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### **Downtown Billings Two-Way Restoration – Open House**

BILLINGS, MONT. – The Downtown Billings Alliance (DBA) and the City of Billings are working on a proposed project to improve downtown Billings. In coordination with planned pavement preservation for several roadways in the downtown core, a Two-Way Restoration project has been proposed to increase accessibility, address safety concerns, and promote multi-modal activities such as biking and walking. This project will also include the design of a Montana Avenue road diet for consideration in a future Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) project.

The public is invited to an open house to:

- Learn about the project and its anticipated timeline.
- View illustrations of proposed improvements.
- Engage with the project team and ask questions.

This event will be held at the Downtown Billings Alliance (DBA) office (116 North 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A), on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event will be an open house format—attendees are encouraged to attend whenever is convenient throughout the scheduled event.

The Two-Way Restoration project is the next step in an ongoing process to understand how traffic currently functions in downtown Billings, to analyze traffic alternatives, to study the impact alternative traffic operations may have on the downtown Billings transportation network, and to engage the public on the topic. The [DBA Strategic Plan \(2018\)](#), [Downtown Billings Traffic Study \(2019\)](#), and [Downtown Billings Traffic Study: Alternative Prioritization and Public Preference Plan \(2021\)](#) informed the design of the Two-Way Restoration project.

Those unable to attend the Open House can learn more by visiting [www.billings2way.com](http://www.billings2way.com).

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