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Carol,

At the request of the Billings Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Billings Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC), the Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) would like to request a System Modification on Grand Avenue from 41st Street West to 62nd Street West, and 62nd Street from Grand Avenue to Rimrock Road in Billings; this request is to add Grand Avenue and 62nd Street to the Urban Highway System. This motion was passed by the Billings PCC during the meeting occurrence on February 21, 2023.

*Background:*

The City of Billings is and has experienced an overall growth rate of 1.2% a year. Much of the residential and commercial growth has occurred in the west end of Billings, while the Urban Highway System is not currently serving the west end of town. Current data shows 24 Commercial and 519 Residential Permits have been issued along the Grand Avenue in the last 10 years. This data accounts for development approximately 1/2 mile on either side of the corridor. This unprecedented level of growth and development has exasperated the need to provide those living along the corridor, and those traveling through the corridor to be served by the Urban Highway System in a continuous and safe manner.

**Signatures:**

**Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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Mayor, Billings City Council Date

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Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners Date

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President, Yellowstone County Board of Planning Date

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MDT Billings-District Office Date