

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Resolution in Support of Technical Advisory Committee Recommendations**

*Whereas*, the Technical Advisory Committee recommends using the current balance of Bypass funding to construct two Ashley Creek bridges and soils consolidation on the south portion of the Kalispell Bypass, along with completing the Hutton Ranch Connector, and;

*Whereas*, the Hutton Ranch Connector will run behind the Home Depot/Target complex and connect with the main road running through the Hutton Ranch center. This connector, when added to the Reserve Loop that runs from US 93 to Stillwater Road, becomes a mini-bypass around the US 93/Reserve Drive junction, which will relieve traffic at that busy intersection and provide an immediate health, safety, and welfare benefit for drivers, and;

*Whereas*, an advantage of the Connector is that it would be a swiftly completed highway improvement in an area of steadily increasing traffic congestion, which is scheduled to add in just the next few years as many as 4,000 new homes plus Glacier Town Center's 1.8 million square feet of retail and commercial space, and;

*Whereas*, the building of the Connector will advance the progress on the main bypass, which, at a cost of \$76 million is likely to take some time to complete, and;

*Whereas*, the full benefits for relief of traffic congestion in downtown Kalispell will not be realized until the entire bypass is completed, so current funding is best used for projects like the Connector that provide the most immediate benefit for drivers,

*Therefore*, the Board of Directors for the Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce resolves to support the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee to use the remaining Bypass appropriation to construct two Ashley Creek bridges and soils consolidation on the south portion of the Kalispell Bypass, along with completing the Hutton Ranch Connector.

Approved by the Board of Directors on October 30, 2007.

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