



Design Alternatives

Process for Developing Preferred Design Alternative

Phase 1: Project Initiation and Issue Identification (Winter 2020)

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- a. Review Previous Plans and Studies
 - Summarize relevant information
 - Identify information gaps
 - Document findings: Introductory Framework
- b. Analyze Existing Conditions
 - Detailed analysis of current conditions, building from previous studies
 - Identify current issues
 - “Pre-NEPA” environmental summary
 - Document findings: Technical Analysis
 - Public Open House #1 and online comments to introduce project and obtain initial feedback on concerns/issues

Phase 2: Develop Design Alternatives (Spring 2020)

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- a. Consider comments from the general public (Open House #1 and other comments), focus groups (East Missoula businesses and area bike/pedestrian interests), individuals, agencies (e.g., Resource Agency meeting)
- b. Consider relevant elements from previous studies and technical analysis
- c. Prepare project goals and objectives
- d. Identify a comprehensive and broad range of approaches to achieve project goals and objectives
- e. Public Open House #2 and online comments to obtain public preferences among alternatives and suggestions for modifications

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Phase 3: Preferred Alternative (Fall/Winter 2020-21)

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- a. Prepare Draft Preferred Alternative
 - Consider comments regarding alternative preferences and suggested modifications from the public (Open House #2 and other comments) and from agencies
 - Evaluate alternatives for conformance to selection criteria (based on ability to meet goals and public preferences)
 - Evaluate modifications to improve goal achievement
 - Identify preferred alternative
- b. Finalize Preferred Alternative
 - Public Open House #3
 - Consider comments from the general public (Open House #2 and other comments) and from agencies
 - Evaluate options for improving final preferred alternative to better meet goals and selection criteria
 - Refine and evaluate cost estimates, funding strategies, and project phasing/implementation
 - Revise final alternative as needed

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Phase 4: Final Plan (early 2021)

- a. Release East Missoula-Highway 200 Corridor Plan for public comment
- b. Consider comments and finalize plan

