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### Mullan BUILD Team Hosts Virtual Open House

*Consultants, City, County sharing plans ahead of construction*

MISSOULA, MONTANA [March 31, 2021] – Missoula County, in partnership with the City of Missoula, invite the public and media to attend a **virtual open house for the Mullan BUILD project via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m.** During this virtual meeting, the Mullan BUILD team will review the project scope, timeline and which elements are moving to construction later this year.

The Open House will include optional breakout sessions after the initial presentation. These breakout sessions will function as a roundtable environment for neighbors to ask questions about design features, construction schedule, as well as funding and future considerations. To register for the event please [follow this link](#).

“We want to ensure that residents are informed prior to breaking ground this summer,” Missoula County Public Works Director, Shane Stack said. “We hope the open house will provide an environment to get questions answered and discuss project details as we approach our final design phase and move toward construction.”

To provide background on the BUILD project, Missoula County received a \$13 million federal BUILD grant to construct a new infrastructure network in the Mullan Road area. The federal grant, coupled with local funding from the City and County, will fund the first phase of the Mullan BUILD project. Project leads estimate that \$40 million of funding is required to complete the planned backbone infrastructure in the entire area. Because of this approximate \$27 million funding discrepancy, future phases will be constructed as additional funding becomes available, including recently approved City impact fees. The prioritized elements for construction in 2021 and 2022 include Mary Jane Boulevard South, Mary Jane Boulevard North, George Elmer South and England Boulevard.

The open house will provide a space for questions and the opportunity to dive deeper into project details. The BUILD team welcomes all attendees and looks forward to connecting on April 6.

#### For more information

Please direct questions, feedback or media interviews to Becca at [becca@bigskypublicrelations.com](mailto:becca@bigskypublicrelations.com). For more details on the Mullan BUILD project please visit the project webpage: <https://www.mullanbuild.com>.