

West Glacier Community Vision Action Plan

Vision: West Glacier envisions their community as a place where recreation, healthy lifestyles and sustainable development converge to provide a high quality of life, while retaining unique historic character, habitat and abundant natural scenic beauty.

	Action	People Responsible	Timeframe/Notes	Priority	Status
	Goal #1: Preserve West Glacier community character and sense of place				
	<p>Principles: <i>West Glacier's unique setting is defined by the community's historical and ongoing value for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating and sharing the natural beauty of the resources they live among. • Preserving the concept that West Glacier's natural landscape extends to Glacier NP and Flathead NF boundaries which preserves the movement of wildlife, plants, hydrology and other natural systems through the area. • Preserving a sense of discovery, authenticity and wildness that can coexist here within this unique human community. • Celebrating its historical context and preservation for period architecture which harkens back to the time of the park's designation. Preserving the existing "parkitecture" as standards and building style that matches the period of when the park was created. • Retaining business development within the hamlet's designated Middle Canyon Land Use commercial zone that is scaled and appropriate with the size of the community. • Guiding sustainable business development that provides opportunities and support mechanisms for business growth for both small and big business alike. Support a business landscape that allows desired business conditions we want to maintain with the ability for the range of diverse players to adapt and weather uncertain economic times. • A community with a small base of year-round residents with limited infrastructure supportive of a rural mountain town. • A welcoming and friendly attitude towards all visitors but desires that visitors come with an awareness and respect for the resource that they have had a role in stewarding over the generations. 				
	ACTION AREA 1: PRESERVE THE AUTHENTICITY OF RURAL MONTANA AND ITS VALUE FOR PUBLIC LAND STEWARDSHIP				
1.1	Ensure that the built environment continues to be integrated and scaled appropriately with mountain and recreational amenities (e.g. connections to trails, integration with the Flathead River, bike lanes and paths, etc.).				
1.2	Define and enhance the community gateways that speak to the experience and values of West Glacier.				
1.3	Strengthen and maintain the sense of connection between the Park and the Sun Corridor through town.				
1.4	Educate visitors and residents about the history of the area and larger region.				
1.5	Ensure the identity of the hamlet is reflected in local policies and codes such as through Design Guidelines, CALURS ordinance amendments and an updated Canyon Neighborhood Plan.				
	ACTION AREA 2: MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF AMENITIES AND DEVELOPMENT THAT FEELS APPROPRIATE BUT BALANCED WITH VISITOR-BASED NEEDS				
1.6	Continue to create an authentic Main Street as a collection of outdoor gathering spaces and "people" places that celebrate West Glacier				
1.7	Study, design, and implement a new street layout to help create an accessible, welcoming, and safe West Glacier Main Street.				
1.8	Work with businesses to provide recreational and cultural amenities that benefit both residents and guests alike.				
1.9	Continue to provide support services to small existing and new local businesses as they adapt to growth and change.				
1.10	Work with landowners to encourage land uses that support the community character principles.				
1.11	Support quality and compatible design and encourage unique and high-quality building construction and energy-efficiency.				
	ACTION AREA 3: MAINTAIN THE HISTORIC FEEL OF A UNIQUE, SMALL-TOWN PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY BY IDENTIFYING PLACEMAKING PRIORITIES				
1.12	Utilize CALURS Neighborhood Plan and regulations to address sustainability and maintain authentic "sense of place" through text amendments.				
1.13	Improve public understanding of the CALURS process and representation by the community.				
1.14	Through amendments, update the 1994 Canyon Plan, a neighborhood plan that focuses on the specific needs of West Glacier and the communities of the Middle Canyon.				
1.15	Explore/utilize educational and interpretive strategies to expand awareness of the historical value and events that created the place (including West Glacier and surrounding communities) and increase awareness of proximity to the surrounding public and tribal lands.				
1.16	Connect with the Salish/Kootenai & Blackfeet on WG planning recommendations. Ask "How can tribal history be incorporated into the sense of place"?				
