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Re: Megaloads travelling through Blaine County

Dear Mr. Rush,

The Blaine County Board of Commissioners wishes to provide comment to the Department about the plan for "megaloads" to travel through Blaine County on Highway 20 in the near future. The Board has not reviewed the travel plan for this project, but has these concerns that it feels the Department must address concertedly prior to approving the transit of these megaloads:

- 1) That the load transport vehicles not unduly disrupt traffic flow along US Highway 20 through Blaine County;
- 2) That public safety not be compromised along the route. This includes the safety of ordinary vehicles travelling the highway, as well as emergency medical transport and police vehicles, which must have ready access along the route where and when needed;
- 3) That if extended travel delays--greater than 20 minutes--are anticipated during the transit period, that signage be erected at strategic points along US Highway 20 to forewarn travellers of the delay and to notify them of alternate routes;
- 4) That the transport vehicles not pose elevated risks of any damage to the highway or its bridges, culverts, or any other infrastructure along the route;
- 5) That the loads and transport vehicles be in good repair and free of residue, liquids, debris, or leaks that risk environmental contamination.

The Blaine County Commissioners appreciate your consideration of our concerns. Obviously, megaload shipments are disruptive to the normal use of public transportation corridors. Accordingly, we hope the number of such shipments will be limited and minimized. We also request that ITD communicate directly with Blaine County whenever it does consider allowing such shipments. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have, or to convey any other relevant information.

Respectfully,


Lawrence Schoen
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