

56th Roundabouts



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Construction Underway for 56th Roundabouts: King and Central Project; New Roundabout at 56th and Central Now Open to Drivers

The Montana Department of Transportation's *56th Roundabouts: King and Central* project is moving along; the new roundabout at the intersection of Central Avenue and 56th Street West is now open! The intersection was temporarily closed to allow for the construction of the new roundabout. Some remaining work to be done on this intersection includes the installation of lighting, road signs, fencing, roadway striping, and grass seed.

The Riverside Contracting, Inc. team will now be moving on to constructing the new roundabout at King Avenue and 56th Street West. This work will also require traffic control to guide drivers through the area, while allowing workers space to construct the new facilities.

Traffic control measures are in place at both intersections for the safety of drivers and workers. Please drive safely around the work zone – please drive cautiously through active work zones, be respectful of closures, and be on the lookout for workers working near the roadway.

This project will improve traffic operations and safety for two intersections in west Billings. The project will be constructing single-lane roundabouts at the intersections of King Avenue and 56th Street West and Central Avenue and 56th Street West.

The intersections serve drivers traveling to and from the far west end of Billings; these roundabouts will improve the flow of traffic and reduce high severity accidents. The project is anticipated to be completed in the winter of 2022.

More information about the project can be found at the project website:

<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/56throundabouts/>. Comments, questions, or concerns can be directed to 56throundabouts@dowl.com or by calling Lisa Olmsted at (406) 869-6392. Sign up for weekly construction updates by texting 56th to 833-648-0322.

There are over 73,000* miles of roads open to public travel in our state (including nearly 12,923 miles of MDT routes) that accommodate nearly 13 billion annual vehicle miles traveled (AVMT). Simply put, roads and roadways (including bridges) keep our great state connected and moving forward! The third Tuesday in June marks Good Roads Day – designated by the Montana Legislature in 1947, whereby the people of the state are asked to contribute toward the

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improvement and safety of public highways (MCA 60-1-104). For MDT, building “good roads” takes time and means a continuous planning process that is underway long before ground is ever broken on a project. It can take eight years to complete a road project, but long-range planning starts anywhere from 1-20 years prior to the project start date. As transportation needs outpace revenue 3 to 1, MDT focuses on safety and preserving and maintaining transportation infrastructure as top priorities; in other words, keeping Montana’s good roads in good order. Join MDT in celebrating Good Roads Day on June 21, 2022, and share what #GoodRoads mean to you!

*Find more facts about funding and Montana’s roads in MDT’s Fact Book:
<https://mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/brochures/factbook.pdf>

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