

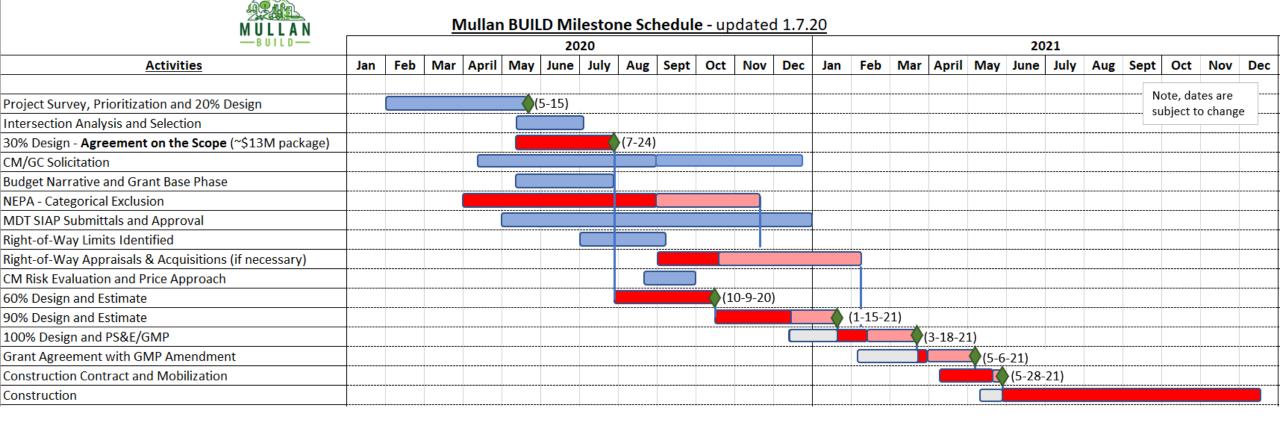
Mullan BUILD

Public Meeting #6
Environmental Considerations
Jan. 8, 2021

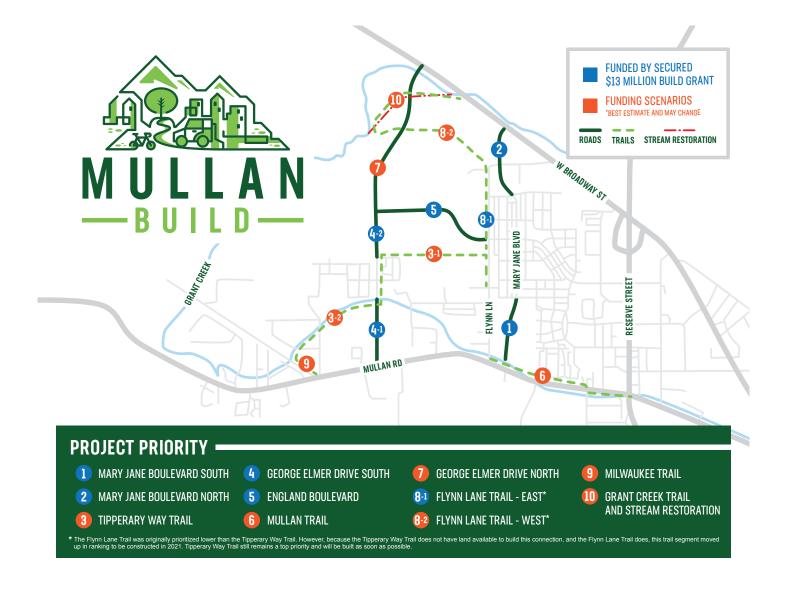


Welcome & Introductions

BUILD Schedule

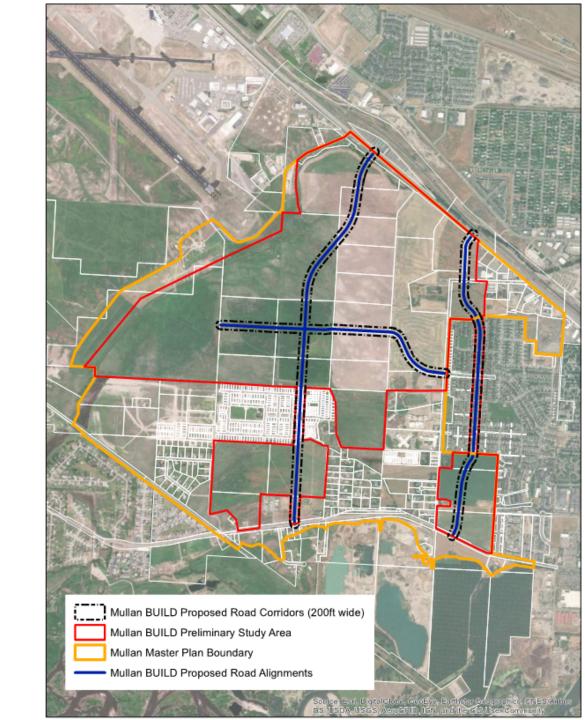


BUILD Scope



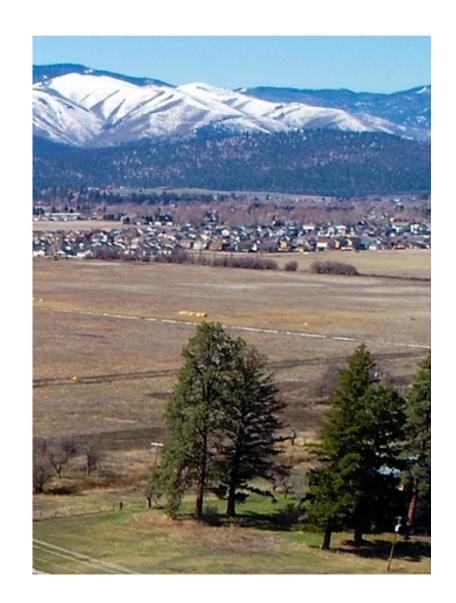
Study Area

- Mullan BUILD project area focuses on planned transportation improvement corridors.
- Baseline environmental information collected for broader Mullan study area.



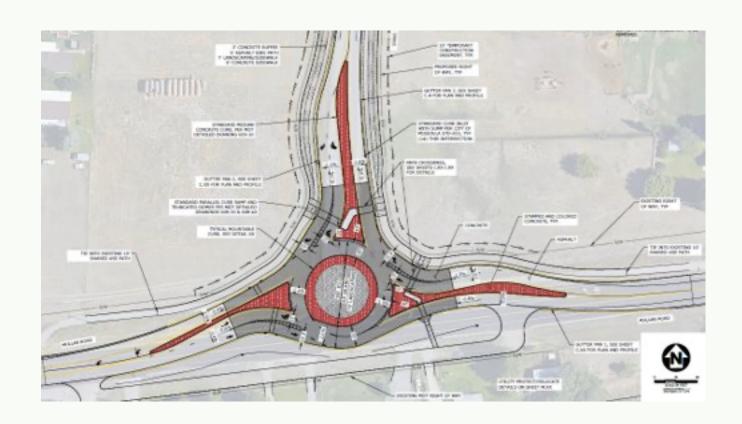
NEPA Overview

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969
- NEPA requires Federal agencies (FHWA) to conduct environmental reviews to consider the potential impacts on the environment by their proposed actions.
- NEPA is often described as an "umbrella" law as its analysis incorporates a broad range of federal laws, regulations, and executive orders.



Categorical Exclusion

- CE is a class of actions that a Federal agency has determined do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is normally required.
- The Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document is completed and was signed by FHWA on November 23, 2020.



Categorical Exclusion Outline

- Utilized MDT's established CE documentation form
- CE form covers all functional areas broken into nine parts:
 - oProject summary
 - o Environmental classification
 - oProject information
 - oMS4 issues
 - oPermits and approvals
 - Social, economic and environment considerations
 - oFHWA signature rationale



Montana Department of Transportation Environmental Services Bureau Categorical Exclusion (CE) Documentation

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Part 1 - Project Summary
Project Name
Project Number Control Number
Part 2 - Environmental Classification
2.a. Status of Categorical Exclusion (CE): O Draft O Final O Re-Evaluation Date
2.b. Applicable laws and funding mechanisms:
☐ NEPA - FHWA (23 CFR 771.117)
 □ NEPA - Other (Other Federal Agency and CFR Citation) □ MEPA - MDT (ARM 18.2.261)
