

Bridge Replacement Project Planning Begins

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is pleased to announce that the Kalsta Bridge at Glen is scheduled for removal and replacement. The project is currently in the design stage, with construction anticipated to begin in 2023. Built in 1928, the bridge is nearing the end of its service life and can no longer carry its designed traffic loads. Since 2019, the bridge has been restricted to one lane, with a 3-ton load and 15 mph speed limit to prevent further damage. MDT has determined the span must be replaced with a new two-lane bridge to ensure public safety and improve highway traffic flow.



How the Process Works

Many steps go into a successful MDT project and certain aspects of the project could change as MDT moves forward with plan development.

The design stage process is rigorous, takes time, and for the Kalsta Bridge includes environmental and engineering studies. In addition, the process considers funding availability for the selection of a suitable bridge design that is wider and can be constructed in the most cost-effective manner.

During the project's development stage, the bridge will continue to be open to traffic with the current restrictions in place. Recreational use on the river below will not be affected. The public and all stakeholders will be kept informed during every step of the project. An informational public meeting will be scheduled in 2021.

For Information:

Visit www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/kalstabridge

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An important part of properly planning for future projects is partnering with the community. MDT invites the public to stay informed and welcomes ideas and comments on the Kalsta Bridge at Glen project. Updates will be posted at www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/kalstabridge and can be accessed by texting **KALSTA BRIDGE** to 22999.

To provide comments, call or text (406) 998-7258, or email Pam Avery at pam@averymassey.com.



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