1.17	Design guidelines are sets of recommendations on how to apply design principles to provide a positive user experience. Develop a design palette to guide landscape and construction projects to guide place-making consistency and aesthetics. Develop a suggested plant list supporting the planting of native and water-sensitive species.				

1.18	Implement Entryway Beautification Project at the intersection of BNSF Overpass and Hwy 2. Consider entryway improvements that communicate West Glacier's identity, history, values and presence.				
1.19	Name West Glacier's "Main St" which is technically GTSR.				
1.20	Allow for publicly accessible spaces in both design and policy, meeting the goal of being an inviting community.				
1.21	Promote the creation of small-scale, low cost neighborhood resources that foster community (e.g. Little Free Libraries).				
1.22	Continue to support community gatherings and events that bring people together.				
1.23	Include design details, interpretive elements, and public art that references local history and features as an integrated part of "Main Street" streetscape enhancements.				
1.24	Create a conceptual illustrated plan to articulate the hamlet's space uses and connectivity.				
ACTION AREA 4: GUIDE SUSTAINABLE AND APPROPRIATE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT					
1.25	Create an informal "business pledge" that all businesses can come together around with good will, encouraging support, collaboration and value for preserving the setting.				
1.26	Foster and support constructive relationships and discussions between residents and businesses				
1.27	Provide resources for equitable business planning under "difficult or precarious" economic environments including small business loans, networking with Chambers of commerce, Flathead Economic Development Agency, USDA Rural Community Aid.				
1.28	Explore revitalization of the Middle Canyon Business Group. Efforts to coordinate would be advantageous, including park businesses. Businesses could benefit from working together towards a common goal.				
1.29	Utilize communications network developed from this process to continue coordination.				
1.30	Continue to evolve CALURS to address community and business needs through text amendments. MCLUAC Board has 2 citizens and 1 business representative and is a Citizen Review Panel whose role is to review and recommend actions on all West Glacier related applications having to do with proposed land use changes pending in the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office (FCPZ). This is an Advisory role for Flathead County.				
1.31	Encourage responsible but flexible housing for the local workforce within commercial developments. Fully integrate workforce housing- through a CALURS ordinance.				
1.32	Explore opportunities to grow higher education programs at UMT or regional trade schools to expand support for communities through sustainable recreation and sustainable tourism planning.				
1.33	Investigate opportunities and coordinate projects with other local communities and Flathead County on affordable/attainable housing.				
1.34	Promote leadership development and encourage diversity of culture and thought in county planning processes.				
1.35	The community should protect wildlife, habitat, connectivity corridors, and scenic vistas. When development occurs it should be sized, located, and designed to avoid or limit impacts to wildlife and the natural environment.				
Goal #2: Create a safe and resilient community					
<p>Principles: A safe and resilient community integrates a culture of emergency preparedness, public health, flood and wildfire awareness into the activities and communications of residents, businesses and visitors. Such a community also integrates climate resiliency and sustainability into the community's practices and strategies for a strong and vibrant future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Glacier aspires to become a regional leader among Montana mountain towns in responsibly interacting with and utilizing its surrounding natural resources. Appreciation and protection of this wild natural environment means implementing policies that guide the actions of residents, businesses and visitors so that people, the forest and wildlife are protected. • The community envisions a future where its residents operate in ways that are good for both people and the planet now and for the future. In order to provide the quality of life that residents and visitors expect and desire, it is crucial that the community create and maintain conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony, that allow us to meet the social, economic and environmental needs now and in the future. 					
ACTION AREA 1: Communications for Community Readiness					
2.36	Develop specific interagency PSA on wildfire safety for residents, businesses and visitors (Flathead County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) 2020 wildfire recommendations.) Work with local businesses, residents & partners to distribute and promote common wildfire-safe messaging to visitors.				
2.37	Incorporate wildfire/flood preparedness communication and procedures into a short-term rental county newsletter provided to all new permit holders.				
2.38	Work with Flathead National Forest Hungry Horse Ranger District and Montana DNRC to develop, promote and implement a Community-Based Smokey Bear Sign to promote fire awareness to visitors of communities that reside in areas with wildfire risk.				
