

**Pre-2015**

**2015**

**2016**

**2017**

**2019**

**2020**

**2022**

**2023**

**2002**

Missoula County nominated project to receive funding from the MDT Off-System Bridge Program.

**2010**

Missoula County entered into agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to conduct a pre-National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) planning study.

**2013**

- Missoula County Commission voted to pursue federal funding (Resolution 2013-052) for the replacement of Maclay Bridge with a new bridge on the South 1 Alignment as identified by the planning study.
- Maclay Bridge Planning Study completed, which identified the South 1 Alignment as the preferred alternative. The South 1 Alignment is the current alignment being evaluated by Missoula County and MDT.

**April**

- Missoula County enters into agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to design the project.
- Preliminary design underway: crossing alignments evaluated, new bridge alternatives evaluated, hydraulic analysis. Removal of Maclay Bridge is determined necessary as part of the project.
- Missoula County Commission reaffirms commitment to replacing Maclay Bridge with a new structure at South Ave (Resolution 2015-046).

**September**

Public Open House #1 – Project kick-off meeting describing work completed and next steps. Project team gathered public input as project alternatives are evaluated.

**March**

The Cultural Resources Report completed and submitted to SHPO. Concurrence received from SHPO on Maclay Bridge eligibility for the National Historic Register.

**August**

Public Open House #2. The proposed alignment, alternatives considered, and proposed new bridge configuration were presented. Public input on bike/ped accommodations were solicited.

**September**

The Maclay Bridge Alliance (MBA) requested Section 106 Consulting Party status from FHWA and presented rehabilitation alternatives for Maclay Bridge to the public.

**October**

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) granted Consulting Party status to MBA to help inform the Section 106 (effects to historic properties) process.
- Concurrence from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on the Determination of Effect (DOE) – Adverse effect to Maclay Bridge as it will be removed.
- New bridge alternatives analysis and preliminary roadway design were completed.

**December**

- Maclay Bridge becomes listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

**January**

Draft Environmental Document updated, and revisions submitted for review.

**July**

FHWA granted Historic Bridge Foundation (HBF) Consulting Party status.

**October**

Agency coordination meeting between FHWA, MDT, Missoula County and HDR. Key decisions: level of environmental document confirmed (Categorical Exclusion), USFWS requires survey for yellow-billed cuckoo, and detailed engineering evaluation of Maclay Bridge rehabilitation options.

**January**

Missoula County completed Maclay Bridge Preservation Alternatives Analysis which evaluated the MBA proposed preservation options for Maclay Bridge.

**March**

The County Commission provided comments on the environmental document and requested additional information on purpose and need, level of environmental documentation, and feasibility to rehabilitate the existing Maclay Bridge to meet project goals. HDR provided responses.

**April**

MDT submits amended DOE to SHPO evaluating the impact on the historical significance of Maclay Bridge based on rehabilitation options.

**May**

SHPO concurred with the amended DOE.

**June**

MBA and HBF provided comments to FHWA regarding Maclay DOE.

**August**

Environmental document and Section 4(f) Evaluation submitted for review.

**January**

Missoula County Commission requested MDT manage the South Avenue Bridge project.

**January**

HDR and Missoula County completed an evaluation of alternatives to retain Maclay Bridge as a pedestrian structure while moving forward with building a new bridge on South Avenue.

**February**

Missoula County Commission recommends removal of Maclay Bridge as part of the proposed South Avenue Bridge project.

**October**

Updated project preliminary design and obtained concurrence with MDT and Missoula County. Completed Alignment and Grade Report to support environmental documentation.

**November**

Draft Environmental Document, Section 4(f) Evaluation, and all supporting reports resubmitted.

Final design phase expected to begin.

Construction timeline will be determined based on funding and final design schedule.

**January**

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and Consulting Parties meeting.

**July**

- NHPA Section 106 process is expected to be completed through a Memorandum of Agreement between involved agencies.
- Final NEPA/MEPA and Section 4(f) decision anticipated.

**September**

- Agreement between MDT and Missoula County for MDT to take over project administration is anticipated.

**Acronym Legend**

ACHP - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
DOE - Determination of Effect  
FHWA - Federal Highway Administration

HBF - Historic Bridge Foundation  
MBA - Maclay Bridge Alliance  
MDT - Montana Department of Transportation

MEPA - Montana Environmental Policy Act  
NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act  
NHPA - National Historic Preservation Act

NRHP - National Register of Historic Places  
SHPO - State Historic Preservation Office  
USFWS - US Fish & Wildlife Service