

# Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

December 10, 2020

- 1. MT Dept of Transportation** – Debi and I met with Rod Nelson, MDT's Billings District Administrator to discuss how we can work together to benefit our community. Some of the topics included the 27<sup>th</sup> Overlay Project and RR Crossing Study, the Main Street Overlay Project, street sweeping, weeds in medians, State owned street signs that are faded and reflect poorly on the City to name a few. We plan to jointly present the 27<sup>th</sup> RR Crossing Project to the Council in January so that you can weigh in. I am confident that if MDT builds a \$40+ million-dollar overpass, it will be devastating to the economic viability of our downtown.
- 2. Leadership Billings** – Over the past two weeks the Mayor and I have had four presentation to this year's Leadership Billings classes. Our discussions have focused on five strategies to improve:
  - 1) Build the Organization Principled in its Core Values**  
Integrity, Collaboration, Stewardship & Service
  - 2) Improve the Safety of Billings**  
Violent & property Crime, downtown, traffic, emergency response
  - 3) Improve the Built-Environment**  
Adopt Project Re-Code
  - 4) Continue Investing in Core Infrastructure**  
Airport ~\$60M  
West end reservoir & water Plant ~\$125M  
Transportation (one-way conversions, IBL, Interchange)
  - 5) Increase Parks, Trails, Rec. & Culture Investments**  
Alberta Bair Theater  
Centennial, Coulson and Poly Vista Parks  
Billings Mustangs
- 3. Google Alert – Billings Library**

## Google Alerts

**billings library**  
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### NEWS

[Montana Library Offering Hot Spots to Help Close Digital Divide](#)

GovTech

**The Billings Library has started to offer Wi-Fi hot spots to its patrons in an effort to close connectivity gaps throughout the city and bolster online learning ...**



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[\*\*Library hopes to bridge digital gap with mobile hot spots, aims to buy more\*\*](#)

**Billings Gazette**

**The Billings Public Library began offering free mobile hot spots for checkout to help bridge a "digital divide" in Montana earlier in the year, as schools, ...**



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**Have a great weekend.**