2.39	Partner with DNRC and Climate Action Plan Committee on annual Wildfire Preparedness Workshops. Include information on wildfire preparedness in education and outreach materials. Work with DNRC to promote residential fire audits.				
2.40	Work with the Crown of the Continent Roundtable on community-oriented large landscape conservation efforts. For example, develop a "Crown of the Continent Conservation Community" Tourism rating system and become the model or pilot "gold star community".				
2.41	Expand wildfire communications and education to youth, for example, through Glacier Institute. Inquire what is required for certified instruction on these topics, if any.				
ACTION AREA 2: Establish the Glacier Park Area as a Fire-Adapted Community.					
2.42	Promote and implement the recently updated Flathead County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) 2020 and coordinate work with Firesafe Flathead, the Fire Adapted Community Learning Network and Fire Adapted Montana.				
2.43	Implement a community wildfire assessment (note: add an example from DNRC to Appendix). See the Fire Adapted Communities Self-Assessment Tool (FAC SAT) here: https://fireadaptednetwork.org/resources/facassessment-tool/				

2.44	Implement an annual community emergency preparedness day where the community helps each other with fuel reduction projects, firesafe best practices and evacuation procedures.				
2.45	Work with Montana DNRC to establish West Glacier's priority level in the Montana Forest Action Plan (parts of Flathead County are identified but West Glacier shows no data). Pursue discussion with DNRC about Forest Action Plan – where does West Glacier fit and why is it currently not included.				
ACTION AREA 3: Support Forest Health and Conservation through Land Use Planning					
2.46	Support community forest biodiversity and control the invasion and spread of undesirable non-native plants, animals, and insects.				
2.47	Support trail routes to minimize ecological impacts while enhancing access and recreation.				
2.48	Protect the integrity of riparian zones, wildlife habitat and movement corridors through use of conservation easements and other land protection measures. Refer to the USDA/FS Riparian Buffer Design Guidelines for determining suitable land uses and setbacks for riparian zones: https://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_gtr203.pdf				
2.49	Foster alliances and partnerships with organizations that are working toward a healthy and thriving environment.				
2.50	Support education and understanding of public lands through appropriate recreational activities, formal and non-formal education, and interpretive programs through local businesses and organizations.				
2.51	Protect significant viewsheds to maintain our connection with the natural and cultural environment.				
2.52	Become a Dark Sky Community.				
2.53	Update landscape design guidelines to clearly address any conflicts with the natural environment and wildlife. Look at the North Fork Improvement Association document for best practices on living with wildlife.				
2.54	Identify and develop viable, sustainable strategies designed to divert an increasing portion of the community's waste stream from landfills with the eventual goal of being a zero waste community.				
2.55	Explore options for recycling and waste reduction strategies. Identify who is doing recycle/reuse advocacy & campaigns in the Flathead Valley & determine ways to collaborate.				
2.56	Collaborate with other communities and organizations to develop local communications and bear-proof infrastructure that will accommodate recyclables, organics, and hazardous waste disposal.				
2.57	Commit to acting as a resource in assisting citizens and visitors to practice appropriate waste disposal.				
2.58	Regarding potential hazardous railway spills, work with BNSF to address needs for additional egress for emergencies as well as concerns related to oil/hazardous material spill response.				
2.59	Include Flathead Basin Commission (FBC) recommendations and pursue resources to support more extensive water quality monitoring by working with FBC, the Conservation District, and technical community and management agencies.				
2.60	Address environmental health through ordinances that address age and replacement schedule of septic infrastructure. For ex. Lewis & Clark County requires inspections of septic in land transfers.				
2.61	Create a technical advisory group that monitors this water quality at nonpoint source. Engage Flathead Lake Biological Station, at Yellow Bay, for partnering in this effort.				
