

HOUSE BILL NO. 580

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CERTAIN CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIP PROJECTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 60-2-245, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 60-2-245, MCA, is amended to read:

"60-2-245. Construction projects -- project impacts -- notice. (1) (a) After the commission has selected and prioritized a construction project under 60-2-110, the department or the commission shall determine whether the project will have a substantial impact on the public. If the department or the commission determines that the project will have a substantial impact, the department shall ensure that the public, in the area where the project is located and in areas adjacent to the project area, as provided in subsection (3)(a)(i), is notified of the project and is provided with periodic updates on the status of the project as provided in this section.

(b) A project with a substantial impact includes but is not limited to:

(i) a project for which additional right-of-way is necessary for project completion; and

(ii) the installation of centerline rumbles strips within 200 yards of a residence.

(2) (a) The department shall engage the public through informational meetings or other appropriate means at major milestones in phases of the project, from the selection of the project by the commission to project completion. To engage and inform the public, the department shall:

(i) place and maintain current information regarding the status of the project in a prominent location on the department's website;

(ii) use newspaper, television, and radio formats as appropriate to provide information to the public regarding the status of the project;

(iii) investigate the use of other types of media, such as electronic social media, to provide information to the public regarding the status of the project; and

(iv) maintain an electronic notification list as provided in subsection (3).

(b) For the purposes of this section, phases of a project include but are not limited to survey, design, and right-of-way phases of a project.

