

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**REAFFIRM MISSOULA COUNTY'S COMMITMENT  
TO THE SOUTH AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Missoula County has identified the need to replace Maclay Bridge as far back as the 1980's and included it as a project in each version of the Missoula Urban Transportation Plan since; and

**WHEREAS**, Missoula County Surveyor nominated Maclay Bridge for replacement as part of the Montana Department of Transportation's Off System Bridge Program in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, two independent planning studies have been completed that have confirmed the need to replace Maclay Bridge and identified the location of a new bridge at South Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana Department of Transportation has previously notified Missoula County of its 2002 replacement nomination of funding availability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maclay Bridge Planning Study final report dated March 22, 2013, prepared by Robert Peccia and Associates recommends Option 3 E.1, the South 1 Alignment; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2013, the Missoula County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to pursue federal funding for the replacement of the Maclay Bridge river crossing through the Off-System Bridge Program at the South 1 Alignment; and

**WHEREAS**, Missoula County has been certified by the Montana Department of Transportation through the Local Agency Guideline Manual (LAG Manual) process to develop and manage projects involving federal aid; and

**WHEREAS**, Missoula County has entered into a Project Specific Agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation to develop and manage replacement of Maclay Bridge with a new structure at South Avenue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Missoula County reaffirms its commitment to the development and management the South Avenue Bridge Project and wishes to continue its partnership with the Montana Department of Transportation to deliver a high quality, well managed project through its completion.

**DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MISSOULA COUNTY, MONTANA**

**ATTEST:**

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Bill Carey, Chair

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Clerk & Recorder

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Nicole Rowley, Commissioner

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Jean Curtiss, Commissioner