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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0093, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act designating portions of Fort Benton city streets and state and U.S. Highways from Fort Benton through Havre into Saskatchewan, Canada, as the "Old Forts Trail".

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Transportation (MDT) will erect Old Forts Trail signs, on department maintained roadways, as close as practical to the beginning of the route and downstream of junctions with other state-maintained routes. A total of eight (8) signs will be erected: Two on state highway 387, two on US 87, two on US 2 and two on state highway 232. This will be consistent with other similarly-marked routes.
2. Signs required on state highway 233 will be the responsibility of Hill County and any signing within the city limits of Fort Benton will be the responsibility of the city of Fort Benton.
3. The signs will be approximately 2'x 3' using an aluminum blank and fabricated by MDT.
4. Department costs include labor (an average of \$71.88 for each of 8 signs, for a total of \$575), and equipment and materials (an average of \$85.00 per each sign for a total of \$680).
5. There is no fiscal impact for the Montana Historical Society.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	575	0
Operating Expenses	<u>680</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	1,255	0
<u>Funding:</u>		
Highway Special Revenue (02)	1,255	0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

To fully sign the proposed route, Hill County would have to erect a minimum of two signs: one north bound at the beginning of state highway 233 and the other south bound at or near the Port of Willow Creek. As indicated in the assumptions above, the cost of these signs will be the responsibility of the city of Fort Benton.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

MDT, the city of Fort Benton, and Hill County would have to maintain signs on the Old Forts Trail. Signs have a limited life and would require periodic replacement when they no longer maintain acceptable reflectivity, or are damaged due to vandalism or other causes.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Sign installation by MDT will be in compliance with guidelines established in the MUTCD manual (Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices) and signing will be consistent with other similarly designated routes.

Dave Lewis 1-8-97

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Office of Budget and Program Planning

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