

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF THE RAILROAD URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT AND THE ADOPTION OF THE RAILROAD URBAN RENEWAL PLAN INCLUDING A TAX INCREMENT PROVISION PURSUANT TO TITLE 7, CHAPTER 15, PARTS 42 AND 43 MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED**

**The Helena City Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016** in Room 330 City County Building, 316 North Park Ave., Helena, MT for the purpose of hearing comments on the creation of the Railroad Urban Renewal District (RURD) and the adoption of the Railroad Urban Renewal Plan (RURP) and the authorization to use tax increment financing for the District pursuant to 7-15-4282 Montana Code Annotated (MCA). The proposed boundary of the district is as shown on Exhibit A located on the back.

Statement of Purpose for the Railroad District

The City of Helena intends to create the RURD and intends to use tax increment financing and bonds, to be paid from tax increment financing, to help fund revitalization efforts. MCA 7-15-4210 requires that, in order to form an Urban Renewal District, a municipality must first document that the district is blighted. On September 14, 2015, the Helena City Commission adopted a resolution finding that the Railroad District includes several types of blight as defined in law and ordered the completion of an Urban Renewal Plan for the City.

The RURD Plan is intended to revitalize the existing Railroad District with upgraded infrastructure, business expansion, improved transportation functionality and connections within and outside the district, while maintaining a commitment to preserving the area's historic integrity. The RURD details six overarching goals which guide planning and implementation.

Goal #1: Emphasize the District's Historic Importance; Goal #2: Increase Property Utilization and Function; Goal #3: Expand and Diversify the District's Economy; Goal #4: Create an Inviting Venue; Goal #5: Address Public Infrastructure Needs; and Goal #6: Provide for Public and Environmental Health.

For more information or to submit written comments, contact: Sharon Haugen, City of Helena, 316 N. Park Avenue, Room 445, Helena, MT 59623, 406-447-8490 or 447-8445 or email [shaugen@helenamt.gov](mailto:shaugen@helenamt.gov). Copies of the complete plan are available on the City's website <http://www.helenamt.gov/cd/planning/current-projects/proposed-railroad-tax-increment-finance-district.html>

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES requiring accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Elroy Golemon, as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for the requested accommodation: Phone: 406-447-8490; TDD Relay Service: 1-800-253-4091 or 711; Email: [Citycommunitydevelopment@helenamt.gov](mailto:Citycommunitydevelopment@helenamt.gov); Mailing address: 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59623.