ACTION AREA 4: Pursue collaboration with other communities to create a climate action plan					
2.62	Support comprehensive sustainability planning as part of the 2021 Flathead County Growth Plan.				
2.63	Maximize cost savings by conserving water and by reducing capacity demands on the wastewater treatment plant.				
2.64	Support local businesses, increase local production of food, and reduce waste.				
2.65	Support more public transit, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly options.				
2.66	Foster equitable access to healthcare facilities and services.				
2.67	Provide access to healthy food by promoting local food supply through farmers' markets and connections to local farming communities.				
2.68	Provide information on available health resources through communications outlets.				
2.69	Consider incentives to encourage new construction to substantially exceed minimum code requirements for energy efficiency and renewable energy use.				
2.70	Strengthen strategic partnerships between the community and County entities to establish learning networks to people how to build sustainable systems, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install rain sensors to reduce irrigation waste • Convert lawns to native plants • Develop educational programs with non-profits • Flathead Basin Commission has facilitated the mapping and monitoring of storm water discharge and encourages the creation of rainwater gardens for stormwater capture and filtration. • Investigate Audubon certification for the Golf Course 				

Goal #3: Enhance community communications and participation				
Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members are always diverse in the ways that they want to receive information. Differences in communication preferences make it difficult to rely on any one form to reach the broader group. This planning process highlighted the communication sources that were already strong but also identified some communication needs that should be addressed as action items. Provide a range of communication outlets for West Glacier to participate and collaborate in community planning and discussions about how they can work together to support their vision goals. During public outreach, when the community voiced communication preferences, e-newsletters and website clearinghouses were ranked the two most desired formats for acquiring community information. 				
ACTION AREA 1: Establish a community and business-wide independent, non-biased E-newsletter				
3.71	Pursue the creation of a non-biased e-newsletter generated by the community which distributes a variety of community and business information. While the West Glacier Preservation Society has a sizeable newsletter distribution and regularly provides a wide range of information to the community, the organization is not viewed as non-biased which reduces trust in the communication outlet by some.			
3.72	Work on one master mailing list that everyone gets. Have a standardized format attachment that goes out to the community and every business gets in the habit of posting in their lobbies, kiosks, and visitor information centers so that the traveling public can get the message too. Link to the information on websites and maybe even the NPS RAD display.			
ACTION AREA 2: Create a Website Clearinghouse				
3.73	Pursue the creation of a separate West Glacier, Middle Canyon or "Unincorporated Flathead Communities" sub-page of the County website where a variety of community information can be posted.			
ACTION AREA 3: Continue Local and Regional Newspaper Community Updates				
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ACTION AREA 4: Continue Public Meetings and In-Person Community Events				
3.75	Create a Facebook Page that allows residents and businesses to post information, ideas and events in real-time. This could also foster the growing interest in work groups that could focus on the different goals and actions identified in this plan.			
ACTION AREA 5: Maintain a diverse collaborative working group for Vision implementation				
3.76	Develop a new West Glacier Vision Collaborative Working Group that prioritizes and focuses work on the actions identified in this plan. This group should include the existing participants but should be expanded to include more people who represent a broader interest in the community of both the residents and businesses. Efforts should be made to engage diverse audiences and a broad range of generations, including new residents.			
ACTION AREA 6: Establish an Outdoor Public Information Kiosk at the West Glacier Post Office or other Public Space				
3.77	An outdoor kiosk can be small scale, simply designed and integrated into the character of adjacent buildings while also becoming an informal gathering point for the community. Such a structure can provide historical and interpretive information for all as well as relevant community information. If this kiosk is pursued, posting and management guidelines will need to be established.			
Goal #4: Support sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities while conserving habitat & natural resources				
Principles: <p>A community that embraces its connections to the surrounding National Park and National Forest environment and all the opportunities and challenges that come with it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the park offers world-class national park experiences and the national forest offers a more rugged range of outdoor opportunities, existing amenities should be evaluated for sustainability, resource and wildlife impacts and ability to meet the needs of residents and visitors. Public land stewardship and regional recreation planning requires the coordination and cooperation of a variety of partners, including tourism and outdoor recreation organizations who can be advocates for responsible recreation use. These goals align with the goals of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan that are applicable to West Glacier. The Canyon Plan references the Middle Fork Geographic Unit in limiting activities to low-impact recreation in the Middle Canyon and prohibiting motorized vehicles (Section II-5). CALURS also designates and defines passive recreation use for the Middle Canyon and allows Minor Land Uses 7.a.6 (Tourist equipment rentals, non-motorized). 				
