Montana's Congressional Delegation -

Senator Jon Tester Senator

Steve Daines

Congressman Matt Rosendale

Congressman Ryan Zinke

Dear Members

12-18-23

The Town of Sidney would like to ask for your assistance in garnering Federal Funding for Upgrades to Montana's Segment of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway - Hwy# 2 from ND Stateline to Culbertson and North on Hwy #16 to the Port of Raymond / Regway.

The Hwy 2 Assoc, after 22 years, continues striving to fulfill its mission -"To Enhance the Economic Viability of Communities in Northern Montana by Constructing an Adequate Hwy # 2"

The TRED Study (completed in 2008) recommended Twinning of Mt's TRE.

- \* The upgrading of Mt's TRE would Enhance the Economic Vitality of North East Mt plus having a positive impact on Montana's Overall Economy.
- \* An Adequate Hwy 2 is the precursor to economic development. Fact - 80% of businesses are in or near communities that have a Four Lane Hwy or Better.
- \* Connectivity to Saskatchewan Canada and North Dakota, two of the strongest economies in North America
- \* Montana TRE is one the last segments towards completing the Four Lane Ports to Plains Trade Corridor from Canada to Mexico
- \* To reestablish the Port of Raymond / Regway as a 24 Hr Port.

Since MDT has completed the Culbertson - Stateline two lane upgrade the next phase should be to complete the Hwy 16 two lane upgrade - Culbertson to the Port, then, as traffic increases the four-lane project could be pursued.

We will have the support of every Congressional Delegation from North Dakota to Texas as each has supported the Ports to Plains Alliance Trade Corridor Project. Sincerely

Rich Norby – Mayor Sidney Mt