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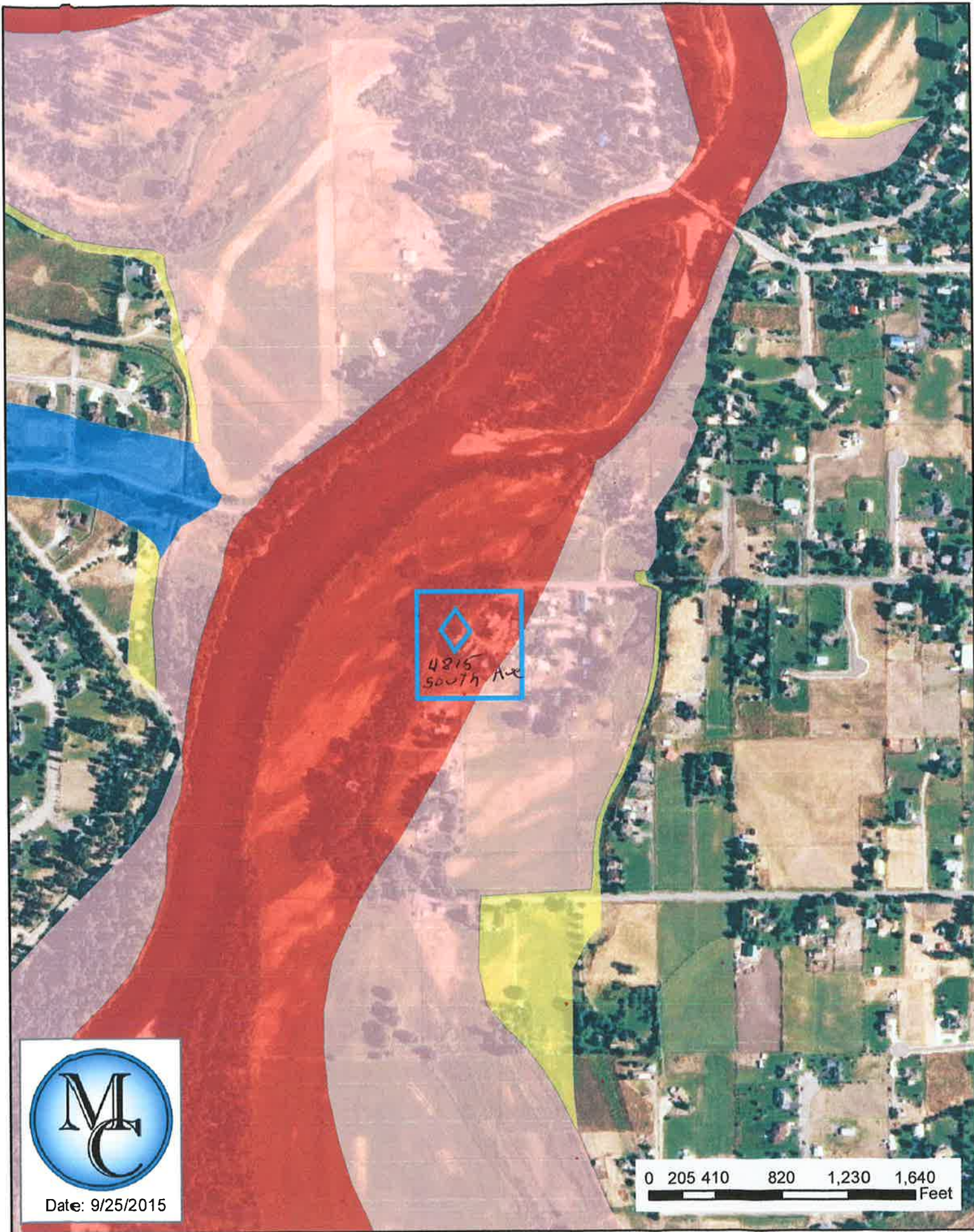
I own the small trailer court at 4815 South Ave W. Fema map tells me it is in the flood way, not flood fringe. The question I have, Is the new South Ave Bridge and its approach going to be put on pillars or are you going to bring in fill. The way I see it, if it is fill, it would create a dam and flood my property out. The other question I have is, if it is put on pillars, how do I get out of my drive way on to South Ave and also how would we get out of Hanson Dr.

Waiting for your reply. Thank you.

Thomas Peterson

2401 Hanson Dr

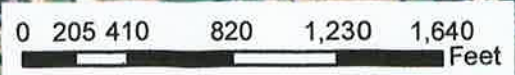
Missoula MT 59804



4815
SOUTH AVE



Date: 9/25/2015



Map Center: X: -114.10128 - Y: 46.64827

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Missoula County Community and Planning
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cc
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Public Participation
Is this the best MT can do?

Tuesday, August 16, Missoula County and their consultant, HDR Engineering will present the second meeting on the South Avenue Bridge Project, the replacement of the Maclay Bridge over the Bitterroot River.

Maclay Bridge has provided access to Missoula's treasured recreational Blue Mountain Area for decades. In 2013, Missoula County Board of Commissioners and Montana Department of Transportation agreed to replace the one-lane Maclay Bridge with a two-lane bridge. The public was told the new bridge was "Free" since only federal and state gas tax funds would be used. Though a feasibility study was done, citizen's suggestions for rehabbing the bridge were disregarded and the replacement moved forward.

Once again, the stage is set to ignore public opinion. Following a presentation, the audience will be relegated to tables for discussions on specific aspects of the new bridge. While this format may provide convenient crowd control, it fails to allow the public to hear input from other members of the community. The public has questions; the public needs answers and an open forum is required. A question and answer period must be included to give people the opportunity to share concerns.

This bridge construction is not a "Stand-alone" project. The feds and the state allegedly are paying for the bridge but feeder road improvements have not been identified or costed. No provisions have been made for adjacent tie roads, South Avenue, River Pines, Big Flat Road, and Blue Mountain Road are narrow, substandard, winding, with no shoulders. They are inadequate for the increased traffic that will be induced with the new two lane bridge. These improvements will be costly but they are not being addressed. The issue cannot be an after-thought of bridge construction or ignored. The public needs to know what will be done with these roads, when it will be done, and how much it will cost. Building the bridge then addressing these inadequate roads 5 or 10 years later is not acceptable. Open this Public Meeting to an open forum format.

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