ACTION AREA 1: Local and Regional Trail Connectivity				
4.78	Small rural towns such as West Glacier are delightful for their walkability: Flathead County has a trails masterplan that identifies desired trail improvements for the Glacier Park Area. In addition to new parking, camping, and social amenities in town, recommendations from the Flathead Wild and Scenic River Plan should inform pedestrian connectivity and wayfinding recommendations.			
4.79	Explore opportunities for improvements in West Glacier-based shared use path connections- look at the trails masterplan for existing recommendations and identify connections that require safety or design improvements.			
4.80	Provide a safe, accessible, dedicated bike lane and pedestrian path along West Glacier Main Street to avoid pedestrian/bike/vehicle conflicts and allow everyone convenient, easy access to amenities.			
4.81	Design roadways with hikers and cyclists in mind, with particular attention to posted speeds, width, and other pedestrian/cyclist awareness measures.			
4.82	Maintain trailhead and forest access points and easements within and through residential and commercial developments. This access can be as simple as signage and a hiker/biker/horse width easement.			
ACTION AREA 2: Flathead River Corridor and Access				
4.83	Protect existing physical and visual access to waterways within and around the Town.			

4.84	Maintain healthy stream flows for ecological, recreational, and scenic purposes.			
4.85	Strengthen the Flathead River and its associated floodplain as a recreational and economic amenity while preserving the riparian habitat.			
4.86	Protect and interpret the viability of natural wetlands and watercourses as a key component of our natural and built environments.			
4.87	Maintain river buffers through the Canyon neighborhood plan and MCLUAC ordinances that limit the impacts of particular detrimental human uses. Utilize rain gardens and other stormwater capture strategies for treating road pollutants before reaching the river.			
4.88	Incorporate comprehensive stormwater systems (where possible) that improve water quality and contribute to the ecological functioning of watersheds.			
4.89	Restore or enhance degraded or disturbed waterways to improve ecological conditions, aesthetics, and recreation.			
4.90	Extend trails and create additional linkages, as appropriate, to link to waterways.			
4.91	Promote public safety and river health by creating regulatory ordinances to update failing septic systems.			
4.92	Continue active participation in the Flathead River Wild and Scenic River Plan and explore opportunities to improve the West Glacier river access.			
4.93	Engage community in developing parking lot, kiosk/information and access improvements with consideration that the access/parking is set within a residential setting.			
4.94	Consider developing capacity limits for the West Glacier river access and parking lot to mitigate impacts to the environment and to residents. Potential river access parking expansion at the West Glacier River Bend Drive access could make existing congestion and overflow parking even worse in this residential area.			
4.95	Work with University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation and other agency and non-profit partners to develop more comprehensive user data and data monitoring for water quality. Evaluate the need for permitting of private boats in this reach due to impacts of increased use.			
4.96	Consider how more parking increases traffic safety hazards on an already congested section of road from Hwy 2 to the River Bend Dr access. Evaluate the viability and impacts of developing down-river access sites to offset high river use in this residential setting.			
4.97	Planning for wildlife: the community needs to decide if it is important to maintain or recover a high level of wildlife diversity by discussing objectives with the Hungry Horse Ranger District and NPS – habitats on all these lands are interrelated and affect one another. To achieve these goals, if privately owned land includes important wildlife habitat, a landowner may wish to consider some type of conservation easement to benefit wildlife and to maintain community values. These sites could be identified in the yearly work planning process. The community and the planning board could then help willing and motivated landowners locate possible sources of financial compensation in lieu of development.			
