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Public Meeting for Riverside Road Improvements Project

BONNERS FERRY, ID (July 15, 2019) – The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration and project partners will host a public meeting in Bonners Ferry, ID on July 23, 2019 to provide updates on the Riverside Road Improvements Project.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the project's plan for traffic control and access during project road closures and an overall project schedule. A short presentation followed by opportunities for informal conversations with project staff are planned. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Meeting details are as follows:

Location: Boundary County Fairgrounds, Memorial Hall

• Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2019

• Time: 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Anyone who wishes to submit written comments prior to the public meeting or after the meeting may do so by submitting comments via email to the Federal Highways Administration by July 25, 2019.

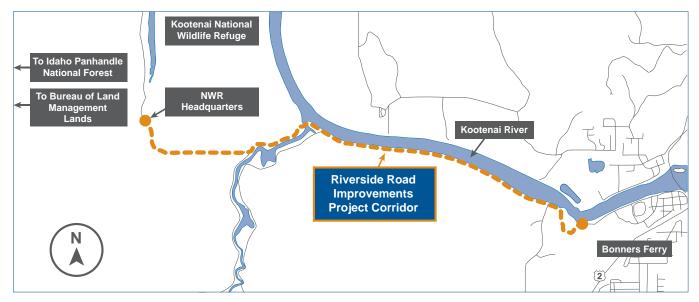
For additional information, contact Brandon Stokes, PE, Project Manager, Federal Highways Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division at brandon.stokes@dot.gov.

About the Project: The Riverside Road Improvements project proposes to reconstruct approximately 4.5 miles of roadway that accesses the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge, Bureau of Land Management lands, and the Panhandle National Forest. The roadway will be widened to accommodate 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot shoulders to enhance traffic safety between Bonners Ferry and the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge. This project is currently in the design stage with anticipated construction beginning in Spring 2020. Learn more about the project at https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/id/riverside/.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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KEY PROJECT FEATURES

Once complete, this project will:



Increase safety for all users by widening the roadway, providing a smoother roadway surface, and fixing poor drainage



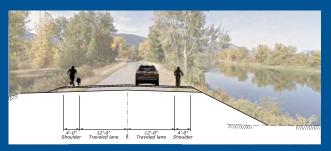
Better accommodate the multi-use nature of the roadway, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and UTVs, by widening the roadway



Provide designated turnout areas for safer wildlife and nature viewing



Existing Roadway



Proposed Roadway















PROJECT SCHEDULE



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Join us on July 23rd to learn more about the current status of the Riverside Road Improvements Project, project schedule, and proposed access routes for travel during construction.

If you cannot join us on July 23rd, you are invited to send your comments to the contact provided below by July 25, 2019.

We look forward to your participation on July 23rd and throughout the project.

Location: Boundary Country Fairgrounds, Memorial Hall

Driving Directions: The Boundary County Fairgrounds are located in downtown Bonners Ferry on the south side of the Kootenai River. To get there, turn off U.S. 95 on Riverside Street and turn left on either 4th or 5th Streets. Ample free parking will be available.

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