HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DESIGN AND BUILD A MDT PROJECT?

LONG RANGE PLANNING
This can take 5 – 20 years, depending on the project size and complexity, amount of community engagement, budget required, etc.

PROJECT IDENTIFIED
A project is identified, such as a congested thoroughfare that needs additional capacity, a road that needs to be completely rebuilt due to age, or one that has been identified as needing significant safety upgrades.

DEVELOPMENT PHASE
12 months to get the project on the short list of upcoming road construction projects.

SURVEY PHASE
8 – 24 months to make sure everything above and below ground is properly mapped and understood.

DESIGN PHASE
15 – 36 months to take all of the information MDT has carefully collected and use that info to design the best possibly facility for our community.

RIGHT OF WAY PHASE
6 – 12 months to secure all the necessary space to build the right facility and amenities (like accessible pedestrian paths and adequate lighting for safety).

CONSTRUCTION PHASE
8 – 24 months to start the work that you see every day on Montana roads, like excavation, paving, and other road construction.

COMPLETION!

Residents are encouraged to get involved in the planning process as early as possible; the earlier you engage with MDT on a project, the more influence you can have on the outcome of that project. By the time construction starts, most plans are already in motion.