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REPORT TO: Kalispell Planning Board

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SUBJECT: TIGER Supplemental Environmental Assessment

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2019

BACKGROUND: The City has completed a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA), approved by the Federal Railroad Administration and available for review and comment for 30 days, ending November 19, 2019. The SEA is available for viewing in hardcopy at Kalispell City Hall, 201 First Avenue East, Kalispell, Montana 59901 (request at Water Department Desk), or ImagineIF Libraries Kalispell, 247 First Avenue East, Kalispell, Montana 59901 (request at Reference Department). As part of the TIGER Project, Kalispell has committed to extend a street connector in the Core Area to improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle circulation when the tracks are removed. The SEA has been prepared to review three additional connector options. The original Environmental Assessment identified three new north/south street connections: 8th and 6th Ave's West North and Woodland Avenue. Each of these routes have potential opportunities and limiting factors. In an effort to ensure a complete street connection can be built within the TIGER project timeline and budget, the City has completed this SEA, which analyzes additional street connection options. The SEA analyzes 1st, 3rd and 4th Ave. WN, north of the Kalispell Center Mall, as possible connection points to improve traffic flow, in addition to those already analyzed and mentioned above. In an extended effort to elicit public comment on the SEA, the city is holding a public hearing before the Planning Board, where the public can comment on the SEA and provide feedback as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION: Hold a public hearing and take comment on the Supplemental Environmental Assessment.

ATTACHMENTS: Supplemental SEA