve Street (N-92, Principal Arterial - Non-Interstate) and Mullan Road (U-8124, Major Collector) in Missoula. The intersection is located in T 13 N, R 19 W, Sections 17 and 18 in Missoula County. On Reserve Street, the project begins at RP (Reference Post) 3.246, the end of the Clark Fork River Bridge. The project then extends north 0.202 miles to RP 3.448, the beginning of the raised median on Reserve Street. On Mullan Road, the project begins at RP 0.819, just west of the side entrance into the Northgate Shopping Center. The project then extends west 0.274 miles to RP 1.093, the signalized intersection of Mullan Road and Clark Fork Lane.

The purpose of this project is to add an additional left turn lane at the intersection of Reserve Street and Mullan Road. The turn lane will accommodate the northbound Reserve Street traffic. A right turn lane and a bike lane will also be included on Reserve Street, south of the Mullan/Reserve intersection. A right turn lane and a bike lane will also be included on Mullan Road, west of the Mullan/Reserve intersection. The three median curbs on Mullan Road west of the Mullan/Reserve intersection will be removed along with the 'pork chop' island located in the northwestern corner of the Mullan/Reserve intersection. A lane separator, dividing the eastbound and westbound traffic will be added on Mullan Road in front of the eastern-most entrance to Mullan Station. Truncated domes will be added to the existing cross walk ramps. Pavement markings will be updated. A new overhead cantilever structure will be added on Reserve Street, 360 feet before the centerline intersection of Mullan Road and Reserve Street. Existing signals at the northwest corner of the Mullan/Reserve intersection will be removed and new ones added. Traffic control will be required for this project.



Extraordinary Circumstance(s) Review required under ARM 18.2.261(2):

Resource	Description of Resources Present in Project Area	Anticipated Impact/Mitigation	Significant? (Yes or No)
Publicly-owned parkland(s), recreation area(s), wildlife or waterfowl refuge(s)	No publicly-owned parklands, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges have been identified in the project area.	No impact.	No
Historic site(s)	No historic sites have been identified in the project area.	No impact.	No
Wetland(s)	No wetlands have been identified in the project area.	No impact.	No
Prime Farmland(s)	No prime farmlands have been identified in the project area.	No impact.	No
Human Environment, including R/W	No right-of-way acquisition will be required. Work will be conducted to insure	A traffic control plan will be developed in accordance with the Manual on Uniform	No

acquisition, relocations, changes in traffic patterns, changes in grade, etc.	to the greatest possible degree the uninterrupted convenience and safety of the public. Access to adjacent landowners will be maintained at all times. Intersections will be kept open to traffic at all times.	Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Work will occur between 7 pm and 6 am Sunday through Friday.	
Air Quality	Minor, short-term, localized adverse air quality impacts are expected due to dust emissions from removal of concrete pork chop dividers and removal of pavement markings.	MDT Standard Specifications require that the Contractor comply with applicable state and federal air quality rules.	No
Noise	Signal, road and pavement marking activities may cause minor, short-term, localized adverse noise impacts due to equipment operations.	MDT Standard Specifications require compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and requirements contained in the contract regarding noise pollution.	No
Water Quality	No water resources have been identified in the project area.	MDT design and construction specifications require temporary water pollution control measures to minimize potential effects of construction activities.	No
Controversy on Environmental Grounds	There is no known controversy on environmental grounds.	No impact.	No
Other: <u>Cumulative</u>	<p><u>Proposed Projects</u> MDT has proposed the following project within the general area:</p> <p>RR Xing- Broadway St. -Msla West Broadway (RP 0.2), UPN 7322 to replace a RR crossing, anticipated in 2011.</p> <p>S 3rd St. – Reserve to Russell St. Reconstruction, UPN 3581, anticipated in 2012 or later.</p>	No significant cumulative impacts are anticipated since the majority of the impacts are temporary, construction related impacts that will occur at different times.	No

Conclusion

No significant extraordinary circumstances were identified with the proposed project. In accordance with ARM 18.2.261(e), this pending action does not individually, collectively or cumulatively require the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. No further review is required.

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