MEPA- Other (Other State Agency and ARM Citation)
(If additional NEPA and/or MEPA rules are triggered, cite applicable rules and discuss additional requirements in Part 7 below.)
2.c. Classification of FHWA NEPA CE: ON/A OListed CE(c) OListed CE(d) ONot listed CE
2.d. Is FHWA concurrence on the CE being requested. Yes No
Part 3 - Project Information
3.a. Project Description (i.e., reconstruct, rural/urban, bridge replacement, rehab, new through lane). Include milestone document reference.
CYes CNo Horizontal alignment shift?
○Yes ○No Vertical alignment shift?
OYes ONo Does the project result in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of one or more through lanes?
If the project results in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of one or more through lanes, FHWA signature is required.
3.b. Project Location Description (include beginning and ending RPs; Section, Township, Range, County, town/nearest town.
3.c. Have the local officials (city and/or county) been consulted on the project? Explain below.
3.d. Are relevant local planning documents available?
○Yes ○No ○N/A
3.e. Right-of-Way
○Yes ○No Will acquisition of right-of-way be required?
Yes No Will construction permits or temporary easements be required?

Part 4 - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Issues
(See Storm Water Management Plan and Environmental Manual Chapter 46

Environmental Technical Studies Completed

- Aquatic Resources Report
- Cultural Resources Inventory Report
- Biological Assessment
- Detailed Noise Analysis
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects Analysis
- Initial Site Assessment for Hazardous Materials/Substances, Traffic Noise, & Air Quality (MDT form)
- Air Quality Analyses
 - O Air Quality Conformity Analysis Technical Memorandum
 - Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSAT) Technical Memorandum





Thoughts?

- We are eager to hear your feedback!
- Questions? Email <u>becca@bigskypublicrelations.com</u>
- Question & Answer session