



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA
SRF #: C304246
HARDIN WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

September 14, 2020

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The proposed project is the first of three proposed phases of wastewater improvements planned by the City of Hardin and consists of replacing approximately 2,675 lineal feet of severely deteriorated reinforced concrete sewer mains and 17 manholes. A reroute of the 10th Street sewer main around the drainage ditch is included in the scope of the project. A comprehensive infiltration and inflow (I/I) study conducted by the city during the spring and early summer of 2019 identified these areas of the sewer collection system as significant contributors of infiltration. In 2003 and 2009 the city conducted major sewer main collection projects, resulting in the replacement of approximately 39,000 feet of its sewer mains and 114 manholes, or about half of its sewer collection system. The current proposed project would further the city's goal of reducing additional, unwanted flow to its wastewater treatment plant, thereby improving treatment capability and reducing the design flow of the future WWTP upgrades. This project will also promote public health and safety by preventing sewer backups and helping improve the quality of wastewater discharging to the Bighorn River.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

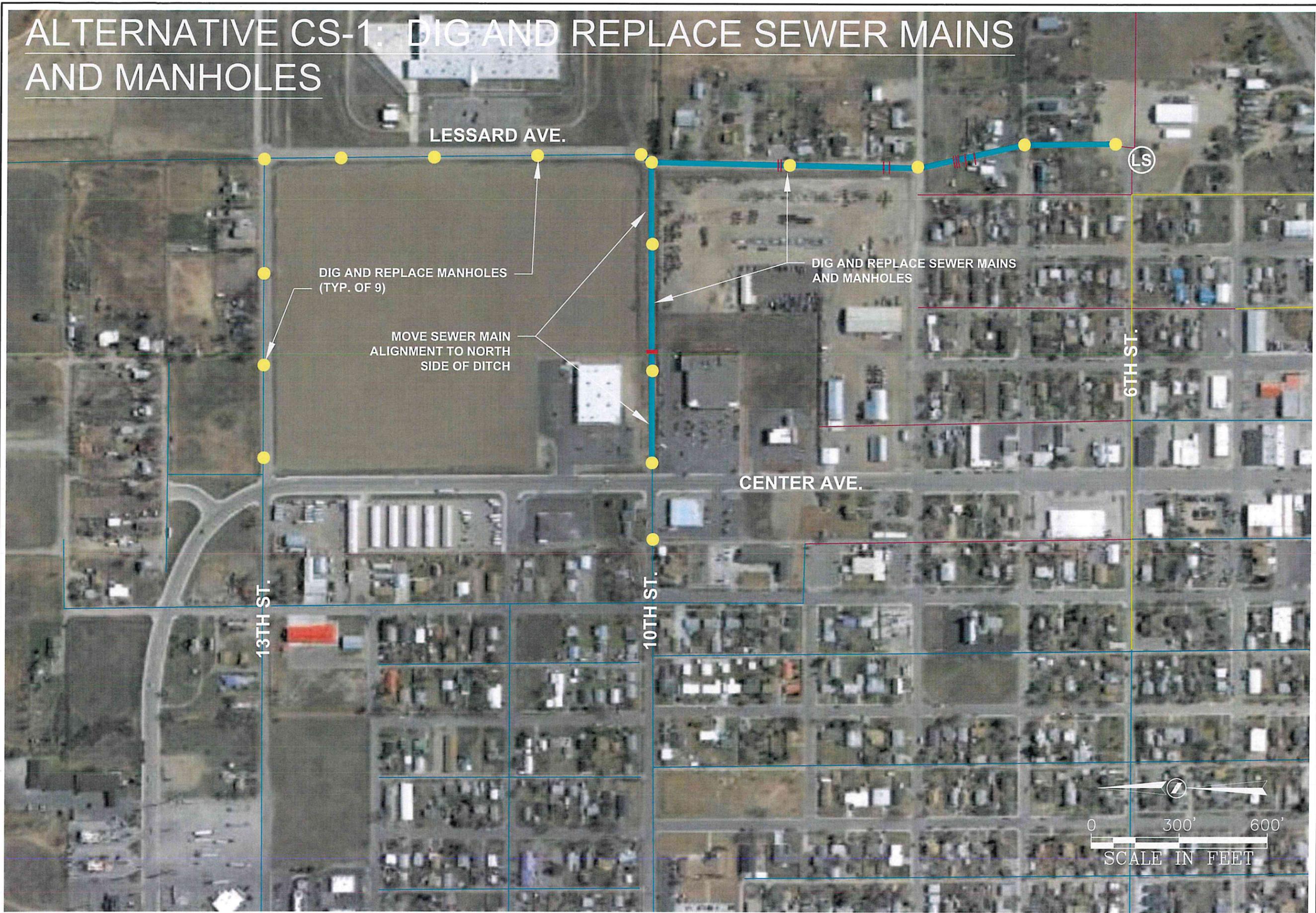
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Sincerely,

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