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Mike Tooley, Director
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Subject: Letter of Support for Montana Department of Transportation BUILD Application for the Kalispell Bypass

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Dear Director Tooley:

On behalf of the 551 undersigned businesses, organizations, elected officials, and individuals, we would like to offer our strongest possible support for the Montana Department of Transportation's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for BUILD grant funding to complete the southern half of the Kalispell Bypass.

For the 25-year period of 1990 to 2015, Kalispell and Flathead County was in the top 10% of fastest population growth areas of the country. Over time, traffic counts have grown dramatically with visitation at Glacier National Park increasing 45% over the last three years and totaling 3.3 million visitors in 2017. This growth has resulted in undue congestion and traffic impediments in and around the county.

As Kalispell is the quickly-growing regional trade center for Northwest Montana, this project will have beneficial impacts on the local and regional transportation system. Furthermore, this proposed project will improve the current traffic congestion points along the southern end of the bypass, provide additional safety and quality of life improvements on the U.S. 93 corridor by alleviating through traffic from local streets and further the intent to establish downtown initiatives focused on localized traffic.

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Most importantly, a four lane alternate bypass route for U.S. 93 around the west side of the County was considered and approved in a 1994 Final Environmental Impact Study as part of the regional improvements to the highway. For these reasons, the Kalispell Chamber and the undersigned urge you to give your most serious consideration and approval for the selection of the Kalispell Bypass for BUILD grant support.

PROGRAMS

Flathead Area Young Professionals


Kalispell Convention & Visitor Bureau

Kalispell Chamber Foundation

Leadership Flathead

Manufacturers Alliance

Warm Regards,


Joe Unterreiner, President and CEO
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
Convention and Visitor Bureau



Businesses and Organizations

22 Holdings
406 H and L, dba Saf's
A Ray Of Hope
A Team Moving and Storage
Advanced Powder Coating, Inc.
Alert Security & Investigations, Inc.
All Pro Flathead Property Management
Alliance Title & Escrow
Animal Clinic of Kalispell
Applied Materials PPC Business Unit
Ascendant Advisory Group
Automated Business Services, Inc.
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Bear Dance Builders
Benefits Montana
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Bishop Company
Bliven Law Firm, P.C., Trial Lawyers
Blue Samurai Sushi Bar
Budget Blinds of Kalispell
Buffalo Hill Golf Course
Builders First Source
Calton and Associates, Inc
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Carl's Corn Dogs
Carpenter Business Resources, LLC
Celebrate Event & Party Rental
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Crevier's Academy of Cosmetology Arts
CTA Architects & Engineers
D.A. Davidson
Daily Inter Lake
Davison Development Co, LLC
Defiance Machine
Desoto Grill
Dickey's Barbecue Pit
Don "K" Chevrolet-Subaru-CDJR
Eddie's Cafe and Mercantile
Eloi Marketing Group
Emertin, LLC
Eva Gates Homemade Preserves
Evergreen Disposal
Express Employment Professionals
Farm Bureau Financial Services
Farmers Union Insurances
Federal Protection of Montana
First Call Computer Solutions
First Choice Décor
Five Guys Burgers & Fries
Flathead Beacon
Flathead Beverage Co.
Flathead Chiropractic
Flathead Farm Mutual
Flathead Valley Little Guy Football
Flathead Valley Wireless Association LLC
Flathead Youth Home
FLBC Pubhouse
Fun Beverage, Inc.
Gils Furniture & Sleep Source
Glacier Bank
Glacier Construction and Irrigation
Glacier Hope Homes, Inc.
Glacier Management Inc.

Glacier Stone
 Global Archives
 Golden Ratio Media | Website Express
 GravityShots.com
 Great Northern Brewing Company
 Great Northern Heating and Air, Inc.
 Greenery Park Dentistry, PLLC
 Grizzly Mini Storage
 Hampton Inn Kalispell
 Highline Design Company
 Holiday Inn Express
 Hope Thrift Store
 Immanuel Lutheran Communities
 InnSpace Projects LP
 Iron Star Construction, LLC
 Izaak Walton Inn
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 Jackola Engineering and Architecture PC
 JCCS, CPAs
 JK Associates
 JLS Conservation, LLC
 Job Service Kalispell
 Kalispell Brewing Company
 Kalispell Chamber of Commerce & CVB
 Kalispell Grand Hotel
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 Keller Williams Realty Northwest Montana
 Kingdom Builders Engineering, Inc.
 KLJ Engineering Inc.
 Lake's Family Chiropractic
 Lakeside-Somers Chamber of Commerce
 Learned Reality
 Locations Montana Real Estate
 Loft Real Estate LLC
 Mackenzie River North Kalispell
 Marti Kurth Media
 Meadow Lake Development Corporation
 Medicine Owl Massage
 Meredith Construction Company
 Mission Mountain Winery
 Mobilelicious
 Montana BiteWare
 Montana Day, LLC
 Montana Environmental Laboratory LLC
 Montana Marie
 Montana Modern Fine Art
 MontanaSky Networks Inc.
 Montedia, LLC
 Morning Star Lawn & Garden, Inc.
 Murphy Business & Financial NW MT LLC
 Nails and Numbers, Inc.
 National Parks Realty
 Noice Studio and Gallery, Inc.
 North West Montana Veterans Food Pantry
 Northern Care, Inc.
 Northwest Cabinet Works
 Northwest Drywall & Roofing Supply, Inc.
 Northwest Montana Association of Realtors
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 NorthWestern Energy
 NXGEN Payment Services
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 Old Sun Properties
 Pacific Steel & Recycling
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The Toggery, Inc
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Three Rivers Bank of Montana
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Vilya Spirits Distillery
Vincent Logging
Vista Linda Inc.
Waatti Engineering
Wakefield's Beauty Connection
West Shore Visitor's Bureau
Western Outdoor
Weyerhaeuser
Whitefish Mountain Resort
Wintrust Mortgage
Word Savant
Wrap Hive

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