

October X, 2010

Lee Alt, PE
Butte District Traffic Engineer
Montana Department of Transportation
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RE: Request for Speed Study on Churchill Road through the Community of Churchill

Dear Mr. Alt and Members of the Transportation Commission,

In January, 2010, the Gallatin County Commission approved the Amsterdam/Churchill Community Plan as an amendment to the Gallatin County Growth Policy. The Community Plan contained several policies addressing speed controls and road improvements along Churchill Road to encourage a safer and more walkable community. Specifically, the Community Plan suggests the following improvements:

- Install a crosswalk sign at the intersection of Amsterdam Road, Churchill Road, and Kunje Road;
- Install “speed reduction” signs at the north and south entrances to the Town Core, as well as on either side of the Amsterdam Road/Camp Creek Road intersection;
- Realignment of the Amsterdam Road/Churchill Road/Kunje Road intersection.

Additionally, the Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group requests reductions in speed limits along Churchill Road in order to provide a buffer between the change from 65 mph to 35 mph approaching the Town Core.

We request that MDT conduct a speed study of Churchill Road in the immediate vicinity of the Churchill community. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION

Joe P. Skinner, Chair

William A. Murdock, Member

R. Stephen White, Member

CC: Lee Provance, County Road & Bridge Superintendent