



Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force

March 13, 2019

Dear Mayor and members of the Billings City Council,

The Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force, RNTF, an organized group of neighbors concerned about transportation, aesthetics/environment, safety, recreation, zoning and land use planning issues impacting our Rimrock neighborhoods, thank you for giving the Molt Road/Highway 3 Connector priority status at your 2/19/19 Council work session and at your 3/11/19 Council business meeting.

The RNTF very much appreciates the inclusion of the Molt Rd./Hwy 3 Connector to the City priority list. This project is very important to the future of our growing city as it will provide additional safe access over the rimrocks and provide better future connectivity to the airport, downtown amenities and other city services for the growing west end citizens of our City.

It should be noted that your number one priority on the priority list is to "improve the safety of Billings" which includes reducing crime and making sure we have excellent police and fire protection and safe routes to schools. The RNTF also places these safety priorities at the very top of the list, but safety also includes being safe on our streets and roads when we travel in our vehicles, on bikes or walk along our streets. The addition of another route over the rimrocks will relieve the increasing traffic stress on Zimmerman Trail and the streets below the rimrocks including Rimrock Rd. making them all much safer.

At the 2/19/19 Council Work Session, Wyeth Friday, City Planning & Community Services Dir., stated that the Council could approve a refresher study to update the 2004 Molt Road/Highway 3 Collector Road Planning/Feasibility Study. **Since this additional road off the rimrocks is now a City priority, the RNTF believes that now is the time to do this refresher study. We would request that you initiate and approve it to be done in the 2019/20 priority time frame.**

Sincerely,

Lyle Gabrian
Chair, Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force