

June 25, 2026

Yellowstone County Commissioners
2825 3rd Avenue North, Room 309
Billings, MT 59101

Subject: Billings Bypass Emergency Access

Commissioners:

I am writing to acknowledge the information discussed during Thursday morning's Board of County Commissioners meeting regarding the PAR zone change request, as relayed by Monica Plecker.

MDT has reviewed the matter and confirms the following:

- MDT is aware that the emergency access issue associated with the project was inadvertently overlooked in the legal documents completed prior to project closeout.
- MDT recognizes its obligation to re-establish the emergency access.
- MDT has prepared draft exhibits and legal documents to support ongoing discussions and the eventual re-establishment of that access.

MDT will continue coordinating with the appropriate parties to ensure this issue is resolved appropriately.

Sincerely,



Mike Taylor, P.E.
Billings District Administrator
Montana Department of Transportation

copies: Kurtis Schnieber, District Project Development Engineer