ACTION AREA 3: Stewardship of Public Lands				
4.98	Work with State Offices of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism and Economic Development to develop a state-specific Recreate Responsibly Toolkit for residents and businesses to communicate about responsible use of the natural resources to visitors.			
4.98	Find other common public spaces to convey the community's public service messages about wildfire safety, public safety, wildlife safety and leave no trace practices.			
4.99	Develop new partnerships with other NGOs that help support collaborative educational methods/materials and local community stewardship projects including river stewardship activities. See the appendix for a list of possible partners listed under resources.			
ACTION AREA 4: Regional Recreation Opportunity Planning				
4.100	Collaborate with public, private, tribal and non-profit entities to increase recreation opportunities and economic benefits for everyone. Examine regional solutions when responding to evolving recreational preferences and opportunities (e.g. determining where a facility would fit best).			
4.101	Recreation asset mapping at the county and regional level can help identify new opportunities and capitalize on and enhance existing recreational facilities.			
4.102	Develop or increase recreational opportunities suited to short, daily activities.			
4.103	Cultivate opportunities for removing barriers for non-typical and underserved audiences such as seniors/retirees, youth, and people with physical or mental disabilities.			
4.104	Actively track and evaluate outdoor recreational trends and events to expand the relevancy and competitiveness of Flathead County opportunities beyond Glacier NP.			
4.105	Actively market shoulder and cross seasonal opportunities and the range of opportunities available to all skill levels.			
4.106	Develop a multi-jurisdictional, county or regional recreation map (web/app-based) to better support recreation opportunities and local economies outside of GNP.			
4.107	Maintain a centrally located outdoor activity information center to provide information on resources (trailheads, locations, maps, and activities) and private services (outfitters, guide services, gear rentals, and programs)			
4.108	Work with partners to better market Wilderness expectations and values.			
4.109	Expand collaborative planning work with University of Montana Institute of Tourism and Recreation Research and regional tourism entities to support data collection efforts that address visitor management challenges and opportunities			
4.110	Support outdoor recreation businesses interested in finding a home in West Glacier that allows them to innovate and succeed.			

Goal #5: Provide seamless transportation connections that consider both people and wildlife connectivity				
Seamless transportation is defined as transportation that meets the needs of system users so that where one mode of transit ends, others may be accessed easily from that same location. Public transit in rural settings must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible and utilize a variety of transit types. Rural transit, even with seasonal high visitation, can be challenging to finance without reliable ridership in off-seasons. • Collaborative and enhance planning and cooperation at the local, county, regional and state levels. • Comprehensive in its ability to provide sufficient coverage, frequency, and choice to address an array of travel goals and destinations. A successful system centralizes and simplifies options. 				
ACTION AREA 1: Support Regional Transportation Planning				
5.111	Work with existing transportation partners to enhance and increase our ability to serve both residents and guests. Enhance planning and cooperation at the regional scale with MDOT, Federal Highways Administration, Flathead County, Glacier National Park and Glacier Country Tourism to collaborate on planning and communication solutions. These coordination meetings have taken place and more are planned for the future.			
5.112	Collaborate with other communities and the county on regional transportation solutions.			
5.113	Coordinate with Amtrak and West Glacier to ensure connectivity from the Belton Station to local and regional transportation options.			
5.114	Explore regional transportation options and connections such as light rail, BRT, or expanded bus service between Kalispell, Columbia Falls, Whitefish, and other locations within the region.			
5.115	A park & ride exists at intersection of Hwy2 and 206 in Columbia Heights. Evaluate adequacy and further needs.			
5.116	Identify needs and opportunities for electric vehicles and the sharing economy.			
5.117	Cultivate an environment that attracts and supports entrepreneurs and innovators in transit technology including shuttle and ride-hailing entrepreneurs.			
5.118	Address traffic, congestion and wayfinding signage issues on Hwy 2 & GTSR entry road with MDOT: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As a community, identify key contacts with MDOT and develop meaningful working relationships for ongoing coordination. Work with MDOT to perform safety analysis and traffic study. Hwy 2 & entrance road is up for safety review. Crash data and potential crashes could prioritize funding to mitigate problems. Work on bringing speed limit on HWY 2 down to 45 from KOA, as well as from Marias pass. Add a left turn lane on Hwy 2 into the KOA. Address traffic confusion over the merge lane along Hwy 2 turning west from Going-To-The-Sun-Road. Evaluate the need to reduce speed along Hwy 2 through West Glacier as businesses report very hazardous traffic conditions for traffic moving in and out of business parking lots. Also evaluate the need for a bypass lane along Hwy 2 through West Glacier. The issue with getting traffic merging onto HWY 2 west is that people don't know they don't have to stop which leads to some accidents. Continue the use of MDOT digital signage to communicate traffic and construction issues. Complete/analyze/expand UMT traffic data to improve data-based planning. Pursue resources for enhanced data collection to support regional decision-making. Confirm MDOT's timeline for performing studies and traffic counts. Work with MDOT on developing context-sensitive wayfinding and business signage along West Glacier's Main St and along Hwy 2 that does not have to adhere to the standards of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. 			
ACTION AREA 2: Support West Glacier Alternative Transportation Planning and Connectivity				
5.119	Provide a bicycle system that offers both recreational and in-town connectivity and accommodates all levels of riders.			
5.120	Complete the Gateway to Glacier Trail to ensure it functions as the primary bicycle corridor.			
5.121	Focus on improving motorist awareness and mutual share-the-road behavior on all roadways through signage and appropriate roadway widths.			
5.122	Improve the pedestrian experience through enhanced connectivity locally.			
5.123	Initiate a comprehensive signage program to provide intuitive wayfinding throughout West Glacier.			
5.124	Enhance Crosswalks through Pedestrian Activated Warning Lights or In-Road Warning Lights. Pedestrian Activated Warning Light are pedestrian devices that are dark until activated by the pedestrian. In-Road Warning Lights are lights that are installed flush within the roadway surface, and provide an additional level of driver awareness of crosswalks.			
5.125	Work with businesses to maintain a continuous, human-scale street frontage along Main Street.			
5.126	Work with developers and utility providers to integrate non-buildable areas within easements into the public realm (e.g. public plazas, parklets, or dining areas).			
5.127	Work with Main Street property owners to reduce visual impacts and physical conflicts created by vehicular access points (i.e. curb cuts).			
5.128	Enhance existing pedestrian crossings to increase pedestrian safety and visibility as well as motorist compliance. The two existing pedestrian crossings helped but still impedes traffic.			
5.129	Plan phased in replacements for street trees along Main Street with any street improvements in order to maintain historic landscape character			

5.130	Collect more data/information to further address safety and pedestrian traffic around the community				
5.131	Address River Bend Dr safety: Hazardous road conditions exist from the 10mph 'Y' curve through the two 90 degree turns as one enters the Golf Course residential and club house area. The county put up the 10mph sign on the most dangerous corner after being notified of the frequency of near terrible collisions. Residents report that hazardous conditions persist.				
ACTION AREA 3: Support Context-Sensitive Parking Solutions					
5.132	Use wayfinding elements to help direct people to underutilized parking facilities.				
5.133	Evaluate parking needs around Belton and Amtrak station/Depot/Conservancy and plan for improved safety/delineation/communication				
5.134	Support the inclusion of publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at existing parking facilities.				
5.135	Consider the use of roundabouts to act as a traffic-calming measure and an opportunity for an aesthetic gateway treatment.				
ACTION AREA 4: Support Wildlife-Friendly Transportation Corridors					
5.136	MDOT has indicated that there are no current highway projects that would warrant incorporating new infrastructure for wildlife.				
5.137	Laura Reynolds wants to do a survey of animals for DOT.				
5.138	NPS was recording wildlife crossings on Hwy 2. Refer to the study results and recommendations to develop and prioritize projects and strategies.				
5.139	Look at related studies by the Salish as an example. Banf has implemented a wildlife crossings program- evaluate success rates, how it is working and if there are lessons learned for this area.				